

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION	)	TC10-014
OF PRICING REGULATION FOR	)	
SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES	)	<b>PETITION FOR</b>
PROVIDED BY COMPETITIVE LOCAL	)	<b>INTERVENTION</b>
EXCHANGE CARRIERS	)	

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

1. Midcontinent is a certificated telecommunications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission doing business in the state of South Dakota.

2. The Commission entered its Order of January 27, 2010, opening this docket to investigate whether price regulation is appropriate for switched access services provided by competitive local exchange carriers. As a competitive local exchange carrier doing business in Qwest exchanges in the state, as well as certain rural exchanges, Midcontinent has a financial interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

3. As a competitive local exchange carrier doing business in the state, competing with other competitive local exchange carriers and incumbent carriers, Midcontinent has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding whereby Midcontinent will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Petitioner, as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding as a party.

Dated this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2010.

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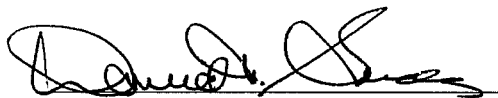
#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2010, he filed electronically and e-mailed 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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