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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Telecom for Approval of its Cost Based

Switched Access Rates and for a Phase-In

Docket TC12-133

Ms. Van Gerpen:

Midstate Telecom has recently notified Staff that it is Midstate's position that the revised switched access tariff filed on November 15, 2012, will become effective on December 15, 2012. As such, Staff respectfully requests the Commission suspend the operation of the tariff and the use of the rate or practice. Staff requests suspension pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.4(2) for an initial one hundred twenty days.

Sincerely, Karen E. Cremer Karen E. Cremer Staff Attorney

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