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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) TC05-093  
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE )  
REQUIREMENT FOR ROBERTS COUNTY ) PETITION TO INTERVENE  
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION )

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, ("MCI") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. MCI is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association ("Roberts County") has or will file with the Commission its revised switched access separations study intended to provide a foundation for the computation of its intrastate switched access revenue requirement to be incorporated into the LECA access tariff.

3. MCI verily believes that the Commission's switched access cost model is flawed permitting costs to be overstated, both because of the inappropriate use of known and measurable changes, as well as mistakes in the underlying cost support for the computation. MCI has employed experts to study the Commission's cost model who will examine the cost figures underlying the proposed LECA tariff, including those for petitioner, and conclude that the resulting proposed switched access rates are overstated.

4. MCI recognizes this is a late filed petition for intervention. However, nothing of substance has occurred in this docket and in the LECA switched access rate docket, TC05-096. The questions presented by this intervention and MCI's proposed intervention in the LECA docket constitute a matter of great public interest and a denial of this petition would be detrimental to the public interest and likely to result in a miscarriage of justice. Overstated switched access rates by the Association as a whole would constitute an undue burden upon Petitioner and Petitioner's customers, thus affecting a substantial segment of telephone traffic in the state.

WHEREFORE MCI prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, conduct discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2005.

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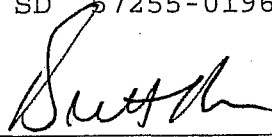
Brett Koenecke of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2005, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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