

**BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
FOR APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF	)	OF
AUTHORITY OF VALLEY	)	MIDCONTINENT
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND FOR	)	COMMUNICATIONS
WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS	)	
OF ARSD 20:10:32:03	)	

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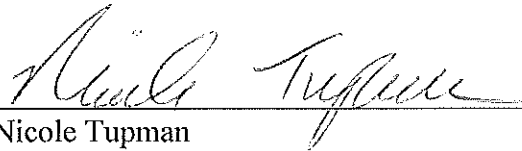
Midcontinent Communications (Midco) hereby petitions to intervene as a party in the above-captioned matter pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:32:04. In support of this Petition, Midco states as follows:

1. In its Application, Valley Communications, Inc., d/b/a Valley FiberCom (Valley) seeks a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange service in the Volga, Arlington, Lake Preston, and DeSmet exchange areas now served by CenturyLink.
2. Midco is a telecommunications company that holds a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange service in the geographic areas where Valley seeks to provide local exchange service.
3. Midco, by this Petition, requests intervener status in this proceeding.
4. ARSD 20:10:32:04 states that the Commission “shall, upon request, grant each of the already certified telecommunications companies intervener status in any commission proceeding held on the application.”
5. In addition, because the Application seeks certification for local exchange services within Midco’s service territory, Midco has an interest in and may be impacted by this proceeding.

6. Based on the foregoing, Midco is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

7. WHEREFORE, Midco requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Petition to Intervene was sent by electronic notice or by mail to the following:

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And to the most recent list of Competitive Local Exchange Providers as maintained on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.



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