

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ) ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR ) TO AMEND PETITION  
APPROVAL OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES ) TC07-117**

On October 31, 2007, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition (Petition) requesting (i) a waiver, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:02, from the requirement of ARSD 20:10:27:07 to file a company-specific cost study in support of its switched access rates, (ii) approval of switched access rates that mirror rates of similarly situated CLECs and (iii) approval of the switched access tariff sheets submitted with the petition incorporating the rates approved by the Commission.

On November 1, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 16, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On July 14, 2008, the Commission received an Order to Amend Petition from Midcontinent. By order dated July 16, 2008, a hearing in this matter was scheduled for August 5, 2008, with marking of exhibits to begin at 8:30 a.m. and the hearing to begin at 9:00 a.m., in the Visitors Center, 650 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 29, 2008, the Commission considered the Motion to Amend Petition. Commission Staff recommended granting approval. The Commission unanimously voted to grant the Motion to Amend Petition. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the Motion to Amend Petition is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of August, 2008.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, electronically.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/7/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Steve Kolbeck*  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner