

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT)	AGREEMENT
AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	
RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION AND)	TC04-035
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS)	

On February 19, 2004, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a reciprocal transport and termination agreement between Rural Cellular Corporation (Rural Cellular) and Midcontinent.

On February 26, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until March 10, 2004, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed March 23, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Midcontinent and Rural Cellular. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>4/6/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner