STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour)	
Independent Telephone Company,)	
Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company,)	Docket Nos.
Golden West Telecommunications)	
Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone)	TC06-036
Company, Sioux Valley Telephone)	TC06-037
Company, Union Telephone Company, and)	TC06-038
Vivian Telephone Company (collectively the)	TC06-039
"Golden West Companies") for Arbitration)	TC06-040
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of)	TC06-041
1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to)	TC06-042
Interconnection Agreements with WWC)	
License L.L.C. ("Western Wireless").)	

MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Come now the Golden West Companies identified in the caption of these matters pursuant to A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:02:03 and hereby move the Commission to enter an order suspending, effective August 1, 2006, the procedural schedule established pursuant to the Commission's Order Setting Procedural Schedule dated June 9, 2006 (the "Procedural Order").

Suspension of the procedural schedule is necessitated by the Commission's decision set forth in its Order Granting Request to Use the Office of Hearing Examiners dated July 14, 2006 (the "Transfer Order"), to transfer the above captioned arbitration proceedings to the South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners. In response to the Transfer Order, the Golden West Companies have contemporaneously with this Motion filed an Application for Reconsideration of the Transfer Order and a Memorandum in support thereof. Further, the Golden West Companies have initiated a docket in the Circuit Court of Hughes County, Sixth Judicial Circuit, seeking a stay of the effectiveness of the Transfer Order and of the proceedings before the Office of Hearing Examiners in OHE File PUC 6-06.

Grant of this Motion is required in order to provide the parties with confirmation that future requirements set forth in Procedural Order such as the requirement to file prepared direct testimony and exhibits on August 11, 2006, have been suspended at least until such time that the Commission has reached a decision in response to the Application for Reconsideration and the Commission or the Office of Hearing Examiners and the parties have thereafter had an opportunity to properly consider appropriate revisions to the procedural schedule.

Wherefore, the Golden West Companies respectfully request that the Commission immediately enter an order suspending, effective August 1, 2006, the procedural schedule established pursuant to the Procedural Order.

Dated this 28th day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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