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> RE: Docket TC06-178 Sprint's Petition for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas Served by Brookings Municipal Utilities GPGN File No. 5925.060598

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Sprint Communication, L.P., I have conferred with Mr. Coit regarding SDTA's request for intervention filed in the above matter and Sprint objected.

In conversations with Mr. Coit, he has agreed that if allowed to intervene SDTA will not participate in any pre-hearing discovery, will call no witnesses at the hearing, will not crossexamine any witnesses called by Swiftel, and SDTA's cross-examination of any Sprint witnesses will not be redundant of Swiftel's counsel's examination. If requested to by counsel for Swiftel, Mr. Coit reserves the right to direct a Swiftel witness with the understanding that the Swiftel's counsel will then not submit additional direct on that witness.

SDTA would be able to be present at all hearings and motions and have the right to argue and brief on procedural and substantive matters that may arise in the proceeding. This includes final briefing on the record.

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Based on this agreement, Sprint will not object to the intervention so long as the intervention order sets forth these restrictions. Mr. Coit has reviewed and approved this letter. If you have any questions on this agreement, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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c: Richard J. Helsper Ben H. Dickens & Mary Sisak Rich Coit, SDTA Client