

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	DOCKET NO. TC11-075
MIDSTATE TELECOM FOR)	
APPROVAL OF ITS COST BASED)	
SWITCHED BASED ACCESS RATES)	
AND FOR A PHASE-IN)	
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**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
MIDWEST, INC.**

Pursuant to ARSD Sec. 20:10:01:15.02, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., (“AT&T”) petitions for leave to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. In its Petition filed on June 22, 2011, Midstate Telecom requests approval of its switched access in accordance with the submitted cost study and for phase in of the switched access rates. AT&T petitions the Commission as follows:

1. AT&T is an interexchange telecommunications carrier authorized to do business in South Dakota.
2. As an interexchange carrier, it is required to pay intrastate switched access services fees to Midstate Telecom. The amount paid by AT&T for switched access service is a significant cost component in its provision of interexchange services.
3. Midstate Telecom has not provided a showing of good cause as to why its waiver should be granted as required by ARSD Section 20:10:27.02. Nor has it disclosed the rate developed in its confidential cost study. Without having any information on the amount of the rate, AT&T has no ability to evaluate the effect Midstate Telecom’s request will have on its business.

4. AT&T has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.05, it qualifies for intervention as its interest is distinguishable from an interest common to the public or taxpayers in general.

WHEREFORE, AT&T requests that it be granted intervention status in this proceeding.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2011.

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