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Mr. Leo Disburg
Chief Hearing Examiner
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Dear Mr. Disburg:

By this letter, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is transferring to the Office of Hearing Examiners (OHE) a telecommunications docket at the request of one of the parties to this docket. The docket at issue is: In the Matter of the Petition of Venture Communications Cooperative for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement With Alltel Communications, Inc. (Docket TC06-159).

Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-18.3, Alltel filed a request to have this docket heard by the OHE. At its November 14, 2006, meeting, the Commission granted the request. The order granting the request is enclosed.

This docket can be accessed at:

http://www.state.sd.us/puc/commission/dockets/telecom/2006/telecom_2006.htm.

If you would like a paper copy of the docket, please contact our office and we will provide one to you.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer of this docket, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,


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