

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA VALLEY)
FIBERCOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES)
IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC18-022

On June 7, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Valley Communications, Inc. dba Valley FiberCom (Valley) for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and interexchange long distance services in South Dakota. In the application, Valley seeks to provide services to business and residential customers in the Volga, Arlington, Lake Preston and De Smet exchanges, currently in territory served by CenturyLink.

On June 14, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 19, 2018, Midcontinent Communications (Midco) filed a Petition to Intervene in the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01 and 20:10:32.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Valley stated it did not object to Midco's intervention. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to Midco. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of July 2018.

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>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>7/3/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner