

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
IN A RURAL SERVICE AREA

TC08-105

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:03(22), Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") requests the following waiver associated with application:

1. By its application in this docket, Midcontinent seeks authority to provide local exchange service in the Crooks and Baltic exchanges of Alliance Communications. Midcontinent is able to satisfy the local service obligations provided in ARSD 20:10:32:10, as well as those provided by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) (1). Midcontinent is not aware that the Commission has by rule established minimum service areas. However, to the extent that service of less than the entire Alliance study area requires a waiver, Midcontinent requests such a waiver under ARSD 20:10:21:18.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission in its final order grant such waivers as may be necessary for Midcontinent to serve the area applied for.

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