

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF )  
SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE )  
REQUIREMENT FOR TRI-COUNTY TELCOM, )  
INC. )**

**ORDER GRANTING )  
INTERVENTION )  
  
TC05-098**

On June 30, 2005, Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. On August 26, 2005, Tri-County filed an amended 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 7, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 22, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On September 1, 2005, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from MCI/metro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI) and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). On September 15, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On September 16, 2005, the Commission received a Joint Answer of LECs to MCI and Midcontinent's Petitions to Intervene. On September 23, 2005, the Commission received a Joint Answer of LECs to AT&T's Petitions to Intervene. On September 26, 2005, the Commission received Staff's Response to MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of September 27, 2005, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Rebecca K. Kallio</i></u>
Date: <u>10/5/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner