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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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PU-2311-02-220

Comm South Companies, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
Application

Filed 5/1/2002

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DESCRIPTION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Case No. **PU-2079-01-210**
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Application

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Order

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Norwalk CT 06851
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Affidavit of Service

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11/07/2002

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Pat .

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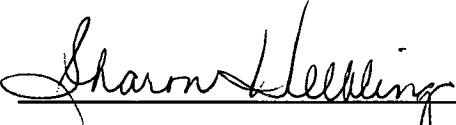
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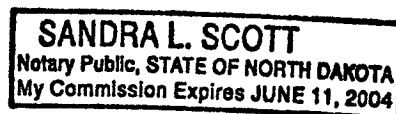
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Notary Public

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APPROVED

DATE: 11-6-02

MOTION

November 6, 2002

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I move the Commission adopt the Order concerning toll dialing parity implementation plans in the captioned applications for approval of toll dialing parity plans.

PJF/sdh

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**ORDER
INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

November 6, 2002

Toll dialing parity (aka equal access or 1+ dialing) allows telephone subscribers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier of the subscriber's choice.

Under North Dakota Century Code § 49-21-08.1, every local exchange carrier is required to provide intraLATA dialing parity.

On April 25, 2001 Z-Tel Communications, Inc. filed its plan for providing intraLATA toll dialing parity. On May 18, 2001 Essex Communications, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On July 27, 2001 Skyland Technologies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 1, 2001 Premiere Network Services, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 3, 2001 VAL-ED Joint Venture L.L.P. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On May 1, 2002 Comm South Companies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan.

On August 2, 2002 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. No requests for hearing or comments were received. The Notice also stated that the Commission could determine the matter without a hearing.

Toll dialing parity plans are to be filed in accordance with 47 CFR §§ 51.209 – 51.215. In addition, the company's toll dialing parity plan should incorporate provisions adopted in the Commission's June 18, 1999 and July 16, 1999 orders in Case No. PU-419-99-207.

Dialing parity plans must:

1. include a full 2-PIC dialing parity offering;
2. identify the ND LATA(s) for which dialing parity will be provided;
3. include the provision and process for allowing a customer to subscribe to one interexchange carrier for intraLATA calling and to the same or another interexchange carrier for interLATA;
4. included the methods that will be used to enable subscribers to select interexchange carriers;
5. include the methods for interexchange carrier notification of the availability of 1+ and the process for participating in the 1+ offering;
6. include the process to be used by the customer for changing a PIC;
7. include the process used by the company to make PIC changes;
8. include the provision that PIC changes will be completed within 5 business days;
9. list the PIC change charge (maximum \$5);
10. include a LATA map with sufficient detail to locate LATA boundaries and an explanation of LATA calling areas and jurisdictions;
11. include a statement that customers that do not make carrier selection for intraLATA 1+ and interLATA 1+ calls will be advised that, until selection is made, toll calls dialed using 1+ area code prefixes will not be completed and they must dial toll calls utilizing access codes such as 101XXXX, 950, 800, etc.
12. include a statement that the company's business office practices, including the scripts the local exchange company uses with customers deciding on their options for carrier selection, will be competitively neutral;

13. include the provision that the company shall offer to read a randomly ordered list of interexchange carriers from which the customer may make a PIC choice; and
14. include a statement that public access lines are eligible for carrier selection in the same manner as interLATA carrier selection.

The Commission has reviewed the toll dialing parity plans that are subject of this proceeding and has determined that amendments are necessary in order to comply with the requirements listed.

Order

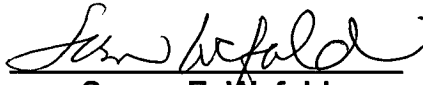
The Commission orders:

1. The captioned toll dialing parity plans must be amended by the companies and refilled for Commission approval.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wefald
President



Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2002 3:35 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2002 3:27 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Cc: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

All combination may be deposited under the same project number.

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To: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: Money Received.....

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Case No. PU-2756-02-403
Northwest Communications Cooperative
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APPROVED

DATE: 9-25-02
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MOTION

September 25, 2002

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I move the Commission bill Comm South Companies, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2311-02-220, Comm South Companies, Inc., Toll Dialing Parity, Application.



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

COMMISSIONERS

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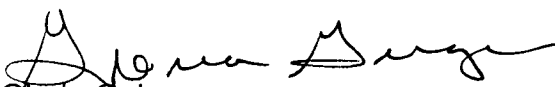
RE: Case No. PU-2311-02-220
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the September 25, 2002
Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case
No. PU-2311-02-220.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation
Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Sincerely,


Gloria Geiger
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

Billing Statement

September 25, 2002

Comm South Companies, Inc.
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Bill To:

Comm South Companies, Inc.\$80.87

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs\$80.87

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
)
County of Burleigh)

AUG 19 2002
NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Laurie Thiel

, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.

2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:

2-Tel. Com _____ time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.

3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed:

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

15th day of August A.D. 2002

[Signature]

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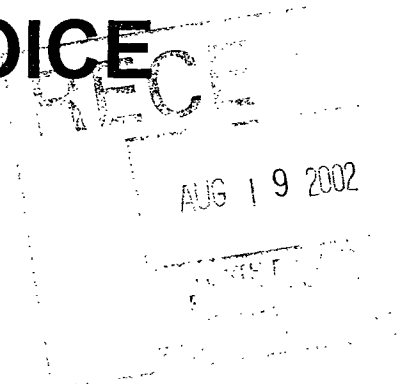
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Date: 08/16/2002

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To:

JON H. MIELKE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE CAPITOL
BISMARCK ND 58505



Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 02082PP0

Newspaper	Date	Inches	Page#	Rate	Amount
Bismarck Tribune	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	75.00	SPR2	0.64	48.00
Devils Lake Daily Journal	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	80.00	SPR2	0.63	50.40
Dickinson Press	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Fargo, The Forum	Z-Tel ... 08/12/2002	67.00	SPR2	0.71	47.57
Grand Forks Herald	Z-Tel ... 08/08/2002	73.00	SPR2	0.69	50.37
Jamestown Sun	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	78.00	SPR2	0.54	42.12
Minot Daily News	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	1.00	[Special]	57.24	57.24
Valley City Times-Record	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Wahpeton Daily News	Z-Tel ... 08/11/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Williston Herald	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	78.00	SPR2	0.61	47.58
*** ADVERTISING TOTAL					485.21
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This invoice is due and payable upon receipt. Unpaid items over 30 days from invoice date are subject to a finance charge. The finance charge is computed by a periodic rate of 1 3/4 percent per month (or a minimum charge of 50 cents for balances of under \$50), which is an annual percentage rate of 21 percent. Total unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Please pay from this invoice — No statement will be sent. Return duplicate with remittance to North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing
August 2, 2002
Case No. PU-2311-02-220

Bismarck	8-9
Devils Lake	8-9
Dickinson	8-9
Fargo	8-12
Grand Forks	8-8
Jamestown	8-9
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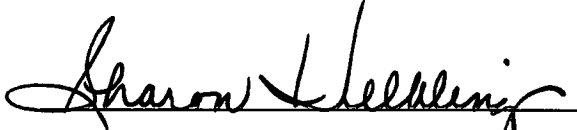
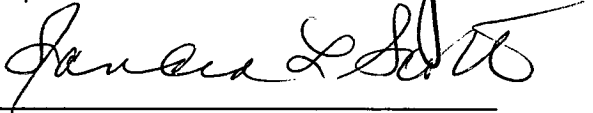
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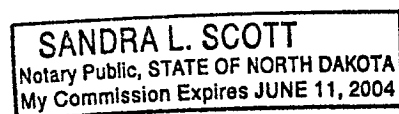
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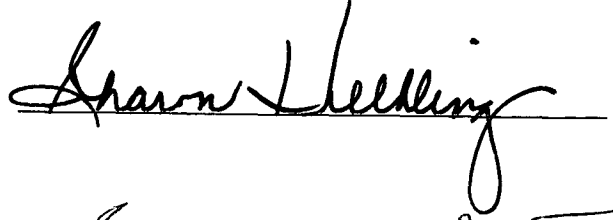
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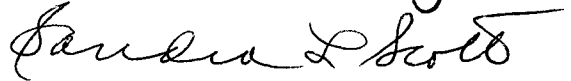
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Colleen:

Please have the two attached Notices of Opportunity for Hearing published as legal publications in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run them as "News Item Only" articles as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission, along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-4076. Thank you.

**Sharon Helbling
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**VAL-ED Joint Venture L.L.P.
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Case No. PU-2084-01-437

**Comm South Companies, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
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Case No. PU-2311-02-220

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the captioned applications for approval of toll dialing parity plans.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

August 2, 2002

Toll dialing parity (aka equal access or 1+ dialing) allows telephone subscribers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier of the subscriber's choice.

Under North Dakota Century Code § 49-21-08.1, every local exchange carrier is required to provide intraLATA dialing parity.

On April 25, 2001 Z-Tel Communications, Inc. filed its plan for providing intraLATA toll dialing parity. On May 18, 2001 Essex Communications, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On July 27, 2001 Skyland Technologies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 1, 2001 Premiere Network Services, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 3, 2001 VAL-ED Joint Venture L.L.P. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On May 1, 2002 Comm South Companies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan.

Toll dialing parity plans are to be filed in accordance with 47 CFR §§ 51.209 – 51.215. In addition, the company's toll dialing parity plan should incorporate provisions adopted in the Commission's June 18, 1999 and July 16, 1999 orders in Case No. PU-419-99-207.

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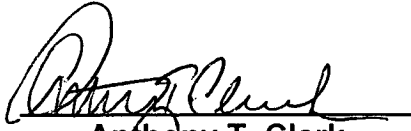
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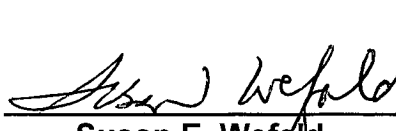
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Those interested are invited to comment on the dialing parity plans in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **September 4, 2002**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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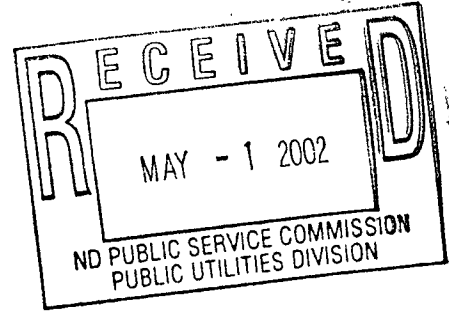

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RE: Toll Dialing Parity Plan

Comm South Companies, Inc. is currently authorized to provide both local and competitive intrastate telecommunications services in the State of North Dakota. However, Comm South is not offering competitive intrastate (i.e. intraLATA or interLATA) telecommunications services, nor does it plan to in the near future. Comm South is ready to begin providing resold basic local telecommunications services and as such, is required to file a toll dialing parity plan with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Please find enclosed, one original and twelve copies of Comm South's Toll Dialing Parity Plan for filing with the Commission. Should anything further be necessary to meet this requirement, please contact me at the number or email address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC.
TOLL DIALING PARITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Comm South Companies, Inc. ("Comm South") is currently authorized to provide both local and competitive intrastate telecommunications services in the State of North Dakota. At this point, however, Comm South is not offering competitive intrastate telecommunications services (i.e., intraLATA or interLATA long-distance), nor does it plan to in the near future. Comm South is now providing resold basic local telecommunications services, including local calling ("dialtone") and access to 911 and 800 number services, on a prepaid basis only, to North Dakota customers. Thus, at present Comm South blocks its customers from accessing usage-based services. Comm South customers may access long-distance carriers through prepaid calling cards or other forms of toll-free access.

When Comm South begins offering competitive intrastate telecommunications services, such as intraLATA and interLATA long-distance service in North Dakota, Comm South will comply with the following:

Introduction

Section 251(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(3), requires each local exchange carrier ("LEC") to provide dialing parity to competing providers of telephone exchange service and telephone toll services. In order to ensure that each LEC is providing toll dialing parity, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has implemented regulations under which each LEC must file with the FCC or a state commission its plan for providing toll dialing parity. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.213.

As a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC"), Comm South Companies, Inc. plans to be, initially, a reseller of incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") services. Therefore, Comm South must rely on the ILECs to provide intraLATA toll dialing parity procedures, equipment,

and software as established by the FCC and North Dakota Public Service Commission. Comm South hereby files, for review by the Commission, its Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan.

TOLL DIALING PARITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Technical Implementation

Comm South will implement the full 2-PIC (Primary Interexchange Carrier) carrier methodology. With the 2-PIC methodology, customers will be able to pre-subscribe to one telecommunications carrier for interLATA toll calls and pre-subscribe to the same or a different participating telecommunications carrier, including their existing local exchange company, for all intraLATA toll calls.

Business Office Practices

Comm South employees who communicate with the public, accept customer orders, and serve in customer service capacities will be trained to explain to customers the process for making PIC changes for intraLATA toll calls. Comm South will ensure that all customers are aware that they have a choice of intraLATA, as well as interLATA, toll carriers. In response to each request for Comm South service, a Comm South sales representative will inform the customer that Comm South will pre-subscribe the customer's toll service to both the intraLATA and interLATA toll carrier(s) of the customer's choice. In this way, the customer knows that a choice can be made among intraLATA and interLATA toll carriers. All carriers will be treated on a non-discriminatory basis and each customer will be given the opportunity to affirmatively select an intraLATA and interLATA toll carrier. Comm South will maintain a list of available toll carriers and keep it updated. Comm South will process a customer's PIC change to a toll carrier other than itself in the same fashion and in the same time frames as a request to pre-

subscribe to Comm South. Customers may select their intraLATA toll carrier during the initial or subsequent contact with the Customer Service Center. However, at any time, Customers may initiate a change in their intraLATA toll carrier. If a Customer changes their selection for intraLATA toll carrier, the Customer will be assessed a PIC change charge as established by the ILEC. Upon making their selection, the Customer's information will be forwarded to the ILEC according to plans and procedures mutually established between the ILEC and Comm South. Customers who do not select an intraLATA toll carrier will be treated as a "no-PIC" Customer and handled according to the procedures established by the ILEC.

In responding to a communication from another intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications carrier, Comm South's customer care representative will use an industry-standard Customer Account Record Exchange ("CARE") format to accept the required change. Such changes will be implemented only through a CARE request to ensure that changes are not made without appropriate authorization. Other carriers may submit a CARE request to Comm South either manually or electronically.

Anti-Slamming

Comm South will comply with the FCC's anti-slamming provisions. 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.1100-150. Comm South will make available a PIC-freeze option to requesting customers to protect the customer from unauthorized changes to its selected intraLATA and interLATA toll carrier(s).

Applicability

This plan for providing toll dialing parity is intended to apply to all dial-tone lines provisioned by Comm South.

Dialing Plan

The following matrix outlines the proposed routing of calls by Comm South:

0	Underlying carrier's Operator Service
00	Dial to pre-subscribed Toll Provider Operator Services
1+10 digits	Direct dial through pre-subscribed intraLATA Toll Provider or interLATA Toll Provider (depending on 10 digit number dialed)
0+10 digits	Dial to pre-subscribed intraLATA Toll Provider Operator Service (depending on 10 digit number dialed)
10xxx or 101xxxx+0	Dial around pre-subscribed intraLATA or interLATA Toll Provider to alternate Toll Provider Operator Service (identified by code used in xxx or xxxx portion of dialing request)
10xxx or 101xxxx+0+10 digits	Dial around pre-subscribed intraLATA or interLATA Toll Provider to alternate Toll Provider Operator Service (identified by code used in xxx or xxxx portion of dialing request)
10xxx or 10xxxx+1+10 digits	Dial around pre-subscribed intraLATA or interLATA Toll Provider to direct dial through alternate Toll Provider (identified by code used in xxx or xxxx portion of dialing request)

Cost Recovery

At this time, Comm South does not propose to recover from other carriers any expenses related to the implementation of toll dialing parity. If Comm South later seeks to recover such costs, it will submit a plan for a cost recovery mechanism to the Commission for its review and approval.

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