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> RE: Sprint's Petition for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas Served by Brookings Municipal Utilities (Docket TC06-178) and ITC (Docket TC06-180) GPGN File No. 5925.060598

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed you will find the parties' Joint Motion for Delay of Hearings and to continue the requested filings and hearing dates in the above-entitled matters. The parties' Joint Motion resets the remaining prehearing schedule, but leaves open the scheduling of the hearing time on any motion to compel that may be necessitated and the actual hearing dates.

I would request the Joint Motion be granted. I would also request that in granting the Joint Motion, the Commission direct Commission's counsel or Staff counsel to work with the parties to set dates on the motion to compel hearing and new hearing dates in the dockets.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if the Commission requires further documentation prior to considering this motion.

Sincerely, Martiness - Longer Talbot J. Wieczorek

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO		
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE)	DOCKET No. TC06-178
IN CERTAIN RURAL AREAS SERVED BY)	
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES		
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INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS)	
COOPERATIVE)	

Joint Motion of Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., and Sprint Communications, L.P. for Delay of Hearings on Sprint Communications Company's Application For Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in Certain Rural Areas

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. ("ITC"), Brookings Municipal Utilities D/B/A Swiftel Communications ("Swiftel") and Sprint Communications, L.P. ("Sprint") (collectively referred to as the "Parties") agree that the hearings in the above-captioned matters scheduled for June 26 and June 28, 2007, should be delayed by this Commission. The Parties agree that the hearings can be postponed until approximately the first part of September, depending upon the availability of the Commission, the Parties and their respective witnesses.

The Parties agree that all deadlines for filing prehearing materials should be continued sixty (60) days. The Parties further agree that the post-hearing deadlines should be rescheduled after the Commission has rescheduled the hearings based on availability of the Commission, the Parties and their respective witnesses.

The Parties request the prehearing filings be reset as follows:

1. To the extent there is any outstanding discovery, the Parties stipulate and agree the due date of that discovery shall be July 10, 2007. To the extent that any discovery that has already been responded to needs to be updated, the Parties will provide all updates to discovery previously responded to by July 10, 2007. If a party determines it is necessary to file a Motion to Compel, the motion shall be filed by July 16, 2007 and any response filed by July 23, 2007. The Commission will hear any motion to compel as soon thereafter

as the Commission may be available and any additional discovery ordered to be produced by the Commission shall be delivered no later than July 31, 2007.

2. All Parties' prefiled direct testimony and exhibits will be filed on August 15, 2007.

3. All Parties' prefiled response testimony and exhibits will be filed on September 4, 2007.

4. The Parties' designation of additional witnesses for rebuttal and exchange of additional exhibits for use by rebuttal witnesses will be filed on September 11, 2007.

Those Parties that are also Intervenors in The Matter of the Application of MCC Telephone of the Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Mediacom for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Services in the Brookings Exchange (TC06-188) and In The Matter of the Application of MCC Telephone of the Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Mediacom for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Services in the Castlewood, Elkton, Estelline, Hayti, Lake Norden and White Exchanges, (TC06-189) also agree to the filing of a similar motion continuing the MCC hearing dates and filing dates.

To the extent that the Commission may face a statutory timeline in rendering a decision or granting a certificate of authority, the Parties hereby agree to waive the timeline and stipulate that the Commission shall meet the said timeline as long as a final decision is rendered by December 3, 2007.

Dated this <u>3</u> day of <u>hey</u>, 2007.

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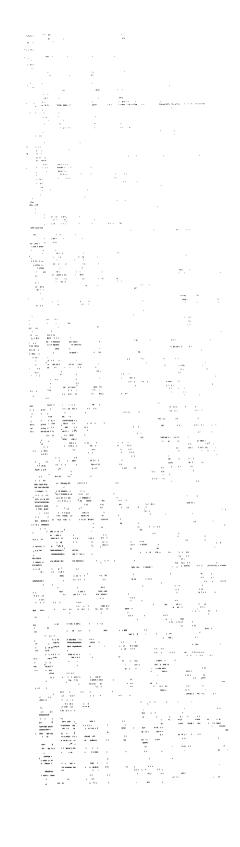
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifes that on this $\underline{\checkmark}$ day of May 2007, a copy of the Parties' Joint Motion for Delay of Hearings in Dockets TC06-178 and TC06-180 was served via email and first class mail to:

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