

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ) ORDER SETTING  
LECs' 2005 SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE ) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
REQUIREMENTS )**

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Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	TC05-083
City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department	TC05-087
Midstate Communications, Inc.	TC05-090
Western Telephone Company	TC05-091
Beresford Municipal Telephone Company	TC05-092
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association	TC05-093
McCook Cooperative Telephone Company	TC05-094
Kennebec Telephone Company	TC05-095
Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc.	TC05-097
Tri-County Telcom, Inc.	TC05-098
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	TC05-109

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Between the dates of June 21, 2005, and July 21, 2005, the eleven local exchange carriers listed above (Applicants) filed their 2004 switched access separations cost studies for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The various other amended costs studies and other filings by the parties are set forth on the Commission's web site for each of the company-specific dockets under "Commission Actions," "Commission Dockets." On October 4, 2005, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention in each of the above dockets, granting intervention to MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI), Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T).

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.

By agreement of the parties, the Commission's Counsel held a scheduling conference at 3:30 p.m. on January 4, 2006, attended by counsel for all parties and Commission Staff. Based upon the scheduling conference and follow-up communications with all parties to resolve a scheduling conflict with the originally agreed upon hearing dates, the Commission establishes the following procedural schedule for the above-listed dockets:

**Procedural Schedule (all dates 2006)**

- February 1            Applicants' responses due to discovery requests outstanding as of January 4. Responses to all subsequent pre-testimony discovery requests are due 30 days after the discovery request, except as the Commission shall otherwise order on motion of a party.
  
- May 26                Final pre-testimony discovery requests due from all parties
  
- June 23                Final pre-testimony discovery responses due from all parties

July 7	Applicants' Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
July 28	Intervenors' Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
Aug 11	Staff's Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
Aug 25	Applicants' Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
Sept 11-Sept 15	Hearing, Rm. 412, Capitol Bldg, Pierre, SD 9:30 a.m. first day, 8:30 a.m. subsequent days

The parties shall file (to the extent filing is required) and serve any documents referenced in the above schedule on or before the date for such occurrence. After the final pre-testimony discovery requests due on May 26, any subsequent discovery requests shall be limited to discovery related to other parties' pre-filed testimony except as the Commission otherwise approves by order. Discovery responses to requests made after July 7, shall be responded to within 10 days unless a longer or shorter response time is ordered by the Commission.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above procedural schedule and procedural rulings shall be adopted for purposes of this case and shall be complied with by the parties.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of January, 2006.

<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>Melanie Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>1/20/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman *sk*

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner