



January 18, 2022

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Attn: Adam de Hueck

Re: Midcontinent Communications
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company
Request for Interconnection under Section 251(a) of the
Communications Act of 1934
TC21-124

Hello:

Midcontinent Communications (“Midco”) would propose the following for a Scheduling Order in this Docket:

Revised Proposed Schedule (assuming discovery for bifurcated issue)

Parties Serve Discovery Requests on Bifurcated legal issue	January 17, 2022
Discovery Responses	January 27
All Parties Initial Briefs on Bifurcated legal issues	February 17
All Parties Responsive Briefs on Bifurcated legal issues	March 3
Commission Hearing on Bifurcated legal issues	March 15
Following the Commission’s Decision on the Bifurcated Legal Issues, if further proceedings are warranted, the parties and Staff will work cooperatively to establish a schedule to resolve outstanding issues. If an agreement on scheduling cannot be reach within 10 days of the Commission decision, the following schedule will apply.	

Pre-hearing conference (via video conference)	March 25
Discovery requests for arbitration due	March 28
James Valley to provide list of disputed agreement provisions	March 28
Midco response to James Valley list of disputed agreement provisions due	April 5
Discovery responses due	April 19
Submission of prefiled testimony and proposed terms for interconnection agreement	May 3
Hearing	May 17 (continuing to May 18 if necessary) or such other dates as the commission is available)
Initial post-hearing briefs	May 31 (or no more than 14 days after the completion of the hearing if it is scheduled on dates other than May 17 and 18).
Reply briefs and final proposed terms for interconnection agreement	June 7 (or no more than 21 days after the completion of the hearing if it is scheduled on dates other than May 17 and 18)
Commission decision on arbitration issues	Mid-June meeting
Submission of arbitrated agreement for approval	30 days after Commission decision. (Approximately July 15.)
Submission of comments on arbitrated agreement	7 days after submission of arbitrated agreement for approval. (Approximately July 22.)
Submission of reply comments on arbitrated agreement	14 days after submission of arbitrated agreement for approval. (Approximately July 29.)
Commission decision approving arbitrated agreement	Next meeting of Commission after reply comments are filed (or following meeting if reply comments are submitted less than five days before a Commission meeting). (Approximately August 15.)

Respectfully submitted,

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