

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR)
APPROVAL TO EXPAND ITS CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)
SERVICE IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF)
INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COOPERATIVE, INC.)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC03-068

On April 17, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Midcontinent Communications for approval to expand its certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the service territory of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

On April 24, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 2, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Interstate) filed to intervene on April 29, 2003.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 6, 2003, the Commission found that the letter to intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the intervention of Interstate is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of May, 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 Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>5/19/03</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