

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF)
THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDCONTINENT)
COMMUNICATIONS AND NORTHERN VALLEY)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)
)
)

ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT

TC24-010

On April 11, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for Approval of the First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Midcontinent Communications and Northern Valley Communications, LLC.

On April 18, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Amendment to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that initial comments were due May 1, 2024. No comments were filed.

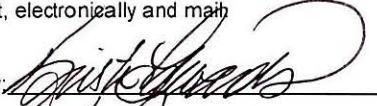
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 2, 2024, the Commission considered whether to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Northern Valley Communications, LLC. Commission Staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the Amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Amendment. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Northern Valley Communications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of July 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically and mail.
By: <u></u>
Date: <u>8 July 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson


GARY HANSON, Commissioner


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner