

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF A TRANSIT RECORD)
EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TO CO-CARRIERS)
(WSP - TRANSIT QWEST - CLEC) BETWEEN)
QWEST CORPORATION AND MIDCONTINENT)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT**

TC03-030

On January 13, 2003, the Commission received for approval a filing of a Transit Record Exchange Agreement to Co-Carriers (WSP - Transit Qwest - CLEC) between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Midcontinent Communications, Inc. (Midcontinent).

On January 16, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 3, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed March 18, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and Midcontinent. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of March, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Helaine Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>3/26/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner