

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF MIDCONTINENT
COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN A
RURAL SERVICE AREA**

DOCKET No. TC 08-105

**STIPULATION FOR
SCHEDULING ORDER**

COME NOW Midcontinent Communications (“Midco”) and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (“Alliance”), by and through their undersigned counsel, and jointly submit this Stipulation for Scheduling Order to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”).

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

1. On or before February 9, 2009, the first round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before March 2, 2009.
2. On or before March 16, 2009, the second round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before March 30, 2009.

Discovery requests and responses shall not be filed with the Commission unless necessary in connection with a motion to compel or if introduced as a hearing exhibit.

3. On or before April 20, 2009, all parties shall serve and file direct testimony, including exhibits.
4. On or before May 4, 2009, all parties shall serve and file rebuttal testimony, including exhibits.
5. No witness shall be allowed to testify at the hearing unless that witness has prefiled testimony pursuant to this procedural schedule with the exception of witnesses offering live testimony regarding issues first raised in rebuttal testimony. Such testimony shall not be duplicative of prefiled testimony. In the event that a party determines that it will present testimony in response to rebuttal testimony from one or more witnesses that have not prefiled testimony, the names and personal resumes of such witnesses, and a general description of the

facts and testimony to be offered by such witnesses shall be provided to the other party and the Commission not later than May 11, 2009;

8. Exhibits offered through a Party's witness shall be attached to prefiled testimony. Any exhibit that may be used on cross-examination shall be disclosed to the other party or on before May 11, 2009, with a copy provided upon request.

Documents served or filed are served on the date they are received. All documents shall be served by e-mail, in .pdf format or, in the case of work sheets, spread sheets or cost calculations, unprotected in the document's original electronic format. Service by e-mail is effective when received.

9. The hearing shall be held in approximately May 2009 or as soon thereafter as the Commission shall be able to hear this matter, in the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will begin at _____ a.m. CDT on _____. Parties shall arrive prior to the commencement of the hearing to mark exhibits.

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

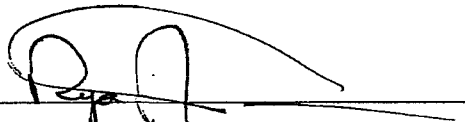


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