

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

**IN THE MATTER OF UNAUTHORIZED LONG )  
DISTANCE CHANGES AND UNAUTHORIZED )  
TELEPHONE CHARGES MADE BY REDUCED )  
RATE LONG DISTANCE, LLC )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**TC07-107**

On October 5, 2007, Staff filed a Motion for Order to Show Cause against Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC (Reduced Rate) based on twenty-three consumer complaints of cramming and slamming activity by Reduced Rate. Staff alleges Reduced Rate changed consumer long distance providers and/or added fees to consumer bills through deceptive practices and without proper authorization.

On October 11, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 26, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. On October 10, 2007, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Midcontinent Communications.

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 December 18, 2007, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Midcontinent is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

<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, electronically.
By: <u><i>Alaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>1/8/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

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

*Steve Kolbeck*  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner