

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER GRANTING
ORBITCOM, INC. F/K/A VP TELECOM, INC.)	EXTENSION FROM
FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN EXEMPTION)	DEVELOPING COMPANY
FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC)	SPECIFIC COST-BASED ^{APL}
COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)	SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
)	TC05-192

On November 15, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from OrbitCom, Inc. f/k/a VP Telecom, Inc. (OrbitCom) for approval of an extension of its exemption from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs.

On December 6, 2005, the Commission considered OrbitCom'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 extension of its exemption. It is therefore

ORDERED, that OrbitCom is approved for an extension of its exemption from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates so long as OrbitCom's intrastate switched access rate is equal to or less than that of the ILEC Qwest intrastate switched access rate or until the Commission shall otherwise order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of December, 2005.

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: Debra Kalbo

Date: 12/14/05

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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