

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )                   ORDER GRANTING  
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR A )                   INTERVENTION  
WAIVER OF ARSD 20:10:33:30            )                   TC03-097

On June 19, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Waiver from Midcontinent Communications requesting a waiver of ARSD 20:10:33:30.

On June 26, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 11, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on July 10, 2003. Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. (NVC) filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on July 11, 2003.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of August 4, 2003, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and NVC are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>          Melaine Kolbo          </u>
Date: <u>          8/8/03          </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

          Robert K. Sahr            
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

          Gary Hanson            
GARY HANSON, Commissioner