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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION

Docket TC06-079
Our file:

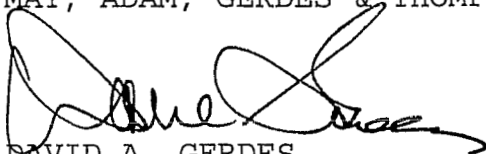
Dear Patty:

Enclosed are original and 10 copies of Midcontinent Communication's
Petition to Intervene in this docket. Please file the enclosures.

With a copy of this letter service by mailing is made upon the
service list.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) TC06-079
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)
FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS) MIDCONTINENT'S
ASSOCIATION) PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. Midcontinent is an interexchange carrier under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) has filed with the Commission revised switched access tariff pages.

3. The questions presented by this intervention and Midcontinent's 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 LECA 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.

4. Midcontinent is an intervenor in the 05 Switched Access docket.

5. Individuals to receive pleadings on behalf of Midcontinent in this proceeding are as follows:

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WHEREFORE Midcontinent 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 21st day of July, 2006.

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David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 21st day of July, 2006, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and

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