

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT	)	CT08-001
FILED BY CHRIS WEBER/PICO'S	)	
GARAGE, INC., SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH	)	
DAKOTA, AGAINST REDUCED RATE LONG	)	<b>PETITION TO INTERVENE</b>
DISTANCE, LLC, REGARDING	)	<b>AS A COMPLAINANT</b>
UNAUTHORIZED LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	)	

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:02.03 Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission to intervene as a complainant in this docket, as follows:

1. Midcontinent is a certificated telecommunications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission, providing both local and long distance service.

2. Chris Weber of Pico's Garage, Inc., is a customer of Midcontinent's and filed a complaint against Reduced Rate Long Distance ("Reduced Rate") regarding unauthorized long distance charges billed to his business. Midcontinent has intervened as a complainant in Commission Staff's pending complaint against Reduced Rate. Midcontinent believes that in acting as it did in this docket, Reduced Rate has damaged Midcontinent's reputation and has violated numerous provisions of the law.

3. Midcontinent has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a certificated local exchange carrier and long distance carrier, Midcontinent has been damaged in its reputation and financially by the wrongful and illegal acts of Reduced Rate. The actions of Reduced Rate has had a direct financial impact upon Midcontinent, as well as damaging Midcontinent's business reputation in the state.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses and offer evidence on its own behalf, and further, to receive compensation for damages caused to it by the

actions of Reduced Rate, as well as to request other sanctions against Reduce Rate for its wrongful acts.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, he filed electronically or by first class mail postage prepaid thereon, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene as a Complainant in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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