

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
JEFFERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR)
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF) TC06-148
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT)

On August 18, 2006, Jefferson Telephone Company (Jefferson) provided information constituting Jefferson's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Jefferson will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. section 254. Jefferson also filed a request for extension of ARSD 20:10:32:53 as it pertains to the August 1, 2006, deadline for filing its annual certification with the Commission.

On August 24, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 8, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-31, and 47 U.S.C. § 254.

On September 12, 2006, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff had no objection to granting the waiver. The Commission voted to grant a waiver of ARSD Section 20:10:32:53. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for a waiver of ARSD Section 20:10:32:53 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of September, 2006.

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| 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 Kolbo</i></u> |
| Date: <u>9/26/06</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