

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY 1-800-)	ORDER GRANTING
RECONEX, INC. D/B/A USTEL FOR AN)	EXTENSION FROM
EXTENSION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM)	DEVELOPING COMPANY
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-)	SPECIFIC COST-BASED
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)	SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
)	AND ORDER GRANTING
)	WAIVER
)	TC06-199

On December 18, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from 1-800-Reconex, Inc. d/b/a USTel (Reconex) for approval of an extension of its exemption from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. On January 5, 2007, the Commission received an amended request from Reconex. Additionally, Reconex requested a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and a waiver of the three year filing requirement in ARSD 20:10:27:07.

On January 23, 2007, the Commission considered Reconex's request for approval of a continuation of its exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs and the request for waivers of ARSD 20:10:27:07 and ARSD 20:10:27:12. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19, and ARSD 20:10:27. The Commission voted to grant an extension of its exemption and approve the waivers of ARSD 20:10:27:07 and ARSD 20:10:27:12. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Reconex is approved for an extension of its exemption from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates so long as Reconex's intrastate switched access rate is equal to or less than that of the Qwest intrastate switched access rate or until the Commission shall otherwise order. It is further

ORDERED, that the waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:12 is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2007.

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, electronically.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner