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Patricia Van Gerpen
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RE: Docket TC06-159, Petition for Arbitration of Venture Communications
Cooperative
GPGN File No. 5925.060537

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached you will find the Affidavit of Ron Williams in support of referring TC06-159 to the Office of Hearing Examiners. The affidavit supplements the request by showing the matter in controversy clearly exceeds \$2,500. The original document will be sent by U.S. Mail. By copy of this letter, I am intending service by mail upon Darla Rogers, Ben H. Dickens, Mary Sisak and Rich Coit.

It is my understanding this matter is set for decision at the Commission's regularly scheduled hearing on November 14, 2006 and any response from Venture Communications Cooperative to this affidavit is due November 9, 2006.

Regarding the request to use the Office of Hearing Examiners or this affidavit, if you have any questions or need anything else from me, please let me know.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Talbot J. Wieczorek

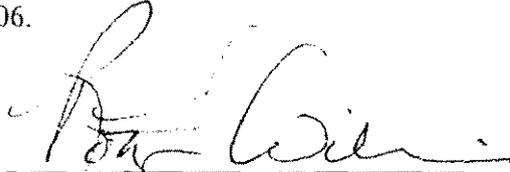
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differences in the Parties positions on costs associated with direct interconnection facilities exceed \$2,500 per month.

6. Other issues identified in Alltel's petition response also have direct and/or indirect financial impact in excess of \$2,500.

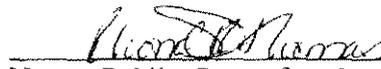
Dated this 2nd day of November, 2006.



Ron E. Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 2006.





Notary Public, State of Washington
My commission expires: 2/23/10