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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SFN 2053 (4-2002)**

PU-2483-01-48

**Citizens Telecommunications Co. of ND/Midcontinent
Interconnection Agreement**

Application

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Filed 1/30/2001

Closed 3/29/2001

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 12:09 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

12 PU-2528-01-162 Pages: 0
\$80.78 received
by Reservation Telephone Cooperative
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 11:41 AM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

12 PU-2483-01-48 Pages: 0
\$58.04 received
by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

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From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 10:13 AM
To: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: Money Received.....

12 PU-2485-01-56 Pages: 0
\$77.37 received
by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

Case No. PU-2528-01-162
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
\$80.78
21162 project

11 PU-2486-01-57 Pages: 0
\$77.37 received
by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc
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Case No. PU-2483-01-48
Citizens Communications
\$58.04
21048 project

11 PU-2483-01-58 Pages: 0
\$77.37 received
by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc

Case No. PU-2485-01-56
Citizens Communications
\$77.37
21056 project

11 PU-2539-01-207 Pages: 0
\$50.08 received
by Midstate Communications, Inc.

Case No. PU-2486-01-57
Citizens Communications
\$77.37
21057 project

11 PU-2540-01-208 Pages: 0
\$50.08 received
by Midstate Telephone Co.
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

Case No. PU-2483-01-58
Citizens Communications
\$77.37
21058 project

12 PU-2516-01-149 Pages: 0
\$54.83 received
by Skyland Technologies, Inc.
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

Case No. PU-2539-01-207
Midstate Communications Inc
\$50.08
21207 project

Case No. PU-2540-01-208
Midstate Telephone Company
\$50.08
21208 project

Case No. PU-2516-01-149
Skyland Technologies
\$54.83

21149 project

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2001 12:15 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.; Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: Money Received.....

Case No. PU-2448-00-627
DSL.net, Inc.
\$43.65

Case No. PU-2483-01-48
Midcontinent Communications
\$58.04

11 **PU-2483-01-48** Pages: 0

\$58.04 received

by Citizens Telecommunications Co. of ND/Midcontine

04/25/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

APPROVED

DATE: 4-11-01
KMF

MOTION

April 11, 2001

Citizens Telecommunications Company of
North Dakota/Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2483-01-48

I move the Commission bill Citizens Telecommunications Company of
North Dakota and Midcontinent Communications for costs incurred to date in
Case No. PU-2483-01-48, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North
Dakota/Midcontinent Communications, Interconnection Agreement, Application.



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State of North Dakota

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April 11, 2001

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RE: Case No. PU-2483-01-48
Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota/
Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the April 11, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2483-01-48.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Gloria Geiger
Administrative Assistant
701-328-2401

Enc.

Billing Statement

April 11, 2001

Citizens Telecommunications Company of
North Dakota/Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2483-01-48

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$116.08
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Amount Due:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of ND	\$58.04
Midcontinent Communications	\$58.04

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Citizens Telecommunications Company of North
Dakota/Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2483-01-48

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **29th day of March, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

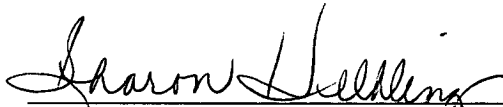
The envelopes were addressed as follows:


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Citizens Communications
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Salt Lake City UT 84180
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 2104

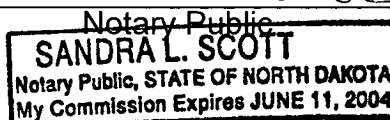
W Timm Simmons
Midcontinent Communications
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Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 2128

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **29th day of March, 2001**.







SEAL

APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 3-28-01
KME

March 28, 2001

**Citizens Telecommunications Company of North
Dakota/Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-2483-01-48

I move the Commission adopt the Order Approving Interconnection Agreement in the application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated between Midcontinent Communications and Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota, Case No. PU-2483-01-48.

JRL/sdh

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Citizens Telecommunications Company of North
Dakota/Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-2483-01-48

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

March 28, 2001

On January 31, 2001, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Midco Communications, Inc., d/b/a Midcontinent Communications, Inc. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This agreement sets forth terms and conditions under which Citizens will assume the obligations of a previously approved agreement between Qwest and Midcontinent Communications.

The agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

On February 7, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments which provided that the Commission would receive written comments on the agreement until March 15, 2001. No comments have been received.


The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that it does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement. The Commission further finds that implementation of the agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.


Order

The Commission orders:

1. The interconnection agreement negotiated between Midcontinent Communications and Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota, filed with the Commission on January 31, 2001, is APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreement at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreement must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreement must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.
5. Each party to the agreement shall respond reasonably and in good faith to the other party's requests to implement the agreement.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner


Susan E. Wefald
President


Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)

MAR - 8 2001

Laurie Thiel

, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
@ Link Networks, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed:

Laurie Thiel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer

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Affidavit of Publication

7 **PU-2057-01-40** Pages: 11

Affidavit of Publication

6 **PU-2482-01-47** Pages: 11

Affidavit of Publication

by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

03/08/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

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Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2405-01-39**

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,
Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendments
Application** **Case No. PU-2057-01-40**

**Preferred Carrier Services, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Application** **Case No. PU-2482-01-47**

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Dakota/Comm South Companies, Inc.
Interconnection Agreement
Application** **Case No. PU-2483-01-49**

**IdeaOne Telecom Group, LLC/Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2038-01-52**

**Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc./Qwest
Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No PU-2463-01-53**

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5 **PU-2483-01-48** Pages: 4

Affidavits of Service by Mail

by Public Service Commission

02/07/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Bismarck ND 58502-1695

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Richardson TX 75082
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0384

Lance A Tade
Citizens Communications
9672 South 700 East Ste 101
Sandy UT 84070-3555
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0438

Alex Valencia
Preferred Carrier Services Inc
14681 Midway Rd Ste 105
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Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0452

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IdeaOne Telecom Group LLC
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Fargo ND 58104
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0476

John Munn
Qwest Corporation
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Denver CO 80202
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0377

Lauraine Harding
McLeodUSA
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Cedar Rapids IA 52406-3177
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0414

Roy Harsila
Comm South Companies Inc
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Deborah Harwood
Integra Telecom of North Dakota Inc
19545 NW Von Neumann Dr Ste 200
Beaverton OR 97006
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0445

Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **8th day of February, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

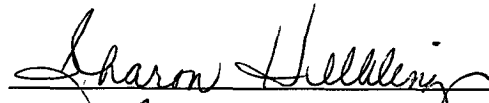
Scott Macintosh
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Bismarck ND 58502-5508


Dir-Interconnection Compliance
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Denver CO 80202

Wallace R Goulet
Gunhus Grinnell Klinger Swenson Guy Ltd
500 2nd Ave N Ste 514
Fargo ND 58102

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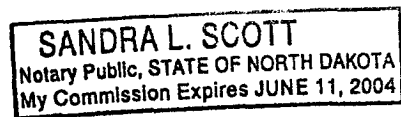
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **8th day of February, 2001.**





Notary Public

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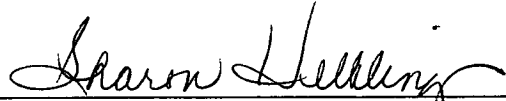
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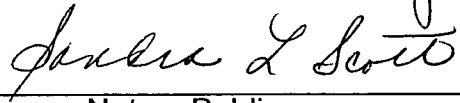
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

See Attached List

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this **8th day of February, 2001**.





Notary Public

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Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2001 8:05 AM
To: ndna (E-mail)
Subject: Notice of Opportunity for Hearing & Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

Please have the attached Notices published as legal publications in the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run them as "News Item Only" articles as well.

Please send the bill to the Public Service Commission, along with a tear sheet, for billing purposes. If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4076.

Thank you.

**Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division**



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February 7, 2001

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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the applications for approval of interconnection agreement amendments and interconnection agreements in the above captioned cases.

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February 7, 2001

On January 24, 2001, in Case No. PU-2405-01-39, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of the first, second and third amendments negotiated to its interconnection agreement with @link Networks, Inc. of Richardson, Texas. These amendments set forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled dedicated interoffice transport and line sharing as well as deaveraged rates for unbundled two-wire loops.

On January 25, 2001, in Case No. PU-2057-01-40, Qwest filed an application for approval of a sixth amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with

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CC: Comm Legal Illona Jerry

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled xDSL-I loops.

On January 31, 2001, in Case No. PU-2482-01-47, Qwest filed an application for approval of a service resale agreement negotiated with Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. of Addison, Texas. This agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Qwest agrees to provide services for resale.

On January 31, 2001, in Case No. PU-2483-01-48, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Midcontinent Communications of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This agreement sets forth terms and conditions under which Citizens will assume the obligations of a previously approved agreement between Qwest and Midcontinent Communications.

Also on January 31, 2001, in Case No. PU-2484-01-49, Citizens filed an application for approval of a service resale agreement negotiated with Comm South Companies, Inc. of Dallas, Texas. This agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Citizens agrees to provide services for resale.

On February 1, 2001, in Case No. PU-2038-01-52, Quest filed an application for approval of a second amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with IdeaOne Telecom Group LLC of Kindred, ND. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for CLEC to CLEC cross connects and sub-loop unbundling.

Also on February 1, 2001, in Case No. PU-2463-01-53, Qwest filed an application for approval of a first amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled network elements combinations, customized routing and shared interoffice transport.

These agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

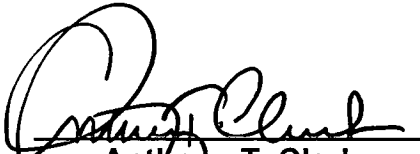
1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

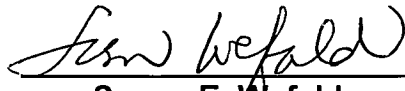
The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until March 15, 2001.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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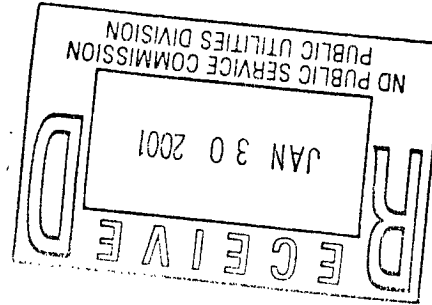


Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner



January 29, 2001

Mr. John Mielke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital Building, 12th Floor
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RE: Resale Agreement for Telecommunications Services between Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota and Midcontinent Communications.

Dear Mr. John Mielke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota ("CTC-North Dakota") hereby submits for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") the enclosed "Agreement Modify and Assume Obligations Under an Interconnection Agreement" dated October 10, 2000 (the "Agreement"), which provides for Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") to interconnect with CTC-North Dakota. This Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") and the requirements of North Dakota Century Code 49-21-01.7(8).

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the commission finds that

- (1) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (2) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

CTC-North Dakota respectfully submits that the Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings and, thus, requests that the Commission approve the Agreement expeditiously. First, the Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier because CTC-North Dakota has made the terms of the Agreement available to other carriers. Second, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of North Dakota, the Commission, the U.S. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission. The Agreement will enable Midcontinent to provide service to, and interconnect with, a greater number of telecommunications customers in North Dakota. Expeditious approval

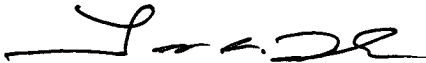
of this Agreement will facilitate immediate competition in the local exchange telecommunications market.

CTC-North Dakota further requests that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing and without allowing the intervention of other parties. Because this Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a part of the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Enclosed are an original and seven copies of this filing. Also included is a copy of this letter. Please return the copy of this letter, date-stamped in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 801-553-0240 (voice), 801-553-0905 (fax) or ltade@czn.com (e-mail).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance A. Tade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

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**AGREEMENT TO MODIFY AND ASSUME OBLIGATIONS UNDER AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

This agreement to modify and assume obligations under an Interconnection Agreement is made by and among Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota ("PURCHASER") and «Midcontinent Communications». This agreement is made in reference to the following facts:

A. U S WEST Communications, Inc. n/k/a Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), and PURCHASER, successor by assignment from Citizens Communications Company, f/k/a Citizens Utilities Company are parties to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 16, 1999, pursuant to which Purchaser has agreed to purchase certain assets and facilities of Qwest comprising 8 telephone exchanges and 16,764 access lines in the State of North Dakota (the "purchased exchanges").

B. PURCHASER and Qwest have filed a joint application with the North Dakota Public Services Commission ("PSC") seeking approval of the sale, transfer of the purchased exchanges from Qwest to PURCHASER. PURCHASER has filed for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the PSC to be the provider of local exchange and exchange access service in the purchased exchanges. The Case Number is PU – 2173 – 99 - 520.

C. «Midcontinent Communications» is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") doing business in some of the purchased exchanges and a wholesale customer of Qwest's under its Interconnection Agreement with Qwest. «Midcontinent Communications» desires to continue, to the extent possible, to conduct business in the purchased exchanges under the terms of the Interconnection Agreement if and when PURCHASER takes over operations in the purchased exchanges.

D. PURCHASER wants to (i) minimize any impact upon «Midcontinent Communications» (and other wholesale customers) from the transfer of the purchased exchanges to PURCHASER and (ii) avoid, to the extent possible, any disruption in service to «Midcontinent Communications» or its customers.

E. With regard to the purchased exchanges, the parties hereto agree that it would be desirable for PURCHASER to assume Qwest's obligations under its existing Interconnection Agreement with «Midcontinent Communications» for those exchanges, with certain modifications specified below. The parties recognize that there are certain of Qwest's obligations under the interconnection agreement that PURCHASER will not be able to perform because PURCHASER (i) did not acquire all of the assets and facilities that Qwest uses to fulfill its obligations under that agreement, and (ii) is a smaller entity than Qwest and will not be conducting business in all respects like Qwest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURCHASER AND «MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS» AGREE AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. Subject to the modifications set forth in Section 3, below, PURCHASER agrees to assume all of Qwest's rights, obligations, liabilities, duties and interests under the Interconnection Agreement in the purchased exchanges, effective upon the closing date as defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement Closing Date").

2. Except as set forth in paragraph 3 below, «Midcontinent Communications» consents to PURCHASER'S assumption of Qwest's obligations in the purchased exchanges as described in paragraph 1, above.

3. PURCHASER and «Midcontinent Communications» each acknowledges and agrees that certain of PURCHASER'S obligations and duties in the purchased exchanges under the Qwest/«Midcontinent Communications» Interconnection Agreement are specifically modified as follows:

a. PURCHASER will not be obligated to provide «Midcontinent Communications»

with electronic gateway access to PURCHASER's operation support systems, nor any electronic interface for performing pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, billing, repair or any other operation support system function at closing. PURCHASER will provide the ability for «Midcontinent Communications» to directly place service and dispatch/repair orders to PURCHASER's systems, such that orders "flow through" and re-keying the order is not required, within twelve months after the closing. As part of this initiative, PURCHASER will provide the "front end" systems that will allow «Midcontinent Communications» to forward Local Service Requests (LSRs) to PURCHASER over the Internet within ninety (90) days of closing. PURCHASER will need to re-key such orders. PURCHASER commits that the interval for providing services will not be adversely affected due to the lack of a fully mechanized ordering system. Prior to rejecting any order from «Midcontinent Communications», PURCHASER will contact «Midcontinent Communications» to discuss the reason for rejecting the order, and will accept verbal changes/corrections to the order. «Midcontinent Communications» will follow up verbal changes/corrections with a supplemental LSR within 12 business hours. For a complex order, PURCHASER will assign a single person to coordinate implementation of the order.

b. PURCHASER will work with «Midcontinent Communications» to develop mechanized billing feeds, including usage data, mechanized order completion notices and firm order confirmations to meet «Midcontinent Communications» needs. PURCHASER will make available to «Midcontinent Communications», within ninety (90) days of closing, a mechanized data file containing all required billing information, including customer usage information, on a customer-specific basis, such that «Midcontinent Communications» is not required to manually enter the billing information in order to bill customers and validate the bill.

c. PURCHASER will supply a copy of the customer's service record to «Midcontinent Communications» upon receiving notice from «Midcontinent Communications» that it has a letter of authorization from a customer. The service record will be provided via facsimile, within eight normal business hours of notification.

d. PURCHASER will provide updated street address guide information to «Midcontinent Communications». This information will be provided in a mechanized data file, on a quarterly basis.

e. PURCHASER will accept fax and telephone orders from «Midcontinent Communications» for end user premises and central office dispatch orders. Service orders may be made between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on business days. All telephone orders will be followed up with an LSR within 12 business hours. Repair orders may be made seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day. The person answering the service order or repair call shall generally have the ability to schedule the service or repair during the call. In those instances where a facility check is required (e.g., service to a new location or second line) the «Midcontinent Communications» will provide an LSR requesting the facility check along with the preferred premises visit date and time. Within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the LSR, PURCHASER will, by facsimile (first ninety (90) days) and by e-mail thereafter, notify the «Midcontinent Communications» of the availability of the requested facility and whether the requested service date and time is available. If the requested date and time are not available, «Midcontinent Communications», with the customer on the line, may call PURCHASER to schedule the premises visit. The person answering the call on behalf of PURCHASER will have the ability to schedule the visit. Should the premises visit be rescheduled at this time, «Midcontinent Communications» will submit a new LSR reflecting the new visit date. PURCHASER will perform facility checks and key orders into its ordering provisioning system with "scheduling parity".

f. PURCHASER will provide «Midcontinent Communications» with standard ordering and repair intervals so «Midcontinent Communications» can schedule end user

premises and dispatch requests with its customers in an efficient manner. The standard intervals are specified in PURCHASER's Local Interconnection Guide. «Midcontinent Communications» requests will be provided the same level of service as PURCHASER provides to its own customers.

g. PURCHASER will not provide unbundled Local Switching, unbundled Tandem Switching or unbundled Common Transport at closing. PURCHASER is working with other Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) in developing the "UNE-Platform" which rebundles Local Switching, Common Transport and, where appropriate, Tandem Switching. PURCHASER expects to provide the UNE-Platform within ninety (90) days of closing, and commits to provide these UNEs and the UNE-Platform as soon as possible after industry standards are published. PURCHASER will provide local tandem and transit functionality to CLECs for EAS routes served by its end offices.

h. PURCHASER will not be obligated to provide «Midcontinent Communications» with Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) Services on an unbundled basis except in those locations where PURCHASER will be acquiring that functionality from Qwest. PURCHASER does not have an AIN platform and is only acquiring that functionality from Qwest in a few locations. PURCHASER will implement the necessary triggers to ensure Local Number Portability (LNP) to «Midcontinent Communications» in purchased exchanges where bona fide requests for LNP are or have been provided.

i. PURCHASER will not be obligated to provide «Midcontinent Communications» with Operator Services or Directory Assistance on an unbundled basis. PURCHASER will be acquiring those services from a third party. PURCHASER will provide the same operator services and directory assistance capabilities to resold customers of «Midcontinent Communications» as PURCHASER provides to its own retail customers. PURCHASER could act as an intermediary for «Midcontinent Communications» to obtain unbundled Operator Services and Directory Assistance but would prefer «Midcontinent Communications» obtain those services directly from a third party provider.

j. PURCHASER will not be obligated to provide «Midcontinent Communications» with SS7 Services on an unbundled basis. PURCHASER is not acquiring any Signal Transfer Points or Service Control Points/Databases from Qwest. PURCHASER will be acquiring the capabilities required to support the SS7 based services it provides to its end users from a third party. PURCHASER will provide the same SS7 services to resold customers of «Midcontinent Communications» that PURCHASER provides to its own retail customers. PURCHASER could act as an intermediary for «Midcontinent Communications» to obtain unbundled SS7 Services but would prefer «Midcontinent Communications» obtain those services directly from a third party provider.

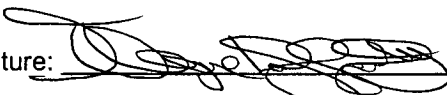
k. References to the U S WEST/Qwest Local Interconnection Guide will be replaced by references to the Citizens Local Interconnection Guide.

l. PURCHASER will not be obligated to use the specific Qwest operation support systems referenced in the Interconnection Agreement. Instead, after the Agreement Closing Date, PURCHASER will use its own operation support systems, which PURCHASER expects will be functionally equivalent to the operations support systems used by Qwest.


4. Until the Agreement Closing Date, (i) the Interconnection Agreement remains in full force and effect between Qwest and «Midcontinent Communications» in the purchased exchanges; (ii) PURCHASER shall not have any obligation or liabilities whatsoever to Qwest or «Midcontinent Communications» under the Interconnection Agreement; and (iii) Qwest and «Midcontinent Communications» remain liable to each other for any act (or

failure to act) occurring before the Agreement Closing Date that constitutes a breach of the Interconnection Agreement, even if any injury or damage for such breach does not occur or is not discovered until after the Agreement Date. With regard to the 8 exchanges being purchased by PURCHASER, «Midcontinent Communications» releases Qwest from the Agreement Closing Date forward of any and all of its rights, duties, obligations, liabilities and interests under the Interconnection Agreement relating to those exchanges, except that «Midcontinent Communications» does not release Qwest from liability for any act (or failure to act) occurring before the Agreement Closing Date that constitutes a breach of the Interconnection Agreement. While PURCHASER will be assuming Qwest's rights, duties, obligations, liabilities and interests under the Interconnection Agreement in the purchased exchanges, effective on the Agreement Closing Date, Qwest will retain the rights, duties, obligation, liabilities and interests under that Interconnection Agreement for any remaining exchanges within the scope of that agreement.

**Citizens Telecommunications Company
of North Dakota**

Signature: 
Name (Printed): F. WAYNE LAFFERTY
Title: VP REGULATORY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
Date: 10/10/00

«Midcontinent Communications»

Signature: 
Name (Printed): W. TOM SIMMONS
Title: VICE PRESIDENT
Date: 10/9/00

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