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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Ms. Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket TC05-097 - Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc's. 2004 Switched Access Filing

Dear Ms. Bonrud,

On behalf of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc., their 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Separations Study, was submitted to the Commission and filed under Docket Number TC05-097. We wish to clarify our previous request for confidentiality for portions of this filing by this letter.

Confidentiality is requested for a period of five years for the Summary Forms Sheets A through V (including the electronic file that was submitted) and all workpapers included in the Accounting, Land & Building, Central Office, Outside Plant, and Annual Traffic sections, which were filed with the above Cost Study with the Commission, in accordance with the Commission's rules ARSD 20:10:01:39 through 20:10:01:44. This information is all confidential and proprietary financial data of Santel which is not disclosed to the public.

The contact for the confidentiality request is as follows:

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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (605) 995-1750

Sincerely,

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