BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT** **TC06-043**

On May 4, 2006, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (James Valley) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement between Alltel Communications, Inc. (Alltel) and James Valley.

On May 11, 2006, 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 May 24, 2006, to do so. On May 24, 2006, the Commission received initial comments from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA), Golden West Companies (Golden West) and Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture). On June 13, 2006, the Commission received reply comments from Alltel and James Valley.

At its duly noticed July 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between James Valley and Alltel. 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.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 2006.

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: 7/21/06

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner