BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE LENNOX RURAL SERVICE AREA

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:32:02, 20:10:32:03, 20:10:32:15 and 20:10:32:18, Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") files this Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority to allow Midcontinent to provide local exchange services within the rural exchange area of Lennox, SD service area. For its Application, Midcontinent states:

- 1. The certificate of authority held by Midcontinent Communications was received on September 19, 2000, in Docket TC00-085. On application, the certificate was transferred from Midco Communications, Inc. and Sioux Falls Cable Television to Midcontinent Communications. Midco Communications, Inc. received its certificate of authority to offer local exchange service on December 16, 1996, in Docket TC96-163. Sioux Falls Cable Television received its certificate of authority to offer telecommunications services, including local exchange services, on April 1, 1999, in Docket TC98-148.
- 2. Midcontinent currently provides local exchange service in a number of service areas throughout South Dakota. Midcontinent is proposing to expand its local service area to include local exchange service in Lennox, SD.
- 3. In light of the fact that Midcontinent holds a current Certificate of Authority and continues to provide local exchange service in a number of service areas across the state,

 Midcontinent respectfully requests a waiver of the various application requirements of ARSD

 20:10:32:03, except to the extent Midcontinent is providing updated information below.

- 6. The company information for Midcontinent is as follows: Midcontinent Communications is a general partnership and its principal offices are located at 3901 North Louise Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57107. The general number for Midcontinent is (800) 888-1300. Midcontinent's fax number is (605) 330-4083. The web page URL is http://www.midcocomm.com/. The general email address for Midcontinent is mccomm@midco.net.
- 7. Midcontinent's designated contact person is Mary Lohnes, Regulatory Affairs Manager. Ms. Lohnes can be reached at (605) 357-5459.
- 8. Midcontinent currently has an interconnection agreement with Knology Community Telephone and that same agreement will apply in the Lennox service territory.
 - 9. A service map for the City of Lennox, SD is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 10. An updated list of biographies of Midcontinent's management team is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 11. Pursuant to the requirements of ARSD § 20:10:32:46, a copy of this petition is being provided to Knology Community Telephone.

WHEREFORE, Midcontinent respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application for Amended COA.

Dated this 25H day of April, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, one of the attorneys for Midcontinent Communications, hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for Amended Certificate of Authority was served by United States mail, first class postage thereon paid, upon the following:

Knology Community Telephone Mr. Bruce Schoonover Director, Regulatory 1241 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, GA 31833

Dated this 2514 day of April, 2012