

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN) EXTENSION TO FILE ITS CERTIFICATION) REGARDING ITS USE OF FEDERAL) UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT))))))	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION TO FILE FOR CERTIFICATION TC06-116
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On July 31, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a notice of intent to request certification and application for extension of the deadline for filing a request for certification of federal universal service support from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). Midcontinent requested an extension to August 8, 2006.

On August 3, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 7, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-31, and 47 U.S.C. § 254.

On August 8, 2006, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for an extension of the deadline for filing a request for certification of federal universal service support. Commission staff had no objection to granting the extension. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for an extension of the deadline for filing a request for certification of federal universal service support is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of August, 2006.

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> <i>Rebecca Koelb</i> </u>
Date: <u> <i>8/28/06</i> </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

 Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

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