

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

IN THE MATTER OF MIDCONTINENT)	ORDER APPROVING WAIVER
COMMUNICATIONS WAIVER REQUEST FOR)	OF UTILIZATION THRESHOLD
NUMBER BLOCK RELEASE)	REQUIREMENTS
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On December 30, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Midcontinent Communications dba Midco (Midco) for a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in FCC's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No. 99-200, which would allow PA/Somos, the Number Pooling Administrator, to assign a new Code of 5,000 contiguous numbers to Midco to fulfill a customer request in the Rapid City Rate Center.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allows state commissions to grant a waiver of the rules if a carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources. The waiver process is referred to as the "safety valve" process.¹

On December 31, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 16, 2026, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 13, 2026, this matter came before the Commission for consideration and action. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the waiver of the utilization threshold requirement in the Rapid City, South Dakota, rate center, with the conditions that the numbers and assigned blocks be used in sequential order and that Midco provide a report in three years outlining the status of the assigned blocks and numbers.

ORDERED, that the waiver of utilization threshold requirement in the Rapid City, South Dakota rate center, on the condition that the numbers and assigned blocks be used in sequential order and that Midco will provide a report in three years outlining the status of the assigned blocks and numbers is granted.

¹ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, paras. 57-66 (rel. Dec. 28, 2001).

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of January 2026.

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 or by mail.

By: Kristie Edwards

Date: 15 Jan 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner