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RE: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS; SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS  
DOCKET TC07-007  
Our file: 0053

Dear Patty:

Attached for filing is the General Response of Midcontinent to Swiftel's Petition in the above-referenced docket. Please file the same. There are no attachments.

With a copy of this letter service by e-mail and regular mail are made upon the service list who are not PUC staff.

Yours truly,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION	)	DOCKET NO. TC07-007
OF BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	)	
D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS	)	
FOR SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION	)	<b>GENERAL RESPONSE OF</b>
OF DIALING PARITY, NUMBER	)	<b>MIDCONTINENT TO</b>
PORTABILITY AND RECIPROCAL	)	<b>SWIFTEL'S PETITION</b>
COMPENSATION OBLIGATIONS	)	

For its general response to the petition of Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications ("Swiftel"), Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") states and alleges as follows:

1. Midcontinent is a certificated telecommunications company operating as a competitive local exchange carrier and a long distance carrier under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Additionally, Midcontinent operates in certain rural exchanges as a competitive local exchange carrier.

2. By its petition, Swiftel has asked for an immediate temporary suspension of its responsibilities under 47 U.S.C. 251(b)(2), (3) and (5) in anticipation of relief from those responsibilities through this proceeding. Midcontinent opposes any such temporary suspension as being premature and inconsistent with the public interest.

3. As to local number portability, Swiftel has requested modification of the wireline local number portability requirement until four months after competitive entry by a CLEC to provide service in Swiftel's territory and modification of the LNP requirement to the extent that it would require Swiftel to pay for transport of ported numbers beyond its service territory. Midcontinent opposes any approved delay in provisioning of LNP by an incumbent local exchange carrier after competitive entry by a CLEC. Experience has shown that such delays simply provide a means for the incumbent carrier to hamper competitive entry into the marketplace contrary to the public interest. At this time

Midcontinent takes no position on Swiftel's request to modify LNP to the extent that it would require Swiftel to pay for transport of ported numbers beyond its service territory, but reserves its right to modify its position.

4. As to Swiftel's request for modification of local number dialing parity, Midcontinent objects to and opposes any action on the part of the Commission which would require the customer of a CLEC operating within Swiftel's territory to dial more than seven digits to connect with a Swiftel customer in the same territory, or vice versa. Such a result is contrary to the public interest and is totally inconsistent with the policies of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

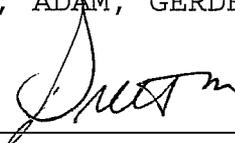
5. As to Swiftel's request to be relieved of its reciprocal compensation responsibilities under the Telecommunications Act, Midcontinent opposes the request as not being in the public interest and not justified by the relevant evidence.

6. Midcontinent reserves the right to modify its position on any issue presented by the petition as further evidence becomes available.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission deny those portions of the petition opposed by Midcontinent and to render a decision consistent with the public interest and the goal of competition in the marketplace articulated and implemented by the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

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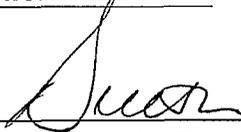
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