

**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 TO)
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN)
DEFINED CENSUS BLOCKS WITHIN RURAL)
AREAS IN MOODY, DAVISON, MINNEHAHA,)
HANSON, BEADLE, KINGSBURY AND)
CODINGTON COUNTIES AND FOR A WAIVER OF)
ARSD 20:10:32:15)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC18-058

On October 22, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Midcontinent Communications (Midco) for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in Defined Census Blocks Within Rural Areas in Moody, Davison, Minnehaha, Hanson, Beadle, Kingsbury and Codington Counties and for a Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:15.

On October 25, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 9, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On November 9, 2018, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene and Venture Communications Cooperative, Santel Communications Cooperative, and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. filed a Joint 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 November 27, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Both Commission staff and Midco stated they did not object to SDTA's intervention and did not object to Venture Communications Cooperative, Santel Communications Cooperative, and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Joint Petition for intervention. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA and grant intervention to Venture Communications Cooperative, Santel Communications Cooperative, and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of SDTA and the Joint Petition to intervene of Venture Communications Cooperative, Santel Communications Cooperative, and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of November 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 Huel</u>
Date: <u>11/29/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner