

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

**In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate
Telecom for Approval of its Cost Based
Switched Access Rates and for a Phase-In**

Docket No. TC11-075

**PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC**

Qwest Communications Company, LLC ("Qwest") hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding filed by Midstate Telecom ("Midstate") pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1 and ARSD §§ 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.03 and 20:10:01:15.05.

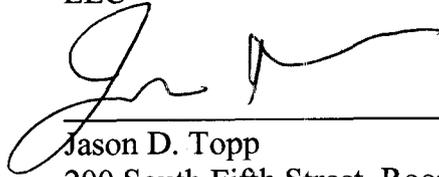
In support thereof, Qwest states as follows:

1. Qwest is a long distance telecom carrier and is authorized to do business in the state of South Dakota.
2. Qwest has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a long distance carrier providing services in South Dakota, Qwest and its customers are subject to the payment of the switched access charges in order to do business in the state of South Dakota.
3. ARSD § 20:10:27:02 requires that a waiver can only be granted based on a showing of good cause. The Application for Waiver of Switched Access Cost Study provided by Midstate fails to establish good cause for a waiver.
4. We have a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Qwest requests the Commission allow Qwest to intervene in the Application for Waiver of Switched Access Cost Study so it may contest the granting of any waiver due to the failure to show good cause, examine any cost study and advocate for appropriate rates for both Qwest and South Dakota consumers.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2011.

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