## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

## OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of Sprint Communications Company L.P. Petition for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas Served by Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications

Docket No. TC06-178

## MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

COMES NOW the Applicant, Sprint Communications Company, LP, and moves the Commission for an Order consolidating the evidentiary hearing in the abovecaptioned docket with TC06-188.

The instant Motion is offered for the purpose of promoting an efficient use of resources for the Commissioners, Commission staff and the parties. The two dockets are related and intertwined. MCC is the applicant in TC06-188. Consolidating these two hearings would provide the Commission with a full and clear understanding of the services proposed, would decrease the likelihood of repetitive testimony and would not prejudice any party. These matters have already be set to be heard at the same time and are on the Commission's calendar for August 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Pursuant to the agreement of counsel, the hearings were set to run at the same time and Sprint requests that the evidentiary record in these matters be consolidated through formal order of the Commission. MCC Telephony of the Midwest, Inc., the applicant in TC06-188, has filed a similar motion in that proceeding and has no objection to consolidation of the hearing and evidentiary record.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2008.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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