

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RC )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION )</b>	<b>INTERVENTION</b>
<b>OF AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING )</b>	
<b>COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED )</b>	<b>TC09-022</b>
<b>SWITCHED ACCESS RATES )</b>	

On May 13, 2009, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from RC Communications, Inc. (RC Communications) requesting an extension of an exemption from developing a company specific cost-based switched access rate for a period of three months after the effective date of the new rules adopted by the Commission in RM05-002. RC Communications further requested approval of its current switched access rate of \$0.115 per minute. On May 13, 2009, the Commission also received a Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rates from RC Communications.

On May 14, 2009, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 29, 2009, to interested individuals and entities. On May 13, 2009, the Commission received a Motion for Temporary Approval of Switched Access Rates from RC Communications. Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed to intervene on May 18, 2009. On June 4, 2009, the Commission received a Motion to Deny Petition for Approval of Extension and for Evidentiary Hearing from Midcontinent.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 9, 2009, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to Midcontinent.

It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

<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>Rebecca Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>6/26/09</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner