

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BLACK))	ORDER GRANTING
HILLS FIBERCOM, L.L.C. FOR A))	EXTENSION FROM
CONTINUATION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM))	DEVELOPING COMPANY
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-))	SPECIFIC COST-BASED
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES))	SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
		TC04-207

On October 14, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (FiberCom) for approval of a continuation of its exemption from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs.

On November 30, 2004, the Commission considered FiberCom's request for approval of a continuation of its exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19, and ARSD 20:10:27:11. The Commission voted to grant an additional three (3) year extension of its exemption. The Commission further ordered that FiberCom, within three years of the date of this Order, file a petition to continue the exemption granted in this proceeding or file cost-based rates. It is therefore

ORDERED, that FiberCom is approved for an additional three (3) year extension of its exemption from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates; and it is further

ORDERED, that FiberCom shall, within three years of the date of this Order, file a petition to continue the exemption granted in this proceeding or file cost-based intrastate switched access rates.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of December, 2004.

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.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner