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Patricia Van Gerpen

SD PUC Executive Director

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Re: TC12-016

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Midcontinent Communications filed a joint Complaint and a Request for a Declaratory Ruling on January 12, 2012. Both were amended and refiled on February 8, 2012. ARSD 20:10:01:35 requires the Commission take action on the request for a Declaratory Ruling within 60 days.

Staff first asks the Commission to confirm the required time period for action in this matter began February 8, 2012, the current filing date. In addition Staff asks the Commission to extend the declaratory ruling deadline by 60 days, thereby doubling the allotted time. Such an extension will require a Commission decision by June 7, 2012. Staff has communicated with the Petitioner and understands it does not object to this request.

Sincerely,

Kara Semmler

Staff Attorney