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RE: **PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF LOCAL
LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY**
Docket No. TC08-009
Our file: 0053

Dear Patty:

Enclosed for filing is a Petition to Intervene in this docket.
Please file the enclosure.

With a copy of this letter, service by electronic means is made
upon the service list. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) TC08-009
WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY)
FOR SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF)
47 U.S.C. SECTION 251(b)(2) OF THE)
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 AS AMENDED.)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission to intervene, as follows:

1. Midcontinent is a certificated telecommunications carrier under the jurisdiction of the Commission, providing competitive local exchange service and long distance service throughout the state in both rural and non-rural local exchanges.

2. The petition requests suspension of Petitioner's obligation under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide local number portability as provided in Section 251(b)(2) to competitive carriers in its service area. As a local exchange carrier in both US West and rural exchanges in the state, Midcontinent has a business interest in preserving and maintaining local number portability. A review of this petition, together with other comparable petitions filed by incumbent local exchange carriers, causes Midcontinent to believe that the relief requested in the petitions if fashioned too broadly would adversely affect the manner in which Midcontinent does business in this state.

3. Midcontinent has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a local exchange carrier any action by the Commission dealing with local number portability, if too broadly fashioned, will potentially have a direct financial impact upon Midcontinent and its ability to do business in this state.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission permits its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 29th day of February, 2008, he filed electronically a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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