

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR SUSPENSION OR)
MODIFICATION OF 47 U.S.C. SECTION)
251(b)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1934 AS AMENDED)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC08-024

On February 8, 2008, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Interstate) filed a petition with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a suspension and modification of the number portability requirement in Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Interstate's requested modification of intermodal LNP and LNP to VoIP providers concerns the transport of ported calls. Interstate's requested suspension is for the purpose of negotiating transport arrangements with wireless carriers and VoIP providers, as necessary. Interstate also requested an immediate suspension of Section 251(b)(2) pending this Commission's consideration of the modification request until 90 days following the Commission's decision. Interstate respectively requested that the Commission: (A) Issue an interim order that suspends any obligation for Interstate to provide intermodal or VoIP LNP; (B) Issue a final order that grants a modification of Interstate's obligation to provide intermodal and VoIP LNP as requested herein and a suspension of Interstate's obligation to implement intermodal and VoIP LNP until the transport issue is resolved; and (C) Grant Interstate such other and further relief that may be proper.

On February 14, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 29, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. On February 29, 2008, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from the following companies:

Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent);
Alltel Communications, LLC (Alltel);
Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, CommNet Cellular License Holding LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular, Inc., Sanborn Cellular, Inc., and Eastern South Dakota Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Collectively Verizon Wireless); and
South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA)
MCC Telephony of the Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Mediacom (Mediacom)
Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint)

On March 20, 2008, The Commission received Oppositions of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. to Petitions to Intervene filed by Midcontinent Communications, MCC Telephony of the Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Mediacom and Sprint Communications Company L.P. On March 24, 2008, the Commission received Sprint's Response to ITC's Opposition to Sprint's Intervention.

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 March 25, 2008, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of Midcontinent, Alltel, Verizon Wireless, SDTA, Mediacom and Sprint are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of April, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Ailaine Kolbe</u>
Date: <u>4/10/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner