

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) ORDER TO CONTINUE
OF LECs' 2004 SWITCHED ACCESS) HEARING
REVENUE REQUIREMENTS)**

Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	TC04-106
Splitrock Properties, Inc.	TC04-107
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.	TC04-108
Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc.	TC04-111
City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department	TC04-112
Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company	TC04-114
Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc.	TC04-116
Kennebec Telephone Company	TC04-118
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	TC04-125

Between the dates of June 22, 2004, and July 21, 2004, the nine local exchange carriers (LECs) listed above filed their 2004 switched access separations cost studies for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadlines to interested individuals and entities. On October 4, 2006, the Commission denied intervention to AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, and Midcontinent Communications. A Notice of Hearing was issued on April 14, 2006, scheduling the hearing for April 24, 2006, through May 3, 2006. Staff issued additional data requests on April 14, 2006. On April 17, 2006, the LECs issued their Joint Interrogatories and Requests for Production on Staff.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, including §§ 49-31-12, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-18 and 49-31-19 and ARSD Chapters 20:10:27, 20:10:28 and 20:10:29, including §§ 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:03, 20:10:27:06, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

Commission Staff and the LECs have agreed to continue the hearing in order to complete outstanding discovery responses and to discuss further settlement of the above-captioned dockets. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for April 24, 2006, through May 3, 2006, is continued and a new hearing shall be rescheduled as soon as the outstanding issues between the parties have been resolved or completed.

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

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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: <u>Melvin Kolbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/20/06</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner