

**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) Docket No. TC12-035
RURAL SERVICE AREA)**

Petition to Withdraw Intervention

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association ("SDTA"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests permission from the Commission to withdraw its intervention in the above captioned proceeding.

IN SUPPORT THEREOF, Petitioner states and declares as follows:

1. On April 25, 2012, and May 24, 2012, respectively, Midcontinent Communications filed an Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority and an Amended Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority seeking to provide competitive local exchange services in the Lennox local exchange area served by Knology Community Telephone ((KCT), the incumbent local exchange carrier and carrier of last resort serving such area).
2. On May 11, 2012, SDTA filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding, which Petition to Intervene was granted by Order of this Commission dated June 11, 2012.
3. On August 13, 2012, KCT filed a request in this proceeding asking that its previously granted intervention be withdrawn. KCT has indicated that it "does not intend to participate in any further proceeding or hearings which may be held in this matter."

4. Given the request to withdraw filed by KCT and its indication, thereby, that it no longer has any objection to the application for certification filed by Midcontinent Communications in this matter, SDTA now also seeks to withdraw its intervention and end its involvement as a formal party to this action.

WHEREFORE, SDTA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request to withdraw as an intervening party from this Docket.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

SDTA

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Richard D. Coit

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that an original of the Petition to Withdraw Intervention, dated August 14, 2012, filed in PUC Docket TC12-035 was served upon the PUC electronically, directed to the attention of:

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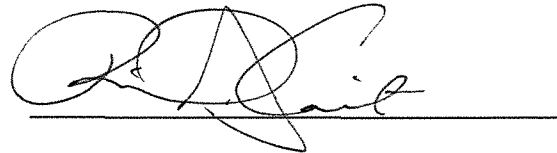
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