

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

TC 12-035

MIDCONTINENT'S APPLICATION FOR
WAIVER OF ARSD 20:10:32:15

Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") by and through its undersigned counsel, in conjunction with its Amended Application for Amended Certificate of Authority filed simultaneously herewith, hereby seeks a waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:15. For its Application for Waiver, Midcontinent states:

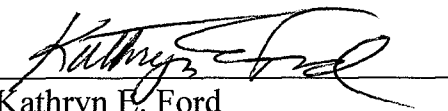
1. Midcontinent seeks a waiver of the eligible telecommunications carrier service requirements pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:18.
2. ARSD 20:10:32:15 requires Midcontinent, by seeking authority to provide local exchange service in the service area of a rural telephone company, to satisfy the service requirements imposed on eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) and applicable federal regulations. That section further permits application for a waiver under ARSD 20:10:32:18.
3. Midcontinent is able to satisfy the local exchange service obligations provided in ARSD 20:10:32:10, as well as those provided in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1). However, Midcontinent does not intend to apply for certification as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Lennox, SD. Midcontinent intends to offer and provide service within the Lennox exchange as depicted on the map accompanying its Amended Application. To the extent that the area depicted on the map is less than the entire Knology study area and service of less than the entire study area of Knology requires a waiver, Midcontinent requests such a waiver.

4. Because Midcontinent can meet the service requirements as set forth in paragraph 3 above, granting a waiver to Midcontinent will not adversely impact universal service or quality of service and is, therefore, in the public interest.

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

Dated this 24th day of May, 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 Waiver was served by e-mail upon the following:

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