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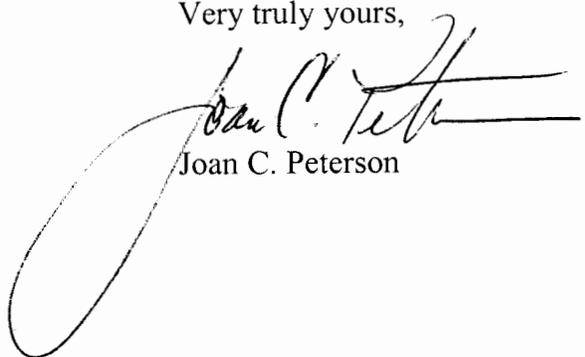
Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for a
Different Local Calling Area
Docket No. TC06-035**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Leave to Intervene regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,


Joan C. Peterson

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of December, 2006, the original and 10 copies of the foregoing **QWEST'S MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE** was served upon the following parties electronically and via U.S. mail, at the address listed below:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Docket No. TC06-035
MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR A
DIFFERENT LOCAL CALLING AREA**

QWEST'S MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:01:02.04, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") moves the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to dismiss on Qwest's own motion Qwest's Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-referenced docket.

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

On April 11, 2006, the Commission received a petition by Midstate Telecom, Inc. ("Midstate") to provide a different local calling area than that which is provided by the incumbent local exchange carrier, Qwest.

On May 26, 2006, Qwest filed its Petition to Intervene stating that Qwest has an interest in this docket because Midstate's "petition affects Qwest's services, facilities, network, rates and other aspects of Qwest's provisioning of service."

Since submitting the above-referenced Petition, Qwest served data requests on Midstate, and, on November 9, 2006, received Midstate's responses which addressed Qwest's concerns. More specifically, Midstate's responses stated that the current historical EAS boundaries (and definitions of local vs. toll) and inter-company compensation between it and Qwest will not change as a result of Midstate's proposed expanded service area.

Based on this response by Midstate, Qwest believes that the issues in its Petition have been

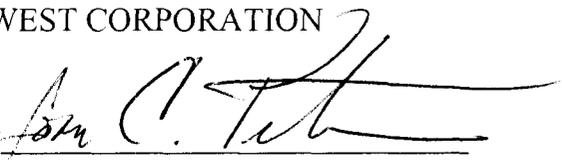
resolved. Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission allow Qwest to withdraw its Petition to Intervene.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein, Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission allow Qwest to withdraw its Petition for Leave to Intervene in its entirety and dismiss Qwest as a party in this proceeding.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2006.

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