

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION)	TC10-014
OF PRICING REGULATION FOR)	
SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES)	
PROVIDED BY COMPETITIVE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE CARRIERS)	

**MIDCONTINENT'S JOINDER IN VERIZON'S
RESPONSE AND PARTIAL OPPOSITION TO QWEST'S
MOTION TO ADOPT PRICE REGULATION AND SUSPEND
DEADLINE FOR REPLY TESTIMONY**

Midcontinent Communications joins with Verizon in voicing its response and partial opposition to Qwest's motion dated April 12, 2010, to adopt price regulation, suspend the Commission's already established deadline for reply testimony and to define further proceedings. There is no reason to grant the motion, as pointed out by Verizon, because the Commission and the parties have already undertaken precisely what Qwest advocates should occur. Qwest's witness, William Easton, in his testimony, has already proposed a "method of price regulation." Other witnesses have also addressed the subject. There is no need to suspend the current procedural schedule.

If one or more of the parties needs more time to provide further testimony, that is another consideration. However, there is simply no reason to suspend the current procedural schedule for the parties to advocate positions which have already been at least partially developed. The relevant statutes contemplate one proceeding evaluating pricing regulation and adopting methods of pricing regulation.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent Communications prays that the Commission deny Qwest's motion and proceed with the docket as constructed.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of April, 2010.

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