

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)	INTERVENTION
FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE SERVICES IN CERTAIN RURAL)	TC06-180
AREAS SERVED BY INTERSTATE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.)	

On October 24, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) for authority to provide local exchange services in certain rural areas served by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC).

On October 26, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 10, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on November 7, 2006. ITC filed to intervene on November 8, 2006.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2006, the Commission found that ITC's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to ITC.

The Petition to Intervene of SDTA was deferred.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of ITC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/5/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner