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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**

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

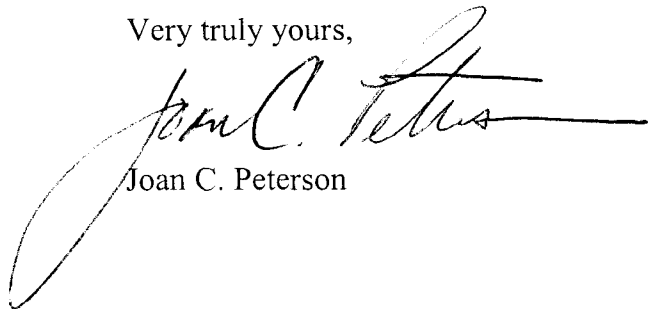
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest's Petition for Leave to Intervene for Midstate Telecom's Petition for a Different Local Calling Area, Case No. TC06-035.

On May 19, 2006, Qwest inadvertently filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene in Midstate Telecom's Application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, Case No. TC06-017. Qwest had intended to file an intervention in Midstate Telecom's Petition for a Different Local Calling Area, Case No. TC06-035.

Qwest respectfully requests the Commission remove the Petition filed in error in Case No. TC06-017 and accept the attached Petition to Intervene in Case No. TC06-035. Qwest apologizes for any inconvenience its error may have caused.

Very truly yours,


Joan C. Peterson

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th 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 PETITION OF) TC06-035
MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR A)
DIFFERENT LOCAL CALLING AREA)**

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 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.

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 to change. 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 26th day of May, 2006.

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