

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR APPROVAL)
TO OFFER A DIFFERENT LOCAL CALLING)
AREA)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

TC06-035

On May 2, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Midstate Telecom, Inc., pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:11, requesting approval to offer a different local calling area than that offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier.

On May 4, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 19, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. On May 26, 2006, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from Qwest Corporation (Qwest).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2006, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that the Petition for Leave to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition for leave to Intervene of Qwest is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of June, 2006.

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: *Delaine Kolbo*

Date: 6/23/06

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner