

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER DISMISSING AND
SSTELECOM, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF)	CLOSING THE DOCKET
AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING)	
COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED)	TC09-014
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)	
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On April 3, 2009, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from SSTELECOM, Inc. (SSTELECOM) for approval of an extension of its current exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates and further requests that the Commission approve the rate set forth in its current Switched Access Tariff No. 1 for the duration of the extension period. On April 9, 2009, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 24, 2009, to interested individuals and entities. On April 29, 2009, the Commission received a Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rate from SSTELECOM. At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 5, 2009, the Commission granted Intervention to Midcontinent and voted unanimously to approve the Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rate, with the current rate remaining in effect. The Commission further found that the Access Rate Settlement Stipulation that froze SSTELECOM's rate at its current level expressly provided that following the expiration of the rate freeze, SSTELECOM could request another extension. On November 9, 2010, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed to a formal rule making with regards to switched access rules for competitive local exchange carriers. The rules in RM05-002 were effective May 30, 2011.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 26, 2011, Commission Staff stated that SSTELECOM, Inc. had agreed to the dismissal and closing of this docket due to its filing of TC11-073. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the docket shall be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 2011.

<p>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, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Spencer A. Dahl</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>7.29.11</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HAMSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman