

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)	ORDER GRANTING
SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)	INTERVENTION
REQUIREMENT FOR WESTERN TELEPHONE)	
COMPANY)	TC05-091

On June 29, 2005, Western Telephone Company (Western) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. On August 26, 2005, Western filed an amended 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 30, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 15, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On September 1, 2005, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from MCImetro 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 4th day of October, 2005.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Rebecca Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/5/05</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner