BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPER-)	
ERATIVE FOR SUSPENSION OR MODI-)	DOCKET NO. TC06-181
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VENTURE COMMUNCIATIONS COOPERATIVE'S RESPONSE TO ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Venture Communications Cooperative ("Venture") hereby responds to Alltel Communications, Inc.'s ("Alltel") Petition to Intervene in Docket No. TC06-181, as follows:

- 1. Venture does not oppose this Commission granting Alltel intervention in the above-named docket. Venture does, however, object to some of the allegations contained in Alltel's Petition to Intervene.
- 2. Venture objects to Alltel's characterization of Venture's Petition for Suspension as "inappropriate" or an attempt to manipulate the arbitration process. Venture has followed the appropriate statutory procedure to request a modification of certain obligations that would be unduly economically burdensome and that would have a significant adverse economic impact on Venture and its users.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2006.

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I hereby certify that on the 17th day of November, 2006, a true and correct copy of Venture Communications Cooperative's Response to Alltel Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene was sent electronically and by first-class U. S. Mail, postage paid to:

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