

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION DATE AND)	INTERVENTION
THE DATE TO FILE FURTHER SUSPENSION)	
REQUEST)	TC05-137

On August 4, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Petition for Extension of Suspension Date and the Date to File Further Suspension Request from Kennebec Telephone Company, Santel Communications Cooperative, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (and Vivian Telephone Company and Kadoka Telephone Company), Armour Independent Telephone Company (and Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company and Union Telephone Company), Swiftel Communications, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc., Faith Municipal Telephone Company, Midstate Communications, Inc., Western Telephone Company, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc., Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc., Venture Communications Cooperative, West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company, and Tri-County Telcom, Inc., requesting that the Commission extend the suspension of intramodal and intermodal Local Number Portability (LNP) for each Petitioner until six months after the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) completes its final regulatory flexibility analysis and publishes it in accordance with 5 U.S.C. Section 604(b). Petitioners further requested that, should they wish to continue the suspension beyond the six month period, the Commission extend the time for filing such a petition for suspension until three months after the FCC completes its final regulatory flexibility analysis and publishes it in accordance with 5 U.S.C. Section 604(b).

On August 11, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 26, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On August 15, 2005, the Commission received a Petition for Intervention from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). On August 18, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). On August 25, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from WWC License LLC (WWC).

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 31, 2005, 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, Midcontinent and WWC are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2005.

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>Delaine Kelbo</u>
Date:	<u>9/8/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*