

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT)
AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS AND)
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON)
WIRELESS, COMMNET CELLULAR LICENSE)
HOLDING LLC, MISSOURI VALLEY)
CELLULAR INC., SANBORN CELLULAR INC.)
AND EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CELLULAR)
INC.)

ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT

TC03-166

On August 20, 2003, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a reciprocal transport and termination agreement between Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, CommNet Cellular License Holding LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular Inc., Sanborn Cellular Inc. and Eastern South Dakota Cellular Inc. (Company) and Midcontinent.

On August 21, 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 September 9, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed September 16, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Midcontinent and Company. Commission Staff recommended 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 23rd day of September, 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:

Date:

Melaine Kolbo

9/25/03

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner