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January 20, 2009

Jim Fry, Director  
Legislative Research Council  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Jim,

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 49-31-53, the Department of Human Services is required to report annually to the South Dakota State Legislature on the status of the access fee charged to telephones, pagers, and cell phones in the State. I am hereby submitting the recommendation that the current \$.15 access fee is sufficient to continue the Telecommunications Relay Services Program. This recommendation is based on the following information: The number of lines and units that have been established and are assessed the access fee (Attachment 1), the number of minutes being utilized by the relay service in South Dakota (Attachment 2), and the revenues based on the State's Accounting System for deposit into the Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf (Attachment 3). The fund balance as of December 31, 2008 is \$864,210.85.

As Director of the Legislative Research Council, I request that you pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session.

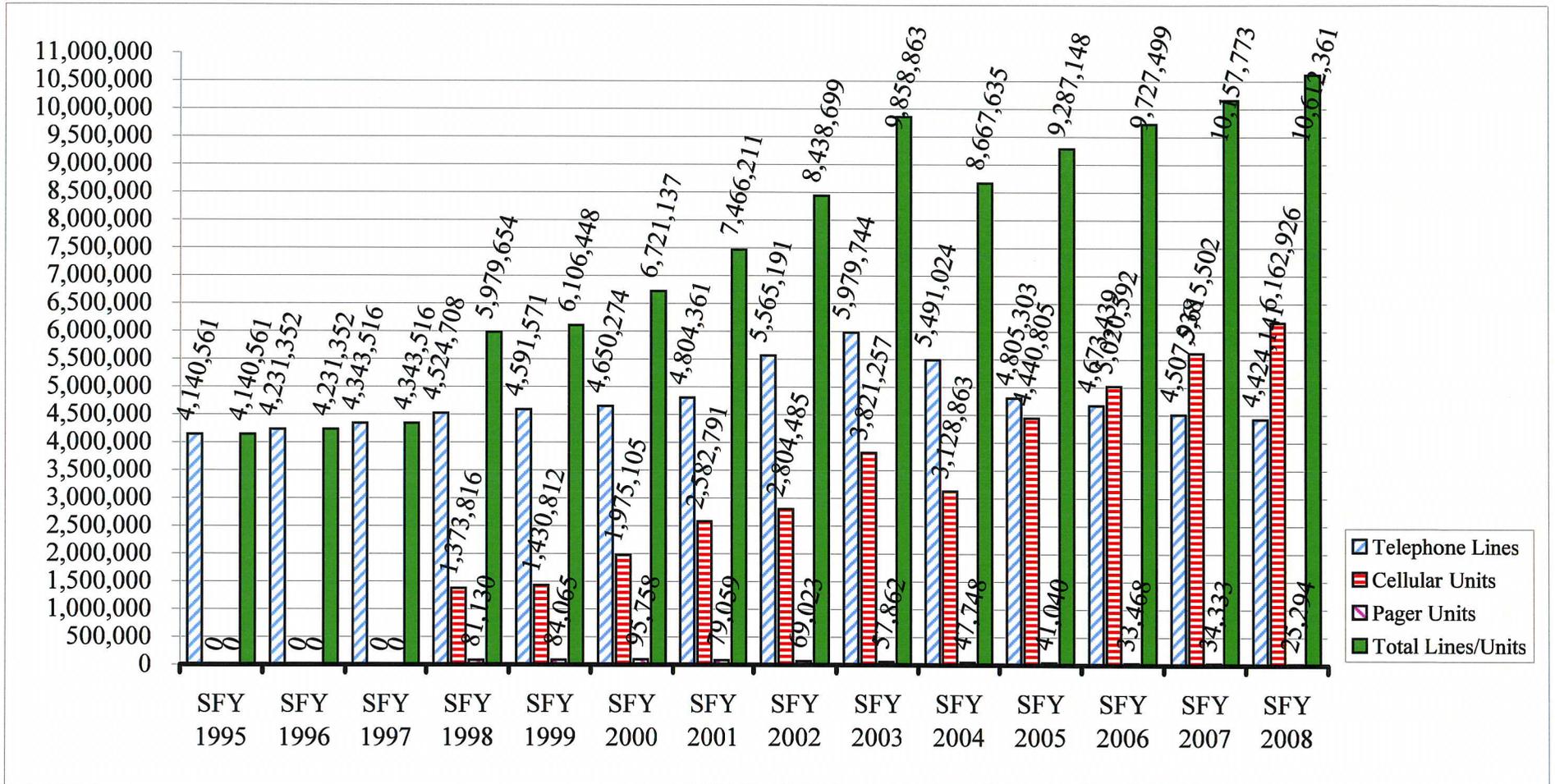
If you have further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerry C. Hofer', is written over a horizontal line.

Jerry C. Hofer  
Secretary

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Cumulative Number of Lines/Units per Annual Period, by Category Type (Attachment 1)**



**SOUTH DAKOTA TRS MINUTES (Attachment 2)  
FY06 - FY08**

<b>TRS FY06: 06/01/05 - 5/31/06</b>					
Month	Minutes				
June	41,777				
July	38,077				
Aug	38,447				
Sept	38,846				
Oct	33,497				
Nov	32,773				
Dec	33,655				
Jan	34,564				
Feb	32,140				
Mar	38,308				
Apr	33,916				
May	<u>34,789</u>				
	430,789				
<b>TRS FY07: 06/01/06 - 5/31/07</b>					
Month	Minutes				
June	27,926				
July	33,523				
Aug	34,065				
Sept	30,914				
Oct	32,403				
Nov	32,165				
Dec	32,809				
Jan	32,933				
Feb	27,922				
Mar	32,356				
Apr	24,294				
May	<u>37,967</u>				
	379,277				
<b>TRS FY08: 06/01/07 - 5/31/08</b>		<b>CapTel FY08: 06/01/07 - 5/31/08</b>			
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
June	26,131		June		
July	29,015		July		
Aug	31,711		Aug		
Sept	27,558		Sept		
Oct	31,091		Oct		
Nov	26,213		Nov		
Dec	28,875		Dec		
Jan	26,095		Jan		
Feb	24,455		Feb	2,185	
Mar	22,137		Mar	4,477	
Apr	23,149		Apr	6,129	
May	<u>22,643</u>		May	<u>5,302</u>	
	319,073			18,093	

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Revenues based on State's Accounting System (Attachment 3)**

