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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
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Re: In the Matter of the Petitions of LECs for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C.
Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended
(Docket No. TC08-006 through TC08-027)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed herein, please find the Request for Further Temporary Suspension and Certificate of Service regarding the above referenced matter.

Sincerely yours,

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By: 
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In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Communications, Inc., for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended)	Docket No. TC08-023
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In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., and Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended)	Docket No. TC08-024
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In the Matter of the Petition of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended)	Docket No. TC08-025
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In the Matter of the Petition of Stockholm Strandburg Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended)	Docket No. TC08-026
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In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended)	Docket No. TC08-027
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REQUEST FOR FURTHER TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Come now the above named Petitioners, by and through their undersigned counsel, and hereby request the Commission for a further temporary suspension to implement LNP. This request is based on the following grounds:

1. On or about April 22, 2008, the parties in this docket entered into a Stipulation for Procedural Schedule. In said Stipulation, the parties agree that the Petitioner’s existing suspension be extended to August 8, 2008. The parties further agreed that “the LECs may seek a further temporary suspension as necessary, until November 8, 2008.”

2. The LECs are engaged in settlement negotiations with the Wireless Carriers, but the dockets have not yet been settled.

3. Discovery and pre-filed testimony is being exchanged among the parties, pursuant to the procedural schedule, as modified.

4. Hearing on the dockets is scheduled for September 4 and 5 and the decision date for the Commission is November 8, 2008.

5. Because the dockets have not been settled, and a decision date is set, Petitioners request a further temporary suspension, until November 8, 2008. If ordered to implement LNP by the Commission, Petitioners ask for an additional 90 days after the Order requiring implementation to implement LNP.

Wherefore, Petitioners respectfully move the Commission for a further temporary suspension, to November 8, 2008 or until 90 days after November 8, 2008, if ordered to implement LNP.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2008.

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned, attorney for Petitioners, hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Stipulation for Procedural Schedule was served electronically on this 30 day of July, 2008, upon:

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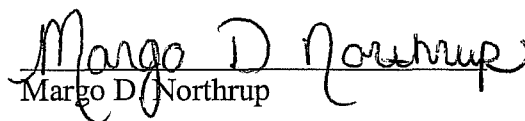
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