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Patricia Van Gerpen
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier Designation Within the Qwest Exchange of
Chamberlain
Case No. TC06-017**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of Qwest Corporation's Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan C. Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Joan C. Peterson

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of May, 2006, the original and 10 copies of the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE** was served upon the following party:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) TC06-017
OF MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER DESIGNATION WITHIN THE)
QWEST EXCHANGE OF CHAMBERLAIN)**

QWEST'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

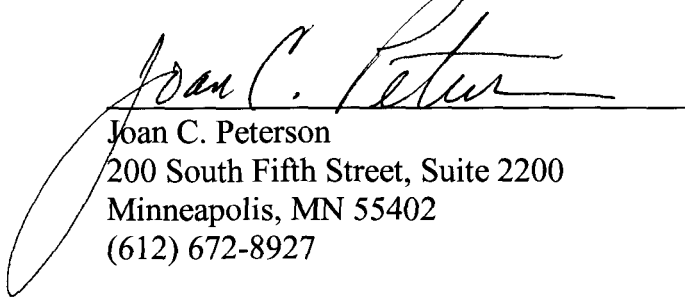
Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), through counsel, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15:02, requests this Commission that it be permitted to intervene and be granted status as a party in this matter. As grounds, Qwest states as follows:

1. On February 27, 2006, the Commission received a petition by Midstate Telecom, Inc. ("Midstate") requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Qwest's Chamberlain, South Dakota exchange.
2. Qwest is one of the telecommunications providers that is the subject of the petition, and is the incumbent local exchange carrier for the local calling area which Midstate seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. This petition affects Qwest's services, facilities, network, rates and other aspects of Qwest's provisioning of service. Any rulings made by the Commission in this proceeding will substantially and directly impact Qwest. Qwest therefore has an interest in this docket pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15:02.

WHEREFORE, Qwest requests that this Commission enter an order granting Qwest leave to intervene and to participate in this matter as a party.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2006.

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