BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS AND BLACK HILLS FIBERCOM, L.L.C.	)	**ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT** **TC03-186**

On October 14, 2003, Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (FiberCom) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a reciprocal compensation agreement between Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon) and FiberCom

On October 16, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until November 3, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed December 2, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between FiberCom and Verizon. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 12/19/03

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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