

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER GRANTING MOTION
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR) TO AMEND PETITION
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER WITHIN) TC04-003
QWEST SERVICE AREAS)

On January 8, 2004, Midcontinent Communications filed a petition to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of qualifying to obtain federal universal service support in the Qwest Corporation service areas, except Arlington, Chamberlain, Colman, DeSmet, Elk Point, Flandreau, Hill City, Lake Preston, Morristown, Vermillion, Volga-Bruce, Whitewood, and Yankton.

On January 15, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 30, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 24, 2004, Midcontinent filed a Motion to Amend Petition to add the towns of North Sioux City and North Valentine to its petition of service areas not included for ETC.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 6, 2004, the Commission considered the Motion to Amend Petition. The Commission voted to grant the Motion to Amend Petition. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Amend Petition shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of April, 2004.

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><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u><i>4/20/04</i></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