

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION)	FOR AND NOTICE OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDCONTINENT)	HEARING
COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERSTATE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.)	TC03-192

On May 4, 2004, the Commission issued an Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing and of Intent to Take Judicial Notice (Order) in this matter. The procedural history of this docket and statement of jurisdiction is set forth in the Order. The Order provided *inter alia*:

To the extent that the issues and the witnesses and documentary evidence are materially identical in more than one LNP suspension docket, the parties are encouraged to present such common evidence in a consolidated manner that will minimize repetition and opposing parties are encouraged to reasonably stipulate to such consolidated presentation of evidence. The hearing will commence on June 21, with consideration of MidContinent Communications' Motion to Compel, Docket No. TC03-192. Following the hearing on this related docket, the remaining dockets will be heard in docket number order except to the extent that the parties otherwise agree or the Commission shall otherwise order, either prior to or during the hearing. Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc., Docket No. TC04-038, will be heard on July 1, 2004.

On June 1, 2004 at 1:30 p.m., a pre-hearing scheduling conference was held by teleconference to consider further refinements to the hearing schedule following the filing of pre-filed testimony. The conference was attended by attorneys representing all parties, including commission staff. The purpose of this Order is to expand on and clarify the Order to more specifically schedule the order for consideration of case-specific evidence in the various LNP suspension dockets in order to accommodate, insofar as possible, the schedules of attorneys and witnesses, many of whom will present evidence pertaining to multiple dockets, and to conclude the hearings in time to permit the Commission to render decisions within the time period prescribed by 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2) and ARSD 20:10:32:39 while yet affording a reasonable period for post-hearing briefs.

The parties having conferred through their counsel and having agreed upon a schedule to most efficiently manage the numerous LNP suspension hearings within the limited time available by law for decision, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearings in the LNP suspension petition dockets and Docket No. TC03-192 will be conducted in the following order except as the Commission shall otherwise order either prior to or during the hearings (all dates 2004):

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| June 21, 10:00 a.m. | TC03-192, Midcontinent's Motion to Compel, including any evidence common to this docket and TC04-054 |
| June 21 following TC03-192 | TC04-054, ITC |
| June 22, 10:30 a.m. | TC04-047, Brookings Municipal Utilities |

June 23, 8:30 a.m.	TC04-062, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company; TC04-060, Venture Communications Cooperative; TC04-061, West River Cooperative Telephone Company; TC04-077, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company
June 23, p.m.	Testimony of Steven E. Watkins pertaining to all LNP suspension dockets
June 24, 8:30 a.m.	TC04-050, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.; TC04-051, Faith Municipal Telephone Company; TC04-045, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.; TC04-044, Sioux Valley Telephone Company; TC04-046, Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company and Union Telephone Company
June 25, 8:30 a.m.	TC04-055, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc.; TC04-084, Tri-County Telecom, Inc.; TC04-049, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company
June 29, 8:30 a.m.	TC04-025, Kennebec Telephone Company; TC04-052, Midstate Communications, Inc.; TC04-048, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company; TC04-053, Western Telephone Company
June 30, 8:30 a.m.	TC04-085, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority; TC04-056, RC Communications, Inc. and Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association
July 1, 8:30 a.m.	TC04--038, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc.

Although the Commission will attempt to keep the proceedings within the above schedule, scheduling adjustments may be necessary in the event that proceedings are unable to be completed on the scheduled date or for other good cause. The Commission has scheduled Monday, June 28 as an open hearing date in the event that additional time is needed.

In order to accommodate the testimony common to several dockets and to avoid needless repetition of evidence, the transcript and hearing record for all of the LNP suspension dockets will be recorded as a single transcript and hearing record. A separate transcript and hearing record will be recorded for TC03-192.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the schedule for the hearing in the LNP suspension dockets and in Docket No. TC03-192 shall be as set forth above; and it is further

ORDERED, that the transcript and hearing record for the LNP suspension dockets and Docket No. TC03-192 shall be recorded as set forth above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of June, 2004.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner