

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

**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.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
PUC 6-12**

The hearing in this matter shall be held on January 10 and 11, 2007 in the conference room on the first floor of the Kneip Building known as "Kneip #3", 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will begin at 8:30 A.M., CST. Parties are requested to be there by 8:00 a.m. to handle any prehearing matters and exhibits.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, and 47 U.S.C. sections 251 and 252. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

At its November 14, 2006, meeting, the Commission voted to grant Alltel's request to use the OHE to conduct this hearing and to make a Proposed Decision to the Commission. The Commission found that the amount in controversy exceeds \$2,500. The Commission found that SDCL 1-26-18.3, in conjunction with SDCL Chapter 1-26D, gives Alltel the right to use the OHE. The Commission transferred this docket to the OHE. Pursuant to SDCL 1-26D-6, after the OHE issues its proposed decision, the Commission shall accept, reject or modify the finds, conclusions, and decision.

Documents served or filed are served on the date they are received. All documents shall be served by email, and service by email is effective when received. In addition to filing electronically, a filing party shall provide OHE with one paper copy of each document filed;

A Prehearing Order will be issued separately, which will specify the dates on which discovery will be complete, and all other prehearing matters.

The issues to be determined by Hearing Examiner are the issues set forth by the Companies in their Petitions for Arbitration and the issues as set for

in the Responses to the Petitions for Arbitration. These issues are hereby incorporated by reference.

The hearing will be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All persons testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights may be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If a party or its representative fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20.

Julie M. Johnson has been appointed Hearing Examiner in this matter. The Hearing Examiner, after examining the evidence and hearing testimony presented by both parties at the hearings shall make a proposed decision to the Commission. The Commission may accept, reject, or modify the proposed decision based on the hearing record. The final decision made by the Commission may be appealed to circuit court and the South Dakota Supreme Court as provided by law.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact this office 48 hours before the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

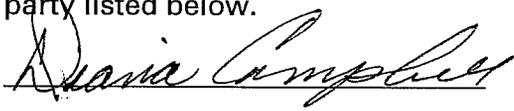
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of December, 2006.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 1, 2006, at Pierre, South Dakota, a true and correct copy of this Notice of Hearing in the above-entitled matter was mailed to each party listed below.



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