

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY WEST)
 RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE)
 COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF)
 DEADLINE FOR FILING ITS 2006 COST)
 STUDY)
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ORDER REOPENING
 DOCKET; ORDER
 APPROVING SETTLEMENT
 STIPULATION AND ORDER
 DISMISSING AND CLOSING
 DOCKET
 TC06-049

On May 18, 2006, the Pubic Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) requesting the Commission grant an extension of the six month filing deadline for its 2006 intrastate switched access cost study.

On May 25, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 9, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. On June 13, 2006, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested extension until December 31, 2006, and unanimously voted to grant the requested extension until December 31, 2006.

On November 8, 2006, the Commission received a Settlement Stipulation signed by the parties.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2006, the Commission considered whether to reopen this docket, approve the Settlement Stipulation and dismiss and close this docket. The Commission voted unanimously to reopen this docket, to approve the Settlement Stipulation and dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that this docket is hereby reopened, the Settlement Stipulation is approved and the docket is dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 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:	<u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>12/6/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
 DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
 GARY HANSON, Commissioner