

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WIDVOICE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES AND LOCAL EXCHANGE)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC09-083

On August 11, 2009, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from WideVoice Communications, Inc. (WideVoice) for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services in South Dakota.

On August 13, 2009, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 28, 2009, to interested individuals and entities. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on August 27, 2009. Midstate Communications, Inc. and Midstate Telecom, Inc. (Midstate) filed to intervene on August 28, 2009.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 8, 2009, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to SDTA and Midstate.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and Midstate are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of September, 2009.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Alaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>9/16/09</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner