

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SANTEL)
COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR)
AN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING)
ITS 2006 COST STUDY)

**ORDER GRANTING
EXTENSION**

TC06-068

On June 26, 2006, the Pubic Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel) requesting the Commission grant an extension of the six month filing deadline for its 2006 intrastate switched access cost study.

On June 29, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 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 August 8, 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 24th day of August, 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>Arlene Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/28/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner