

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR)	INTERVENTION
APPROVAL TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)	
SERVICE IN A RURAL SERVICE AREA)	TC08-105

On August 14, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) for authority to provide local exchange service in a rural service area.

On August 21, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 5, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance) filed to intervene on August 25, 2008. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on September 5, 2008. On September 22, 2008, the Commission received Midcontinent's Reply and Opposition to the SDTA Petition to Intervene

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 September 23, 2008, the Commission found that Alliance's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to Alliance.

The Petition to Intervene of SDTA was deferred.

It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 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><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/3/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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