BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES	))))))	**ORDER DISMISSING AND CLOSING THE DOCKET** **TC09-022**

On May 13, 2009, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from RC Communications, Inc. (RC Communications) requesting an extension of an exemption from developing a company specific cost-based switched access rate for a period of three months after the effective date of the new rules adopted by the Commission in RM05-002. RC Communications further requested approval of its current switched access rate of $0.115 per minute. On May 13, 2009, the Commission also received a Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rates from RC Communications. On May 14, 2009, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 29, 2009, to interested individuals and entities. On May 13, 2009, the Commission received a Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rates from RC Communications. At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 9, 2009, the Commission granted intervention to Midcontinent Communications. At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 23, 2009, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rates, with the current rate remaining in effect. The Commission further finds that the Access Rate Settlement Stipulation that froze RC Communication's rate at its current level expressly provided that following the expiration of the rate freeze, RC Communications could request another extension. On November 9, 2010, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed to a formal rule making with regards to switched access rules for competitive local exchange carriers. The rules in RM05-002 were effective May 30, 2011.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 26, 2011, Commission Staff stated that RC Communications had agreed to the dismissal and closing of this docket due to its filing of TC11-068. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the docket shall be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 2011.

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, electronically.

By: Grace Lydale

Date: 7.29.11

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman