

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

In the Matter of Brookings Municipal Utilities)
d/b/a Swiftel Communications Petition to)
Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible) **Docket No. TC 08-103**
Telecommunications Carrier)

**SUPPLEMENT TO
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS
PETITION TO PARTIALLY RELINQUISH ITS DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

1. Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (“Swiftel”) hereby submits this supplement to its August 11, 2008 petition for partial relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for areas within its designated ETC area in South Dakota (hereinafter “Relinquishment Petition”).

2. In particular, Swiftel is providing additional information about the transition of a portion of its wireless system to Crossroads Wireless, Inc. (“Crossroads”), as described in the Petition. Swiftel will ensure that service to its existing customers is continued until these customers have a reasonable opportunity (with several months’ notice) to subscribe to Crossroads’ service (which will be provided using the former Swiftel wireless network) or another wireless service of their choosing:

- a. **FCC Approval Process:** The parties have applied for FCC approval to assign the relevant FCC licenses (or portions of licenses) to Crossroads, and to lease spectrum in certain portions of the Swiftel service area to Crossroads, as described in the Petition. The FCC has granted its approvals, as follows:

(1) Application for consent to the partition of the license for Broadband Personal Communications Service station WPOI260 (FCC File No. 0003478842)

Filed: June 30, 2008.
Consented: July 1, 2008
Public Notice: July 9, 2008

(2) Application for consent to the assignment of the license for Broadband Personal Communications Service station WPQL803 (FCC File No. 0003478819)

Filed: June 30, 2008
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(3) Application for Long-Term De Facto Lease involving Broadband Personal Communications Service station WPOI260 (FCC File No. 0003485381)

Filed: July 18, 2008
Consented: July 19, 2008
Public Notice: July 23, 2008

- b. **Closing:** With the grant of these approvals, the parties hope to close on the transfer of FCC-licensed operations to Crossroads Wireless, Inc. (“Crossroads”) in Fall 2008, and are implementing measures to ensure a smooth transition immediately following the closing. The exact date of the closing has not yet been set, and will depend in part upon when software revisions, switching arrangements and other steps are implemented to ensure that a seamless cutover will occur. Crossroads will, upon closing, provide wireless services comparable to those currently provided by Swiftel, in the service area to be acquired by Crossroads (the “Crossroads Service Area”).
- c. **Customer Notice:** Upon closing, Swiftel and Crossroads will provide multiple written notices to Swiftel’s affected customers of the change in ownership of the PCS system serving the Crossroads Service Area, and the need for these customers to transition in light of the upcoming expiration of the Sprint affiliation arrangement. It is contemplated that each customer will receive at least 90 days’ advance notice prior to the expiration of the Sprint arrangement. It is further contemplated that Sprint PCS will send a written notice at least 30 days prior to the March 31, 2009 affiliation expiration date, to help ensure that any customers that have not yet acted on the transition process will do so.

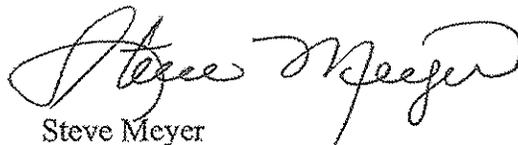
- d. **Transition Process:** As noted in the Petition, Swiftel's affiliation agreement with Sprint PCS will terminate as of March 31, 2009. In the meantime, Swiftel will be able to continue providing Sprint PCS service to its existing customers, using its retained network and the assets being sold to Crossroads. At the end of that time period, customers will no longer receive Sprint PCS service. However, they will be able to receive the comparable Crossroads wireless service, to be provided over the same wireless facilities that previously served these customers.

- e. **Cutover:** The sale of Swiftel's licenses and related wireless assets includes all network equipment used to provide service in the Crossroads Service Area, including wireless transmitters, switching facilities, test equipment and retail centers. Therefore, Crossroads will be able to continue operating the business in those areas, without any substantial change or interruption of service. In the event that these customers do not prefer this transition arrangement, they will have received ample notice and opportunity to seek another wireless service provider in their area.

3. A representative timeline reflecting the above events is attached hereto. In light of the foregoing, Swiftel respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Relinquish Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and issue an Order amending the scope of Swiftel's designation as an ETC to exclude the areas and centers listed in Exhibits A and B of the Petition, effective upon the closing of the Crossroads transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWIFTEL CUSTOMER TRANSITION TIMELINE

DATE	MILESTONE
July 9, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC issues approvals
July 23, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last approval gains finality status September 2, 2008
Fall 2008 Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transaction Closing to take place; network transferred to Crossroads. • Swiftel continues providing Sprint PCS service using Crossroads system. • First customer notice re transition to be sent upon Closing. • Crossroads commences its own service on transferred Swiftel system, and offers its service to all Swiftel customers in Crossroads service area.
From Closing to March 31, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional notices sent to Swiftel customers about need to transition to Crossroads or another service. • Swiftel continues provision of Sprint service via Crossroads Network system
February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprint PCS sends final notice to affected Swiftel customers that their Sprint Service will terminate March 31, 2009.
March 31, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprint service ends. • New Crossroads service continues for all who transitioned, or who choose to transition in the future.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 4th day of September, 2008, a copy of the **Supplement to Brookings Municipal Utilities D/B/A Swiftel Communications Petition to Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier** via US Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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