

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)	ORDER GRANTING
SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)	WITHDRAWAL OF
REQUIREMENT FOR FORT RANDALL)	INTERVENTIONS
TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MOUNT)	
RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY)	TC05-099

On July 1, 2005, Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 7, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 22, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On September 1, 2005, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from MCI/metro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI) and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). On September 15, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On September 19, 2005, the Commission received an Answer of Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company to MCI and Midcontinent's Petitions to Intervene. On September 26, 2005, the Commission received Staff's Response to MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene. On September 27, 2005, the Commission received an Answer of Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company to AT&T's Petition to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of September 27, 2005, MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T requested that they be permitted to withdraw their Petitions to Intervene. The Commission voted unanimously that MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene may be withdrawn. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T are hereby withdrawn.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of October, 2005.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Delaine Kolbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/5/05</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner