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Patty Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC.,
FOR A DIFFERENT LOCAL CALLING AREA

Dear Patty:

Enclosed herein are original and ten (10) copies of the Petition for filing in the above reference docket.

Sincerely yours,



Darla Pollman Rogers
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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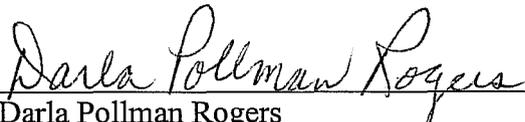
COMES NOW Midstate Telecom, Inc. (MTI), by and through its attorney, Darla Pollman Rogers, of Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Brown, LLP, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, and pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:11, petitions this Commission to approve its offering a different local calling area than that offered by Qwest, the incumbent local exchange carrier, in the areas of Chamberlain and Oacoma. This Petition is based on the following:

1. MTI was granted a Certificate of Authority to provide telephone services in Qwest service areas on April 24, 2001.
2. MTI offers competitive local exchange services in Chamberlain and Oacoma, where Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier.
3. MTI's local calling area differs from Qwest's local calling area in the following ways:
 - (a) Qwest local calling area includes Chamberlain, Oacoma, Reliance, Ft. Thompson, Kimball, Pukwana and Academy.
 - (b) MTI's local calling area includes all of Qwest's local calling area, plus local calling to Platte, White Lake, Delmont, New Holland, Gann Valley, and Stickney.

5. MTI's local calling area is not contrary to universal service, public safety and welfare, quality of service, or consumer rights to the communities of Chamberlain and Oacoma, as customers have a choice of services from Qwest and MTI. MTI provides these customers an alternative to the local calling area presently offered by Qwest.

WHEREFORE, MTI respectfully requests that this Commission enter an Order authorizing MTI to provide a local exchange service area different than Qwest's, the incumbent local exchange carrier, in the exchanges of Chamberlain and Oacoma, consistent with the provisions of ARSD 20:10:32:11.

DATED this eleventh day of April, 2006.



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