

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) APPROVAL OF AN ADOPTION) AGREEMENT BETWEEN RURAL) CELLULAR CORPORATION AND SANTEL) COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION AGREEMENT TC05-179
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On October 3, 2005, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Adoption Agreement between Rural Cellular Corporation (Rural Cellular) and Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel).

On October 6 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until October 24, 2005, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed November 1, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Rural Cellular and Santel. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of November, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Delaine Halbo</u>
Date: <u>11/7/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner