

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR APPROVAL
OF ITS INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS
TARIFF AND FOR A PHASE-IN PERIOD**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC11-075

On June 22, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Midstate Telecom, Inc. (Midstate) for approval of its new intrastate switched access rates. Per ARSD 20:10:27:02.02, Midstate requested the Commission approve a higher rate than allowed under ARSD 20:10:27:02.01 and filed a cost study in support of the higher rate. Midstate also requested a phase-in period in which their current rate would be approved until November 30, 2011, after which the requested rate would go into effect. On June 2, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 17, 2011. On June 24, 2011, MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (MCI) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 28, 2011, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 30, 2011, Qwest Communications Company, LLC (Qwest) filed a Petition to Intervene and on July 7, 2011, AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition to Intervene.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 12, 2011, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of MCI, Midcontinent, Qwest, and AT&T demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant the interventions. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 2011.

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, electronically.

By: _____

Date: _____

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman