

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER TEMPORARILY</b>
<b>SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, )</b>	<b>SUSPENDING LOCAL</b>
<b>INC. FOR SUSPENSION OF INTERMODAL )</b>	<b>NUMBER PORTABILITY</b>
<b>LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY )</b>	<b>OBLIGATIONS</b>
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On February 25, 2004, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel or Petitioner) filed a petition pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2) and SDCL 49-31-80 seeking suspension of its requirement to implement local number portability (LNP) pursuant to Section 251(b)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On April 5, 2004, the Commission issued an order granting intervention to WWC License LLC d/b/a CellularOne, Midcontinent Communications and the South Dakota Telecommunications Association. On April 19, 2004, the Commission issued an order granting Santel's request for interim suspension of its obligation to implement LNP pending final decision pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and SDCL 49-31-80.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-80, Section 251(f)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2), and ARSD 20:10:32:39.

On June 21-July 1, 2004, a hearing was held on this matter and the other dockets in which rural LECs seek to suspend their obligations to implement LNP. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2) and SDCL 49-31-80, the Commission is required to render its decision in this matter within 180 days after the filing of the petition. The parties to this docket have agreed that a temporary suspension should be granted in this docket to enable a reasonable briefing and decision schedule on this and the other LNP suspension dockets. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Petitioner's obligation to implement local number portability is temporarily suspended, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2) and ARSD 20:10:32:39, until September 7, 2004, by which date the Commission will issue a final order in this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of July, 2004.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner