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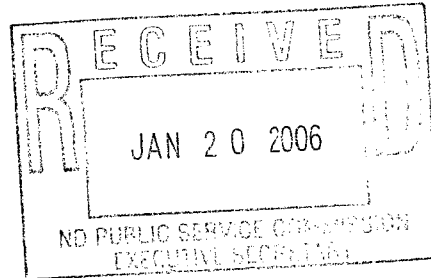
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Enclosed for filing on behalf of the respondent in the above proceeding are an original and seven copies of the following:

1. Prehearing Brief of North Dakota Telephone Company, including attachments.
2. Brief in Response to Motion to Strike.

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Enclosures

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