



September 17, 2007

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, First Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Petition for Exemption from Developing Company-Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates for PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 to 20:10:27:13, attached is a request that the Commission exempt PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. ("PrairieWave") from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates.

If you have any questions, please contact me as indicated below. Thank you.

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PRAIRIEWAVE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE, INC. TO BE EXEMPT FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY- SPECIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES.))) Docket No. TC07-)))
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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 to 20:10:27:13, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. ("PrairieWave") requests that the Commission exempt PrairieWave from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates in 2007. PrairieWave makes this request based on the following:

1. PrairieWave is incumbent provider of local and long distance voice communications in its 14 exchanges in South Dakota. PrairieWave serves approximately 5600 local exchange customers.
2. The Commission approved PrairieWave's existing intrastate switched access rates on December 17, 2004, in Docket No. TC04-097, after a thorough review of the cost study filed by PrairieWave in that docket. PrairieWave's composite rate is approximately \$.01 per minute of use lower than the current LECA rate approved in 2006.
3. PrairieWave does not have internal expertise or resources necessary to determine cost-based intrastate access rates. It would have to employ the services of outside consultants which would be expensive and would not result in any meaningful benefit to the consumer.
4. The Commission has opened a rulemaking docket (RM05-002) to consider changes to the Commission's switched access rules. Until that docket is complete, PrairieWave believes it would be prudent and in the customers' best interests to allow PrairieWave to continue to charge the existing cost-based rates.

PrairieWave respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition.

Submitted this 17th day of September, 2007.



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