

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN )  
AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY )  
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**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**TC12-035**

On April 25, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) to allow Midcontinent to provide local exchange service within the rural exchange area of Lennox, S.D. In addition, Midcontinent requested a waiver of the application requirements in ARSD 20:10:32:03. On April 26, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 11, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. On May 11, 2012, Knology Community Telephone (Knology) and South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed Petitions to Intervene. On May 24, 2012, the Commission received an Amended Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority and an Application for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:15 from Midcontinent Communications. The amended application no longer requests the waiver or ARSD 20:10:32:03.

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 June 5, 2012, the Commission heard the arguments of the petitioners and Midcontinent. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of Knology and SDTA demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to Knology and SDTA. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of June, 2012.

<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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Deering</u>
Date: <u>June 11, 2012</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Feigen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner