

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF A GENERAL TERMS AND)
CONDITIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS AND)
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE,)
INC.)

**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT**

TC07-120

On November 19, 2007, the Commission received for approval a General Terms and Conditions Agreement between Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) and Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel).

On November 22, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until December 10, 2007, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 29, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Midcontinent and Santel. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of February, 2008.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Amisa J. Jankovich</u>
Date: <u>2/5/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner