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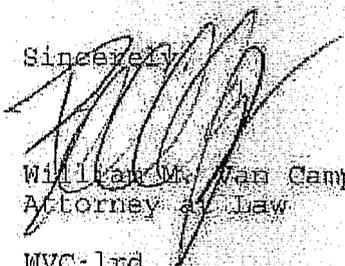
Re: Docket #TC07-128 Sancom, Inc.

Dear Patty:

Attached please find a Petition for Intervention by AT&T on the Petition of Sancom, Inc., for an Exemption Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11. Please note that I am filing this Petition electronically pursuant to Rule while serving Sancom, Inc. and Vantage Point Solutions by mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,



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

In the Matter of the Filing by Sancom, Inc.)	
d/b/a Mitchell Telecom for Approval of its)	
Intrastate Switched Access Tariff and for)	Docket No. TC07-128
an Extension of an Exemption from)	
Developing Company Specific Cost-Based)	
Switched Access Rates.)	

**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
MIDWEST, INC., ON PETITION OF SANCOM, INC., FOR AN EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:27:11**

Pursuant to ARSD Sec. 20:10:01:15.02, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., (“AT&T”) petitions to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. In its Petition filed on December 28, 2007, Sancom, Inc., d/b/a Mitchell Telecom (“Sancom”) requests that it be exempted from Commission’s regulation that requires a telecommunications company to develop “intrastate switched access rates based on company-specific costs.” ARSD 20:10:27:11.

According to ARSD 20:10:27:11 the burden is on Sancom to establish that it lacks the necessary financial, technical or managerial resources to determine its switched access rates based on company-specific costs or that the cost of such an exercise outweighs any benefit to consumers or customers of Sancom services. The cursory statement of Sancom in Paragraph 4 of its Petition for Exemption does not meet the requirements of the Commission’s rules.

Sancom did receive from the Commission, in Docket TC04-258, an exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates. As a competitive local exchange carrier operating in the Qwest service areas, it seeks through this exemption an extension of the Order granted in 2004 by the Commission to pass through

to IXCs, such as AT&T, switched access rates which are virtually double the incumbent Qwest's charges in competitive markets.

As an interexchange carrier, AT&T is required to pay intrastate switched access fees to local exchange carriers, such as Sancom, for toll calls that originate and terminate in the state. The amount paid by AT&T for switched access calls is a significant cost-component in its provision of interexchange services. Thus, AT&T has a substantial financial interest in ensuring that access fees are reasonable, accurate and consistent with the public interest. As such, granting a waiver to Sancom of the Commission's rule that requires company-specific, cost-based switched access rates and allowing it to charge switch access rates concurrent with the current LECA rates could have an adverse impact on AT&T.

AT&T does not have control over who the local end user chooses as its exchange carrier and so AT&T is thus subjected to costs driven by the choice of the consumer. Unbeknownst to the consumer, his act of choosing Sancom over the incumbent Qwest in the same location, be it Mitchell, South Dakota or otherwise, roughly doubles the switched access fees which AT&T must pay to provide service to that consumer. If continued unchecked, the unsubstantiated establishment of such rates and charges necessarily would have an impact on AT&T's business in South Dakota, how it serves its customers in South Dakota, and how it continues to provide competitive services to the citizens of this state.

AT&T would be willing to waive any objection to this and subsequent exemption requests of Sancom if it adopted a switched access rate at or below the current Qwest rate.

WHEREFORE AT&T requests that it be granted intervention status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of January, 2008.

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/s/ filed electronically

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

William M. Van Camp hereby certifies that on the 18th day of January 2008, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the Petition for Intervention by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and Limited Opposition to Petition of Sancom, Inc., for an Exemption in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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