

# **DIVIDER**

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

**PU-2483-01-58**

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

**Application**

**01**

**Filed 2/5/2001**

**Closed 5/10/2001**

**Scott, Sandi L.**

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**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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-----Original Message-----

**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  
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by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc  
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

Case No. PU-2483-01-48  
Citizens Communications  
\$58.04  
21048 project

**11 PU-2483-01-58** Pages: 0  
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by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dc

Case No. PU-2485-01-56  
Citizens Communications  
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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  
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by Midstate Telephone Co.  
07/03/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

Case No. PU-2483-01-58  
Citizens Communications  
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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

**APPROVED**

DATE: 6-6-01  
KME

MOTION

June 6, 2001

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

Case No. PU-2483-01-58

I move the Commission bill Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota and Midcontinent Communications for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2483-01-58, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota/Midcontinent Communications, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



# Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

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June 6, 2001

Lance Tade  
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410 S Phillips Ave  
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RE: Case No. PU-2483-01-58  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota/  
Midcontinent Communications  
Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the June 6, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2483-01-58.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Geiger".

Gloria Geiger  
Admin Staff Officer  
701-328-2401

Enc.

# Billing Statement

June 6, 2001

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

Case No. PU-2483-01-58

## Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$154.73
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## Amount Due:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota	\$77.37
Midcontinent Communications	\$77.36

## 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**

## ***PLEASE NOTE***

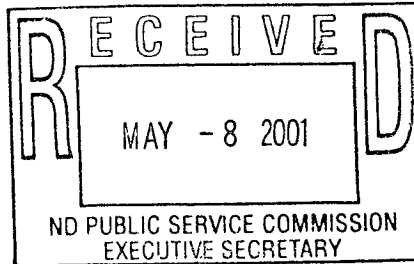
In order for the Commission to close its books at the end of the biennium, **WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2001.**

To meet the July 1 deadline, it is very important that you *remit your payment no later than June 25, 2001.*

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota )  
County of Burleigh )



Laurie Thie

, 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:  
Citizens Telecomm, 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:

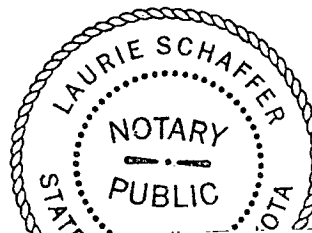
Laurie Thie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer

9 PU-2485-01-56 Pages: 11  
Affidavit of Publication  
by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.  
05/08/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

9 PU-2486-01-57 Pages: 11  
Affidavit of Publication  
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# NORTH DAKOTA ADVERTISING SERVICE, INC.

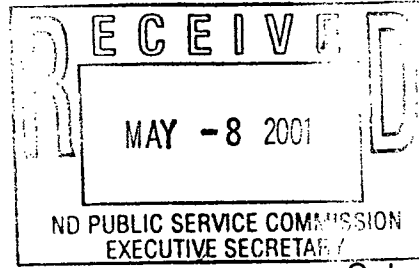
1435 Interstate Loop • Bismarck, ND 58501-4058 • PHONE (701) 223-6397 • FAX 223-8185

## INVOICE

Date: 05/04/2001

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To: JON H. MIELKE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE CAPITOL  
BISMARCK ND 58505



Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 01031PP0

Newspaper	Date	Inches	Rate	Amount
Bismarck Tribune	Citizens T 02/28/2001	82.00 SPR2	0.61	50.02
Devils Lake Daily Journal	Citizens T 02/28/2001	82.00 SPR2	0.57	46.74
Dickinson Press	Citizens T 02/28/2001	82.00 SPR2	0.57	46.74
Fargo, The Forum	Citizens T 03/05/2001	69.00 SPR2	0.73	50.37
Grand Forks Herald	Citizens T 02/28/2001	74.00 SPR2	0.61	45.14
Jamestown Sun	Citizens T 02/28/2001	95.00 SPR2	0.50	47.50
Minot Daily News	Citizens T 02/28/2001	91.00 SPR2	0.42	38.22
Valley City Times-Record	Citizens T 02/28/2001	89.00 SPR2	0.52	46.28
Wahpeton Daily News	Citizens T 02/28/2001	82.00 SPR2	0.57	46.74
Williston Herald	Citizens T 03/01/2001	86.00 SPR2	0.54	46.44
*** ADVERTISING TOTAL				464.19
*** TOTAL DUE				464.19

This invoice is due and payable upon receipt. Unpaid items over 30 days from invoice date are subject to a finance charge. The finance charge is computed by a periodic rate of 1 3/4 percent per month (or a minimum charge of 50 cents for balances of under \$50), which is an annual percentage rate of 21 percent.

Total unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Please pay from this invoice - No statement will be sent. Return duplicate with remittance to North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

Notice Of Opportunity To File  
Written Comments

February 21, 2001

Case No. PU-2483-01-58

Bismarck	2-28
Devils Lake	2-28
Dickinson	2-28
Fargo	2-5
Grand Forks	2-28
Jamestown	2-28
Minot	2-28
Valley City	2-28
Walpeton	
Williston	3-1

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-2483-01-58

**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 **10th day of May, 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:

Lance Tade  
Citizens Communications  
9672 S 700 East Ste 101  
Sandy UT 84070-3555

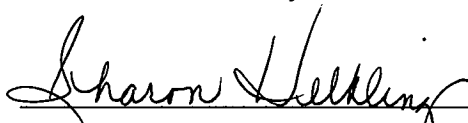
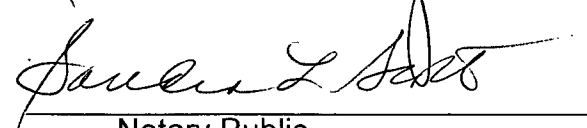
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 3988**

Midcontinent Communications  
410 S Phillips Ave  
Sioux Falls SD 57104

**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 4114**

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **10th day of May, 2001**.

  
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Notary Public

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**SANDRA L. SCOTT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

**APPROVED**

**MOTION**

DATE: 5-9-01  
KMF

**May 9, 2001**

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

**Case No. PU-2483-01-58**

I move the Commission adopt the Order Approving Interconnection Agreement Amendment in the application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota for approval of an assumption agreement amendment negotiated with U.S. Link, Inc., Case No. PU-2483-01-58.

JRL/sdh

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**PU-2483-01-58**

Pages: 1

Motion

by Public Service Commission

05/09/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**Case No. PU-2483-01-58**

**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**May 9, 2001**

On February 5, 2001, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its assumption agreement with Midcontinent Communications of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This amendment sets forth terms and conditions for access to Citizen's operation support systems.

The amendment 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.

On February 21, 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 26, 2001. No comments have been received.

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


**Order**

The Commission orders:

1. The interconnection assumption agreement amendment negotiated between Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota and Midcontinent Communications filed with the Commission on February 5, 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**



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Anthony T. Clark  
Commissioner



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Susan E. Weald  
President



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Leo M. Reinbold  
Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
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**Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Sandy UT 84070-3555  
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John P Sango  
U S Link Inc  
200 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Pequot Lakes MN 56472-0327  
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0650**

Gerry Anderson  
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative  
P O Box 280  
Circle MT 59215  
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0667**

Midcontinent Communications  
410 S Phillips Ave  
Sioux Falls SD 57104  
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 0674**

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Affidavits of Mailing

by Public Service Commission

02/22/2001

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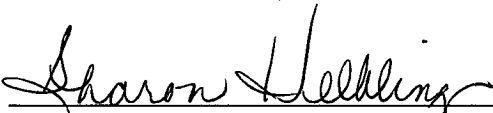
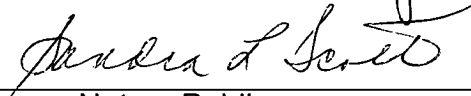
**Sharon Helbling** further deposes and says that on the **22nd day of February, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Scott Macintosh  
Qwest Corporation  
P O Box 5508  
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

Dir-Interconnection Compliance  
Qwest Corporation  
1801 California St Rm 2410  
Denver CO 80202

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **22nd day of February, 2001**.

  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Citizens Telecommunications Company of North  
Dakota/Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative  
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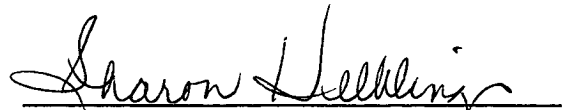

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***See Attached List***

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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **22nd day of February, 2001**.

SEAL

  
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Notary Public

**SANDRA L. SCOTT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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**Helbling, Sharon D.**

**From:** Helbling, Sharon D.

**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2001 7:41 AM

**To:** ndna (E-mail)

**Subject:** Attached Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

Good Morning Colleen,

Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments published as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, call me at 328-4076.

Thanks.

Sharon Helbling  
Public Utilities Division



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CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

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**MOTION**

DATE: 2-21-01  
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**February 21, 2001**

**Citizens Telecommunications Company of North  
Dakota/Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application**

**Case No. PU-2485-01-56**

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**Case No. PU-2486-01-57**

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Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
Application**

**Case No. PU-2483-01-58**

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

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**

**February 21, 2001**

On February 5, 2001, in, Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) filed applications for approval of interconnection assumption agreements negotiated with Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. of Circle, Montana (Case No. PU-2485-01-56) and U. S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota (Case No. PU-2486-01-57). These agreements set forth terms and conditions under which Citizens will assume the obligations of Qwest Corporation Communications under previously approved agreements.

Also on February 5, 2001, in Case No. PU-2483-01-58, Citizens filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its assumption agreement with Midcontinent Communications of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This amendment sets forth terms and conditions for access to Citizen's operation support systems.

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.

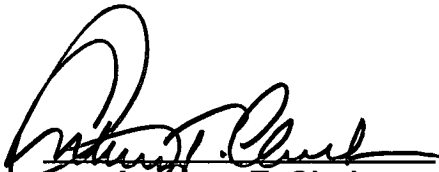
In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the

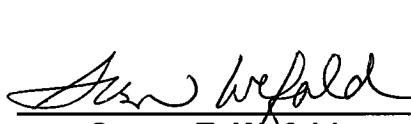
Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

**The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until March 26, 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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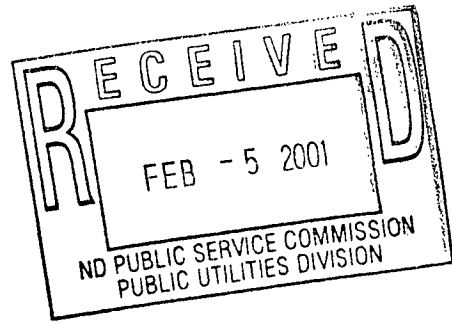
  
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February 2, 2001

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State Capital Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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RE: AMENDMENT to 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 "Amendment to The Modify And Assume Interconnection Agreement" dated January 25, 2001 (the "Amendment"), which provides for Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") to interconnect with CTC-North Dakota. This Amendment 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).

CTC-North Dakota respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Amendment expeditiously. Expeditious approval of this Amendment will facilitate immediate competition in the local exchange telecommunications market and further 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".

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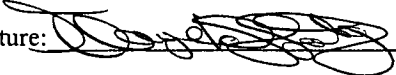
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Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
filing  
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02/05/2001  
CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry


The Modify and Assume Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota and Midcontinent Communications is amended as shown below:

1. The Modify and Assign agreement only applies to the exchanges acquired by PURCHASER from Qwest in the state of North Dakota.
2. Paragraph 3.a. is amended to read 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 orders to PURCHASER's systems such that orders "flow through" and re-keying by PURCHASER is not required twelve months after closing. As part of this initiative PURCHASER will provide the "front end" system that will allow Midcontinent Communications to place Local Service Requests (LSRs) to PURCHASER over the internet 90 days after closing.

Citizens Telecommunications Company  
of North Dakota

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Date: 1/25/01

Midcontinent Communications

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Date: 1/3/01

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