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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Ave.  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket TC08-105, Application of Midcontinent Communications to Provide Local Exchange Services in a Rural Service Area

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This letter is in reply to the filing of Midcontinent Communications (Midco) dated September 22<sup>nd</sup> which opposes SDTA's Petition to Intervene filed in the above referenced Docket.

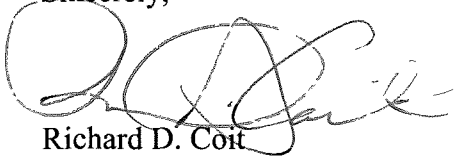
Since the filing of Midco's opposition, SDTA has had correspondence with Midco's counsel and, while not agreeing with Midco's claim that SDTA does not meet the threshold requirements for obtaining party status in this matter, SDTA is willing to accept the following conditions/restrictions on its participation:

- SDTA will not participate in or be compelled to produce discovery but will receive copies of all discovery except confidential material. Confidential material will be provided only in special circumstances to be decided by the parties on an ad hoc basis.
- SDTA will follow Alliance counsel in argument and examination of witnesses.
- SDTA will not have its own witness or witnesses at the hearing.
- SDTA will not cross examine Alliance witnesses, and cross examination of Midco witnesses will not be duplicative of matters already addressed by Alliance counsel.
- SDTA may attend and participate in all hearings and motions on procedural and substantive matters, with witness examination, argument and briefing restricted to issues that affect the interests of the SDTA membership as a whole.
- The acceptance of these restrictions by SDTA may not be interpreted as any concession by SDTA concerning the challenge by Midco of SDTA's interest in these proceedings or legal basis to request intervention in the proceeding.

It is SDTA's understanding that Midco counsel is agreeable to the above conditions/restrictions and based on such agreement will withdraw its opposition to SDTA's Petition to Intervene.

Thank you for your assistance in filing and distributing copies of this letter

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Coit", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Richard D. Coit  
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