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RE: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
Our file: 0053

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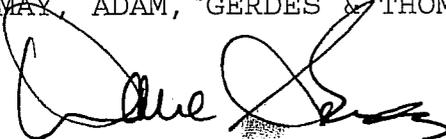
Dear Pam:

Enclosed are original and 10 copies of a Petition from Midcontinent Communications, which please file.

If you or any member of the Commission staff has questions, please contact me. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS)
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTRASTATE)
SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF AND FOR AN)
EXTENSION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM) PETITION
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-)
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)

COMES NOW Midcontinent Communications by its undersigned
counsel of record and petitions the Commission as follows:

1. Midcontinent Communications is a certificated
telecommunications company doing business within the State of South
Dakota. It is a partnership between Midcontinent Media, Inc., and
Comcast Corporation.

2. On December 2, 2002, this Commission entered an order
approving switched access rates and granting an extension from
developing company specific cost-based switched access rates in
Docket TC02-177. In that order the Commission provided that
Midcontinent file a petition within three years to continue the
exemption granted in that proceeding or file cost-based intrastate
switched access rates. By this petition and pursuant to ARSD
20:10:27:11, Midcontinent asks to be exempted from the requirements
of developing intrastate switched access rates based on company-
specific costs. Midcontinent represents that the additional costs
associated with developing company specific cost-based intrastate
switched access rates outweigh any benefit to consumer or customer.
Midcontinent proposes to mirror Qwest switched access rates.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a proposed tariff
reflecting Midcontinent's switched access service charges,
mirroring Qwest's switched access charges, for which Midcontinent
requests Commission approval.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission enter its
order (1) approving Midcontinent's request for approval of its

revised switched access rates to mirror Qwest's intrastate switched access tariff rate and (2) approving Midcontinent's request for an additional extension of its exemption from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2005.

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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges

17.1 Rates and Charges

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Rate

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access are set forth in Section 3. Preceding.

Per Access Minute

\$0.038420

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17.1.2 Interconnection Charge

Rate Per Access Minute

Interconnection

\$0.004681