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	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION** **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. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested extension is hereby granted, until December 31, 2006.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of June, 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: 6/26/06

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner