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RE: *TC10-014*

*In the Matter of the Investigation of Pricing Regulation for Switched Access Services  
Provided by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing in the above matter, please find the Petition to Intervene of SSTELECOM, Inc.

As indicated above, this document has been sent to you via electronic mail in PDF form. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this document, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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For the Firm

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cc: Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF PRICING REGULATION FOR SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS.	TC10-014  <b>PETITION TO INTERVENE OF SSTELECOM, INC.</b>
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COMES NOW, SSTELECOM, Inc. ("SSTELECOM"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:15.02, petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above-entitled proceeding.

IN SUPPORT THEREOF, Petitioner does state and declare as follows:

1. SSTELECOM is incorporated in South Dakota and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company (SSTC) which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC). SSTELECOM is a South Dakota cooperative corporation headquartered in Clear Lake, South Dakota.

2. SSTELECOM is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") which provides local exchange service in certain Qwest exchange territories in South Dakota.

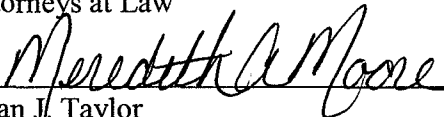
3. On January 27, 2010, this Commission issued an Order opening a docket for the purpose of investigating whether pricing regulation is appropriate for switched access services provided by CLECs.

4. SSTELECOM has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings as this Commission's decision may, directly or indirectly, affect the quality or cost of telecommunications services provided by SSTELECOM to its customers.

5. Accordingly, SSTELECOM desires to intervene in order that it may receive pleadings and other documents, comment, present testimony, cross-examine witnesses and produce evidence either seeking to clarify or oppose certain positions taken by the parties to this docket, to the extent that such actions are required in the above-entitled proceeding.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2010.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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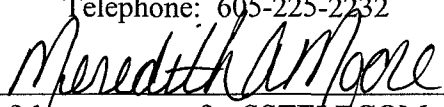
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