

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE) AMENDED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) BETWEEN MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS DBA) MIDCO AND ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS) COOPERATIVE, INC.))	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TC21-102
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On July 28, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications dba Midco (Midco) and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance).

On July 29, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that initial comments were due August 20, 2021. No comments were filed. On August 13, 2021, the Commission received a corrected agreement.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 27, 2021, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment between Midco and Alliance. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission found that the Amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Amendment and the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Midco and Alliance is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August 2021.

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 or by mail.

By: Adam De Hueckle

Date: 8/27/21

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner