

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN)
AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
AND FOR A WAIVER OF ARSD 20:10:32:15)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTIONS**

TC15-063

On August 18, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) for an Amended Certificate of Authority. In this application, Midcontinent seeks to provide competitive local exchange services in the exchange areas of Bowdle and Roslyn.

On August 20, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 4, 2015, to interested individuals and entities. On September 4, 2015, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture Communications) each filed a Petition to Intervene.

At its September 15, 2015, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05. Midcontinent stated it did not object to SDTA and Venture Communications interventions. The Commission found that the Petitions demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA and Venture Communications. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and Venture Communications are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 2015.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Rolayne Wist</u>
Date: <u>9-18-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiégen

KRISTIE FIÉGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner