

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY THE) LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION) AND ITS MEMBERS FOR A WAIVER OF ARSD) 20:10:27:14)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC05-073
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On May 31, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) and its members for a waiver from ARSD 20:10:27:14 which requires companies filing access cost studies to use a historic test year. More specifically, LECA and its members are requesting they be allowed to file using projected minutes of use instead of historic minutes of use.

On June 2, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 17, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On June 21, 2005, the Commission received a Motion to Accept AT&T's Late-Filed Petition for Intervention of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and a Petition for Intervention of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On June 27, 2005, the Commission received a late filed Petition for Intervention from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 28, 2005, the Commission granted intervention to AT&T.

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 July 12, 2005, LECA stated that it did not object to Midcontinent's Petition. The Commission found that the late filed Petition for Intervention demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the late filed Petition for Intervention of Midcontinent is hereby granted.

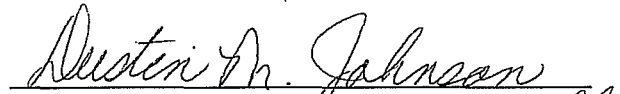
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of July, 2005.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


GARY HANSON, Chairman


ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*