

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF SANCOM, INC. D/B/A MITCHELL  
TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE  
SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY OF  
QWEST CORPORATION

TC04-090

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Transcript of Proceedings  
July 20, 2004

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,  
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- Tom Kleve
- Joe Schuele
- Mary Lohnes
- James Cremer
- Tammy Aberle

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, held in the above-entitled matter, at the South Dakota State Capitol, Room 412, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on the 20th day of July 2004, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Item number 4 under  
2 telecommunications, TC04-090, In the Matter of the  
3 Application of Sancom, Inc. Doing Business as  
4 Mitchell Telecom for a Certificate of Authority to  
5 Provide Local Exchange Services in the Territory of  
6 Qwest Corporation.

7 And the question today is shall the Commission  
8 grant the Certificate of Authority to Sancom, Inc.  
9 doing business as Mitchell Telecom.

10 Good morning.

11 MR. LARSON: Good morning.

12 Jeff Larson for Sancom, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Please proceed.

14 MR. LARSON: Thank you. I don't  
15 have much. I think that our petition for the  
16 Certificate of Authority meets the statutory  
17 requirements that we have the technical, financial,  
18 and managerial things in place and it meets the  
19 public interest and we came here personally today  
20 just to let the Commission know that it's important  
21 for us, that we're ready to go and offer service in  
22 Mitchell and we hope the Commission will approve  
23 that and we're ready to answer any questions you  
24 might have.

25 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Thank you very much.

1 Ms. Lohnes, Midcontinent was an Intervener; is that  
2 correct?

3 MS. LOHNES: Correct. We do not  
4 oppose their application for Certificate of  
5 Authority -- (Inaudible).

6 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Mary, we lost you  
7 after the phrase "Certificate of Authority" so if  
8 you just repeat the last part.

9 MS. LOHNES: Yes. We do not oppose  
10 their -- we think the -- (Inaudible).

11 CHAIRMAN SAHR: I'm very sorry, but  
12 you're breaking up again. We've got the part about  
13 you not opposing the Certificate of Authority for  
14 Sancom. We lost you after that point in time.  
15 Could you just repeat the last part of it.

16 MS. LOHNES: We are in the process  
17 of working out an Interconnection Agreement with  
18 them.

19 MR. LARSON: The Interconnection  
20 Agreement is very nearly done.

21 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Mary, if I'm wrong,  
22 you said we are in the process of working out an  
23 Interconnection Agreement with them; is that  
24 correct?

25 MS. LOHNES: Correct.

1 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Thank you. Staff.

2 MR. BEST: This is Harlan Best on  
3 behalf of staff. The company did file in  
4 accordance with the administrative rules. The  
5 company filed the financial reports for the parent  
6 company so in that respect the company has filed a  
7 \$25,000 surety bond. Staff would recommend  
8 granting the Certificate of Authority with the  
9 filing of the \$25,000 surety bond.

10 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Thank you. Any  
11 questions or comments from Commissioners or  
12 advisers?

13 VICE CHAIR HANSON: Move for  
14 approval for the COA with the stipulation for the  
15 bond.

16 CHAIRMAN SAHR: I will second.

17 COMMISSIONER BURG: I will concur.

18 CHAIRMAN SAHR: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Larson and Ms. Lohnes.

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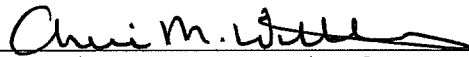
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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota this 2nd day of August 2004.

  
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