BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

ORDER REOPENING
DOCKET; ORDER
APPROVING AMENDMENTS
TO ETC ORDER AND
ORDER CLOSING DOCKET
TC04-213

On October 28, 2004, Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (Brookings) filed a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for wireless personal communications service (PCS) operations in South Dakota. Brookings is authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as a wireless PCS carrier in the partitioned area of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Trading Area (MTA), MTA012, which encompasses Brookings, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Turner, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, and Roberts counties; in the Sioux Falls Basic Trading Area (BTA), BTA422; in the Watertown BTA 464; in the partitioned area of the Des Moines-Quad Cities, Iowa MTA032 which encompasses Bon Homme, Clay, Union, and Yankton counties; and in the Sioux City, Iowa BTA421. Brookings requested that it be designated as an ETC in portions of its FCC authorized service area. For the local exchange carrier wire centers that are only partially covered by Brookings' authorized service area, Brookings requested that the Commission designate as an ETC the portion of the wire center where Brookings is authorized to provide service. For wire centers which overlap into South Dakota, Brookings requested that the Commission designate Brookings in the portion of those wire centers that are within South Dakota. Brookings was granted ETC status at the January 17, 2006, Commission meeting. On August 9, 2007, Brookings filed a Motion to modify its ETC Designation Order to have its annual compliance filing and its ETC annual certification filings coincide on the date of the annual certification.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-78, 49-31-81; ARSD 20:10:32:42 through 20:10:32:46, inclusive; and 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) through (5).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 28, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended reopening the docket and that amendments be made to the ETC designation order so that any annual reports are to be filed on June 1, of each year. The Commission voted unanimously to reopen the docket, make the necessary amendments to the ETC order and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that this docket is hereby reopened, the amendments to the ETC order are approved such that any annual reporting requirements are to be filed on June 1 of each year and the docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By:

Date:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M JOHNSON Chairman

GARY MANSON, Commissioner

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner