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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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PU-05-449

Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Tele I

Rural Exemption

Complaint

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Filed 7/13/2005

Closed 8/24/2006



Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 6903

Received: 5/25/2007 Check# 805645 for \$23.82
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-05-449

Midcontinent Communications
410 So. Phillips Ave.
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824

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Pages: 1

Receipt# 6,903 \$23.82 Utility Valuation

by Midcontinent Communications

05/25/2007



Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 6869

Received: 5/23/2007 Check# 95498 for \$23.81
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-05-449

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative
PO Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

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Receipt# 6,869 \$23.81 Utility Valuation

by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

05/23/2007

MOTION

May 2, 2007

Midcontinent Communications/
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-449, Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption, Complaint.



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

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May 2, 2007

Patrick W Durick
Pearce & Durick
PO Box 400
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Keith A Larson Manager
Dakota Central Telecom I Inc
630 5th St N
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RE: Case No. PU-05-449
Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
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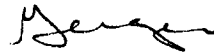
Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the May 2, 2007 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-449.

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
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401



Enc.

c: Mary Lohnes
Midcontinent Communications
410 S Phillips Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824

Billing Statement

May 2, 2007

Midcontinent Communications/
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

Bill To:

Midcontinent Communications	\$23.82
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.....	23.81

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Office of Administrative Hearings (May 2006)	\$ 9.53
Office of Administrative Hearings (July 2006)	38.10
Total	\$47.63

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

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Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central
Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sandra L. Scott deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **24th day of August, 2006**, 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:

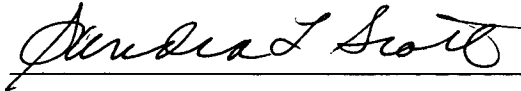
Order of Dismissal

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Patrick W Durick
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P. O. Box 400
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Cert. No. 7005 1820 0002 3243 4380

Don Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad
P. O. Box 1000
Minot, ND 58702-1000
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

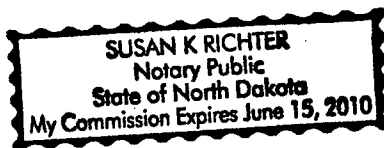


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **24th day of August 2006**.



Notary Public

SEAL



APPROVED

DATE: 8-23-06
ps

MOTION

August 23, 2006

**Midcontinent Communications/Dakota
Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint**

Case No. PU-05-449

I move the Commission adopt the Order of Dismissal in Case No. PU-05-449, Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption Complaint.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central
Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

August 23, 2006

On July 13, 2005 Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission (Commission) alleging that on May 9, 2005 it made a bona fide request under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c) for wholesale resold services for the Carrington, North Dakota exchange from Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc (DCTI). By its filing of July 13, 2005 Midcontinent notified the Commission of its bona fide request. On July 18, 2005, Midcontinent filed an amended complaint with the Commission. Midcontinent requested that the Commission refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a hearing on the allegations and issuance of recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed order.

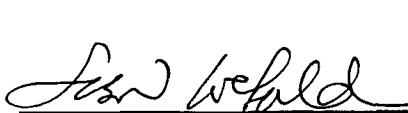
Midcontinent asserted in its complaint that DCTI refused to enter into a wholesale agreement on the ground that under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f) it is exempt from the requirement that incumbent local exchange carriers must offer for resale the telecommunications services that they provide to retail subscribers. Midcontinent alleged in its complaint that DCTI does not qualify for the exemption because DCTI has a cable television franchise to provide video programming in Carrington, North Dakota under 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1)(C).

On July 28, 2005, the Commission found that the complaint stated a prima facie case and referred the complaint to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

On August 15, 2006, DCTI and Midcontinent filed a Stipulation of Dismissal.

The Commission, having reviewed the Stipulation of Dismissal, orders the complaint **DISMISSED**.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Susan E. Wefald
Commissioner



Tony Clark
President



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Commissioner

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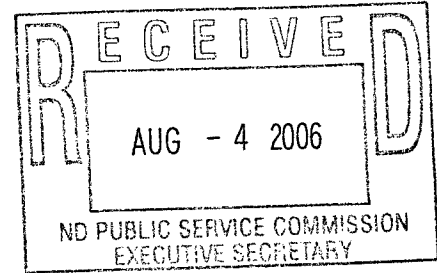
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August 3, 2006

William W. Binek, Chief Counsel
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS/DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.
EXEMPTION COMPLAINT
CASE NO. PU-05-449**

Enclosed are an original and seven copies of a Stipulation of Dismissal relating to the above matter which has been signed by both Pat Durick and myself. If the Stipulation meets with your approval, would you please sign the same and file it.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Negaard".

Don Negaard

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Enclosures

cc/enc: Patrick W. Durick
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Attention Keith Larson

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Letter to William Binek re Stipulation of
Dismissal
by Midcontinent Communicatio/Midcontinent C
08/04/2006 CC: Comm Legal Illona, Pat, Annette . .

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/Dakota) Case No. PU-0449
Central Telecom I, Inc.,) OAH File No. 20050314 Rural
Exemption Complaint)

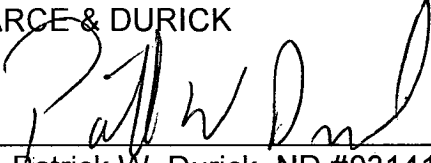
STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

The parties hereby stipulate and agree that this matter may be dismissed.


The parties further agree the Office of Administrative Hearings and the North Dakota Public Service Commission may grant an Order dismissing the Rural Exemption Complaint in Case No. PU-05-449.

Dated this ^{August} 15th day of July, 2006.

PEARCE & DURICK


By: Patrick W. Durick, ND #03141
314 East Thayer Avenue
P.O. Box 400
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Attorneys for Midcontinent
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PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.


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Minot, ND 58702-1000
Attorneys for Dakota Central
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


By: William W. Binek, Chief Counsel
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
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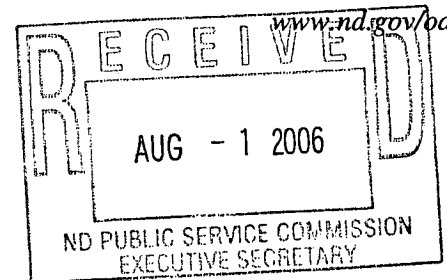
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882

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July 31, 2006



Mr. William W. Binek
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Midcontinent Communications v. Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption Investigation
Case No. PU-05-449
OAH File No. 20050314

Dear Mr. Binek:

On August 1, 2005, you requested the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Midcontinent Communications v. Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption Complaint - Case No. PU-05-449. I was designated as administrative law judge to conduct the hearing, to make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and to issue a recommended order. This matter was never scheduled for hearing. I have recently been informed that the matter has been settled by counsel for the parties. I understand that the agency will issue the appropriate order, if necessary.

I am closing our file on this matter and returning that portion of the record I have in my possession to you for filing with the official agency record of this matter.

If this matter has not been disposed of and a hearing is required, please make a new request for the designation of an administrative law judge for this matter using the appropriate OAH administrative law judge request form.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Administrative Law Judge

ACH/eap

Encl.

cc: Mr. Patrick W. Durick
Pearce & Durick
Mr. Donald A. Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.

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Notice of closure of ALJ's file

by Office of Administrative Hearings by Allen Hoberg, AL
08/01/2006 CC: Comm Legal Illona, Pat, Annette

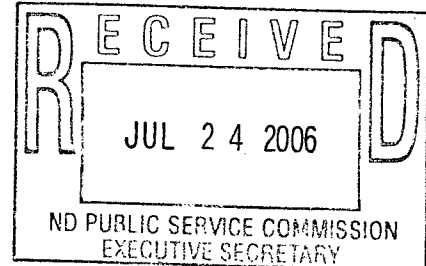


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Jul 21, 2006



Mr. Donald Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.
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Minot, ND 58702-1000


Re: North Dakota PSC
Case No. PU-0449

Dear Don:

I have enclosed a signed copy of a Stipulation to Dismiss Case No. PU-0449. If you find the stipulation in order, please sign it and forward it along with seven copies to the PSC for its consideration.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf
Enclosures.

ccw/enc: Allen Hoberg
Mr. William Binek ✓
Ms. Mary Lohnes

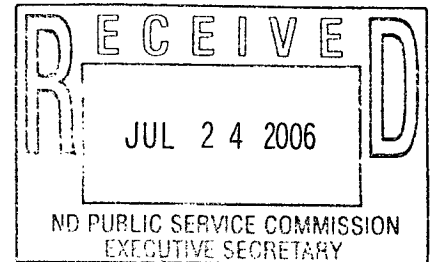
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Copy of Stipulation signed only by Patrick Durick
by Midcontinent Communications

07/24/2006 CC: Comm Legal Illona, Pat, Annette ALJ.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Midcontinent Communications/Dakota) Case No. PU-0449
Central Telecom I, Inc.,) OAH File No. 20050314 Rural
Exemption Complaint)

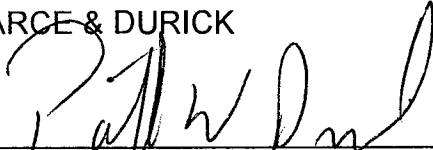
STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

The parties hereby stipulate and agree that this matter may be dismissed.

The parties further agree the Office of Administrative Hearings and the North Dakota Public Service Commission may grant an Order dismissing the Rural Exemption Complaint in Case No. PU-05-449.

Dated this ____ day of July, 2006.

PEARCE & DURICK


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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: William W. Binek, Chief Counsel
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505



Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 6587

Received: 6/7/2006 Check# 779830 for \$100.03
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-05-449

Midcontinent Communications
410 So. Phillips Ave.
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824

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by Midcontinent Communications
06/07/2006



Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 6584

Received: 6/7/2006 Check# 91771 for \$100.03
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-05-449

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative
PO Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

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by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative
06/07/2006

APPROVED
DATE: 5-24-06
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MOTION

May 24, 2006

Midcontinent Communications/
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-449, Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption, Complaint.



Public Service Commission

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May 24, 2006

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Keith A Larson Manager
Dakota Central Telecom I Inc
630 5th St N
Carrington ND 58421

RE: Case No. PU-05-449
Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the May 24, 2006 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-449.

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
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Mary Lohnes
Midcontinent Communications
410 S Phillips Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824

Billing Statement

May 24, 2006

Midcontinent Communications/
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

Bill To:

Midcontinent Communications	\$100.03
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.....	100.03

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Office of Administrative Hearings (August 2005)	\$104.80
Office of Administrative Hearings (September 2005)	19.05
Office of Administrative Hearings (October 2005)	38.10
Office of Administrative Hearings (December 2005)	28.58
Office of Administrative Hearings (January 2006)	9.53
Total	\$200.06

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
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Scott, Sandi L.

From: Binek, William W.
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 12:18 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: PU-05-449 - Rural Exemption Investigation

From: Hoberg, Allen C.
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 11:26 AM
To: Patrick W. Durick; 'Don Negaard'
Cc: Binek, William W.
Subject: PU-05-449 - Rural Exemption Investigation

Counsel: For some time the hearing on this matter has been delayed because the parties were in settlement negotiations. Please tell me whether this matter has now been settled. If it has not been settled, I wish to schedule a hearing as soon as possible. I will likely hold a prehearing conference before scheduling a hearing. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. ALJ Hoberg



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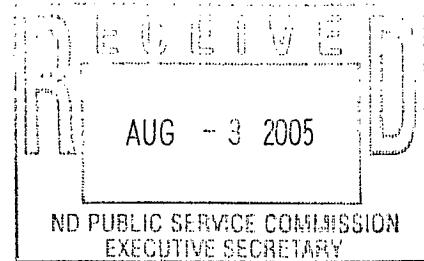
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August 2, 2005

Mr. William W. Binek
Hearing Administrator
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Mr. Binek:

Thank you for your August 1, 2005, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Midcontinent Communications vs. Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption, Complaint - Case No. PU-05-449. I hereby designate myself to be assigned as administrative law judge to conduct the hearing, make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue a recommended order in regard to this matter.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge at 1707 North 9th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. The administrative law judge will schedule the proceedings required for this matter and give notice as required by law.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20050314. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

ACH/lmw

cc: Patrick W. Durick
Don Negaard



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August 1, 2005

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street, Lower Level
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Midcontinent Communications
vs. Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Complaint
Case No. PU-05-449

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for a substantive administrative law judge in the above case. The Commission requests that the administrative law judge schedule and conduct a hearing in this case, and issue a recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and order. A copy of the case is enclosed.

Please provide the Commission with a copy of any filings issued by your office in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,


William W. Bliek
Hearing Administrator

WWB/sls
Enclosure

C: Patrick W. Durick, Attorney
Don Negaard, Attorney



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--COMPLAINT
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17818 (Rev. 03-2001)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission Public Service Commission		
Name of Respondent(s) Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Address P. O. Box 299, Carrington, ND 58421-0299	Telephone Number 652-3184

The above named agency, board, or commission has taken administrative action pursuant to its authority found in Title 49 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

The administrative action is more fully described as follows: Midcontinent Communications vs. Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., Rural Exemption, Complaint - Case No. PU-05-449

Has the respondent been provided a copy of the complaint? Yes No

Attached is a copy of the complaint, related documents and correspondence, and certificate, affidavit or admission of service. If the respondent has otherwise been notified about this administrative action, please explain in the comments section below.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 54-57-04(6).
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Agency Contact Person(s) William W. Binek, Chief Counsel	Telephone Number 328-4088
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Representation [attorney (or other)] if known:

Agency William W. Binek, Public Service Commission, 600 E. Blvd. Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480	Telephone Number 328-4088
Party Patrick W. Durick, Counsel for Midcontinent Communications, P. O. Box 400, Bismarck, ND 58502-0400	Telephone Number 223-2890
Party Don Negaard, Counsel for Dakota Central Telecom I Inc., P. O. Box 1000, Minot, ND 58702-1000	Telephone Number 852-0381

Additional Comments The Commission requests that the administrative law judge schedule and conduct a hearing in this case and issue a recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.
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(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person William W. Binek, Hearing Administrator	Date August 1, 2005
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number 328-4088

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central
Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint

Case No. PU-05-449

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED 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 July, 2005**, 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:

Complaint

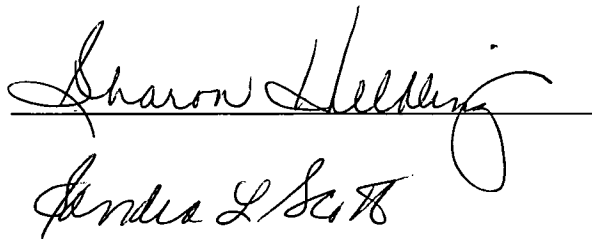
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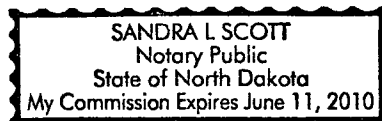
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **29th day of July, 2005**.



Notary Public

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MOTION

July 28, 2005

APPROVED
DATE: 7-28-05
AS

**Midcontinent Communications/Dakota Central
Telecom I, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Complaint**

Case No. PU-05-449

I move the Commission find the complaint filed under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-21-10.3 states a *prima facie* case, serve the complaint on Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc., and refer the complaint to the Office of Administrative Hearings for hearing and issuance of recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

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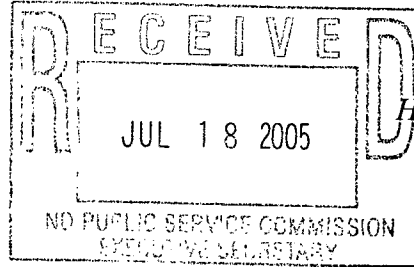


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HAND DELIVERED

Executive Secretary
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RE: Midcontinent Communications - Amended Complaint

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the original and seven copies of an AMENDED COMPLAINT.

This document is also being transmitted electronically to your office. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the Amended Complaint to be filed stamped and returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

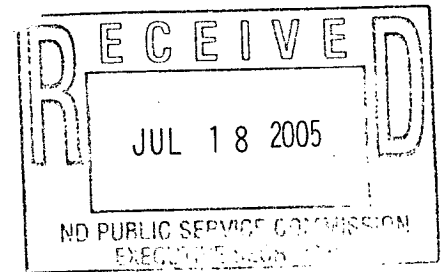

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Enclosures.

cc w/enc: Ms. Mary Lohnes
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Case No. _____

Midcontinent Communications, a)
South Dakota Partnership,)
)
Complainant,)
)
vs.)
)
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.)
)
Respondent..)

AMENDED COMPLAINT

For its complaint against Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (“DCTI”), Midcontinent Communications (“Midcontinent”) alleges as follows:

I.

Midcontinent has Certificates of Registration to resell local and long distance telecommunications services in the state of North Dakota including the Carrington, North Dakota exchange (“Carrington”).

II.

DCTI is the incumbent local exchange carrier for Carrington, North Dakota.

III.

By letter dated May 9, 2005 attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(c), Midcontinent requested a wholesale resale agreement with DCTI for Carrington for, “. . . any Telecommunications Services tarified with the Commission that it provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, . . .”

IV.

DCTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dakota Telecommunications Cooperative (“DCT”). DCT and DCTI have the same address and Mr. Keith A. Larson is the General Manager and CEO of both companies. DCT and DCTI operate as a single joint enterprise in providing telecommunications services, including video programming services, to Carrington, North Dakota. DCTI has a cable television franchise to provide video programming in Carrington, ND.

V.

Under Section 251(f)(1)(A) of the federal Communications Act, certain rural telephone companies are exempt from the requirements generally applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers under Section 251(c) of the Communications Act, including the obligation to provide services to competitive local exchange carriers on a wholesale basis for resale to retail customers. 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A). If a request for interconnection or services under Section 251(c) is made by a cable operator, this exemption is not available to a local exchange carrier in any area where it began providing video programming after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(C).

VI.

Midcontinent is a cable operator providing cable service in Carrington, ND.

VII.

DCTI has refused to enter into a wholesale resale agreement with Midcontinent to provide access to its services in Carrington, ND on the ground that it is exempt from the Section 251(c) requirements pursuant to Section 251(f)(1)(A).

VIII.

DCT and DCTI operate as a single joint enterprise in offering telecommunications services, including video programming services in Carrington, ND, and consequently DCTI does not qualify for the 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1)(A) exemption from the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §251(c). Consequently, DCTI's refusal to comply with its obligations under Section 251(c) wrongfully delays Midcontinent's access to essential facilities of DCTI and is in violation of 49-21-24(1)(a), N.D.C.C.

IX.

DCTI is discriminating against Midcontinent by refusing access to its essential facilities on terms and conditions no less favorable to Midcontinent than DCTI provides to itself and/or to its parent DCT and/or to their single joint enterprise in violation of 49-21-24(1)(b), N.D.C.C. Midcontinent cannot practically or economically duplicate DCTI's facilities as the incumbent local exchange carrier in Carrington and no other carrier has facilities that serve Carrington, ND.

X.

The use of DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at Carrington is technically and economically feasible and denial of the use of DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at Carrington is unreasonable.

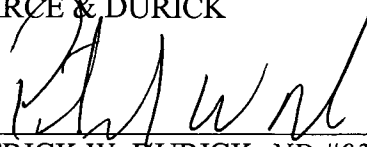
XI.

Use of DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at the Carrington exchange will enable competition at Carrington and such use is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Midcontinent requests that the Public Service Commission enter its order referring this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a hearing on the allegations contained herein and issuance of recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed Order.

Dated this *18th* day of July, 2005.

PEARCE & DURICK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick W. Durick", written over a horizontal line.

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May 9, 2005

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Re: Resale Agreement
Midcontinent Communications

Dear Sir:

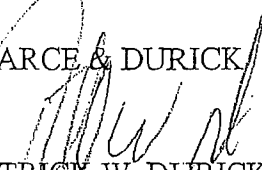
We represent Midcontinent Communications and the purpose of this letter is to propose a Resale Agreement between Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc and Midcontinent Communications. A copy of a proposed agreement is enclosed for your review and comment.

Please review the enclosed agreement and contact me with any suggested revisions to the agreement. I look forward to working with you to reach an agreement.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf

Enclosure.

cc: Mary Lohnes

RESALE AGREEMENT

Between

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

AND

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

IN THE STATE OF

NORTH DAKOTA

_____, 2005

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Section 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

1.1 This Agreement must be filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission). Absent Commission action within 90 days of the filing the Agreement will be deemed approved. The Agreement is between Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (DCT), a North Dakota cooperative and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent), a South Dakota General Partnership.

1.2 This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which DCT will offer and provide to Midcontinent, telecommunications services available for resale within the Carrington, ND exchange and for which DCT is the incumbent local exchange carrier with the State of North Dakota for purposes of providing local Telecommunications Services. This Agreement is available for the term set forth herein.

Section 2.0 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 General Provisions

2.1.1 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its end users and to other telecommunications carriers. This provision does not limit the liability of either Party for its failure to perform under this agreement.

2.1.2 The Parties shall work cooperatively to minimize third party fraud associated with third-number billed calls, calling card calls, and any other services related to this Agreement. Blocking of these services may be necessary to minimize fraud.

2.2 Term of Agreement

2.2.1 This Agreement shall become effective in accordance with the time frame set by North Dakota Statute. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties for a term of two (2) years unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 2.2.3. It shall remain effective following the initial term on a month-to-month basis until the Parties enter into a successor agreement or the Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 2.2.3.

2.2.2 Any Party may request negotiation for a successor Agreement by written notice to the other Party no earlier than one hundred sixty (160) Days prior to the expiration of the initial term and at any time thereafter.

2.2.3 This Agreement shall terminate:

2.2.3.1 Following the expiration of the initial term upon one hundred sixty (160) days prior notice from one Party to the other, provided that the Agreement shall continue in effect until a successor agreement becomes

effective.

2.2.3.2 Pursuant to the terms of Section 2.4.2 hereof.

2.2.3.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, upon fifteen (15) days written notice from one Party, if that Party previously notified the other Party in writing that the other Party was in breach of a material provision of this Agreements, and the other Party failed to correct the breach within thirty (30) days from receipt of written notice and to notify the first Party in writing that the breach has been corrected. If a Party fails to exercise its right to terminate the agreement pursuant to this Section 2.2.3.3 within sixty (60) days of a notice of breach, it shall be required to provide a new notice of breach in accordance with this section 2.2.3.3 before it can terminate the Agreement.

2.3 Proof of Authorization (POA)

2.3.1 Each Party shall be responsible of obtaining and maintaining Proof of Authorization (POA) as required by applicable federal and state law, as amended from time to time.

2.4 Performance

2.4.1 Amounts payable under this Agreement are due and payable within twenty (20) calendar days after bill date. If the payment due date is not a business day, the payment shall be due the next business day.

2.4.2 Except for amounts disputed pursuant to Section 2.4.5 herein, the following shall apply:

2.4.2.1 If payment is not received thirty (30) days from the bill date, DCT may provide written notice to Midcontinent that additional applications for service will be refused, and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth (15th) day following the date of the notice. If DCT does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and Midcontinent's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude DCT's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.

2.4.2.2 If Midcontinent fails to make any payment following the notice under Section 2.4.2.1, DCT may, on thirty (30) days written notice to Midcontinent's designated representative, discontinue the provision of existing services to Midcontinent at any time thereafter. Such notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If DCT does not discontinue the provision of the services

involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and Midcontinent's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude DCT's right to discontinue the provision of the services to Midcontinent without further notice.

2.4.2.3 If payment is not received within sixty (60) days of the notice under Section 2.4.2.1, DCT may terminate this Agreement.

2.4.3 After disconnect procedures have begun, DCT shall not accept service orders from Midcontinent until all unpaid charges are paid in full in immediately available funds. DCT shall have the right to require a deposit equal to two month's charges (based on the highest previous month of service from DCT) prior to resuming service to Midcontinent after disconnect for nonpayment has occurred.

2.4.4 In the event DCT properly terminates the provisioning of any resold services to Midcontinent for any reason, and subject to the requirements of the Commission and the FCC, Midcontinent shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its end users of the termination. DCT shall not be responsible for providing such notice to Midcontinent's end users unless required by the Commission or the FCC.

2.4.5 Disputes: Midcontinent shall, in writing, advise DCT of any disputes with respect to billing within forty-five (45) calendar days of the receipt of the invoice and include the specific amount (the "Disputed Amount"), details and reasons for disputing each item. If Midcontinent provides written notice of such dispute within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice, it shall not be required to pay the Disputed Amount and the provisions of Sections 2.4.2 shall not apply to the Disputed Amount during the pendency of this dispute. The Parties agree to expedite the investigation of any Disputed Amount in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute prior to initiating any other rights or remedies. Should the dispute be resolved in favor of DCT, Midcontinent shall thereafter pay to DCT any unpaid Disputed Amount plus interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month or the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is less, upon final resolution of such dispute. Should the dispute be resolved in favor of Midcontinent, DCT shall pay to Midcontinent any paid Disputed Amount plus interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month or the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is less, upon final resolution of such dispute, and shall remove any unpaid Disputed Amount resolved in favor of Midcontinent from Midcontinent's invoices. If a Disputed Amount remains unpaid thirty (30) days after final resolution of such dispute, DCT may disconnect service to Midcontinent upon providing ten (10) days' written notice.

2.5 Taxes

2.5.1 Any federal, state or local taxes including but not limited to sales, use, excise, franchise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges resulting

from the performance of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party upon which the obligation for payment is imposed under Applicable Law, even if the obligation to collect and remit such taxes is placed upon the other Party. However, where the selling Party is permitted by law to collect such taxes, fees or surcharges, from the purchasing Party, such taxes, fees or surcharges shall be borne by the Party purchasing the services. Each Party is responsible for any tax on its corporate existence, status or income. Whenever required by law, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to qualify for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Until such time as a resale tax exemption certificate is provided, no exemptions will be applied. If either Party (the Contesting Party) contests the application of any tax collected by the other Party (the Collecting Party), the Collecting Party shall reasonably cooperate in good faith with the Contesting Party's challenge, provided that the Contesting Party pays any costs incurred by the Collecting Party. The Contesting Party is entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery resulting from the contest, provided that the Contesting Party is liable for and has paid the tax contested.

2.6 Insurance

2.6.1 Each Party shall at all times during the term of this Agreement, at its own cost and expense, carry and maintain all insurance required by law and Commercial General Liability insurance covering claims for bodily injury, death, personal injury or property damage and contractual liability with respect to the liability assumed by that Party hereunder. The limits of insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit. Each Party will provide a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage within 90 days of execution of this Agreement and every year thereafter that this Agreement is in effect.

2.7 Force Majeure

2.7.1 Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, or unusually severe weather conditions (collectively, a Force Majeure Event). Inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers shall be considered Force Majeure Events to the extent any delay or failure in performance caused by these circumstances is beyond the Party's control and without the Party's fault or negligence. If affected by a Force Majeure Event, a Party shall give prompt notice to the other Party, and shall be excused from performance of its obligations hereunder on a Day to Day basis to

the extent those obligations are prevented by the Force Majeure Event, and shall use reasonable efforts to remove or mitigate the Force Majeure Event. In the event of a labor dispute or strike the affected Party agrees to provide service to the other Party at a level equivalent to the level the affected Party provides itself.

2.8 Limitation of Liability

2.8.1 Each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss relating to or arising out of any act or omission in its performance under this Agreement, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, or tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind, shall be limited to the total amount that is or would have been charged to the other Party by such breaching Party for the service(s) or function(s) not performed or improperly performed. Each Party's liability to the other Party for any other losses shall be limited to the total amounts charged to the other Party under this Agreement during the contract year in which the cause accrues or arises.

2.8.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, lost revenues, lost savings suffered by the other Party regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind and regardless of whether the Parties know the possibility that such damages could result.

2.8.3 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's liability to the other for (I) willful or intentional misconduct or (ii) damage to tangible real or personal property proximately caused solely by such Party's negligent act or omission or that of a Party's respective agents, subcontractors, or employees.

2.8.4 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's indemnification obligations pursuant to Section 2.9 of this Agreement, nor shall this Section limit a Party's liability for failing to make any payment due under this Agreement.

2.9 Indemnity

2.9.1 Each Party (the Indemnifying Party) agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party (the Indemnified Party) and each of its officers, directors, employees and agents (each an Indemnitee) from and against and in respect of any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated including, but not limited to, reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees), whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any person or entity, for invasion of privacy, bodily injury or death of any person or persons, or for loss, damage to, or destruction of tangible property, whether or not owned by others, resulting from the Indemnifying Party's breach of or failure to perform under this Agreement, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict

liability, or tort including (without limitation) negligence of any kind.

2.9.2 The Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any action taken against the Indemnified Party relating to the indemnification. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

2.9.3 If the Indemnifying Party wishes to defend against such action, it shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such action. In such event, the Indemnifying Party shall have sole authority to defend any such action, including the selection of legal counsel, and the Indemnified Party may engage separate legal counsel only at its sole cost and expense. In the event that the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of the action, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. Each Party agrees to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such action and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense.

2.9.4 In no event shall the Indemnifying Party settle or consent to any judgment pertaining to any such action without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party.

2.10 Warranties

DCT HEREBY STATES AND MIDCONTINENT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND THAT ALL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED "AS IS," WITH ALL FAULTS.

2.11 Assignment

Neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other party, except that either Party may assign or transfer this agreement in connection with the acquisition of all or substantially all of the Party by another entity with sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio.

2.12 Disclaimer of Agency

Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute designation of either Party as a legal representative or

agent of the other Party, nor shall either Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted in writing by other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, neither Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual.

2.13 Severability

In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be unenforceable or invalid in any respect under law or regulation, the Parties will negotiate in good faith for replacement language as set forth herein. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability will affect only the portion of this Agreement which is invalid or unenforceable. In all other respects, this Agreement will stand as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been a part hereof, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

2.14 Nondisclosure

2.14.1 All information, including but not limited to specifications, microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, magnetic tapes, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data, (I) furnished by one Party to the other Party dealing with business or marketing plans end user customer specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than end user customer information communicated for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance or publication of directory database, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated and declared to the other Party at the time of delivery, or by written within ten (10) calendar Days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Confidential Information"), shall remain the property of disclosing Party.

2.14.2 Upon termination of this agreement or any time during this Agreement upon request by the disclosing Party, the other Party shall return all tangible copies of Confidential Information, whether written graphic or otherwise.

2.14.3 The receiving Party shall keep the disclosing Party's Confidential Information confidential. In no case shall retail marketing, sales personnel, or strategic planning have access to such Confidential Information. Each Party shall use the other Party's Confidential Information only in connection with this Agreement.

2.14.4 Each Party agrees that the other Party could be irreparably injured by a breach of the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement and that a disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance in the event of any breach of the confidentiality provisions of this

Agreement. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

2.15 Survival

Any liabilities or obligations by a Party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Agreement, and any obligation of a Party under the provisions regarding indemnification, Confidential Information, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Agreement, shall survive cancellation or termination hereof.

2.16 Controlling Law

This Agreement is made in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North Dakota. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North Dakota.

2.17 Notices

Any notices required by or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to DCT and Midcontinent at the addresses shown below:

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

With copy to:

And to Midcontinent at the address shown below:

Midcontinent Communications
Mary Lohnes, Regulatory Affairs Manager
5001 W 41st Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone (605) 357-5459
Fax (605) 339-4419

Each Party shall inform the other of any change in the above contact person and/or address using the method of notice called for in this Section.

2.18 Responsibility of Each Party

Each Party is an independent contractor with respect to the other party, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party will be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including compliance with social security taxes, withholding taxes and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party will be solely responsible for proper handling, storage, transport and disposal at its own expense of all (i) substances or materials that it or its contractors or agents bring to, create or assume control over at Work Locations, and (ii) Waste resulting therefrom or otherwise generated in connection with its or its contractors' or agents' activities at the Work Locations. Subject to the limitations on liability and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for (i) its own acts and performance of all obligations imposed by Applicable Law in connection with its activities, legal status and property, real or personal, and (ii) the acts of its own Affiliates, employees, agents and contractors during the performance of that Party's obligations hereunder.

2.19 No Third Party Beneficiaries

The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties and not for any other person. This Agreement will not provide any person not a Party to this Agreement with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, claim of action, or other right in excess of those existing by reference in this Agreement.

2.20 Publicity

Neither Party shall publish or use any publicity materials with respect to the execution and delivery or existence of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other Party. Neither Party may use the other Party's logo or any other symbol or language for which the other Party has trademark or copyright protection.

2.21 Executed in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

2.22 Compliance

Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, each Party agrees to keep and maintain in full force and in effect all

permits, licenses, certificates, and other authorizations needed to perform obligations hereunder.

2.23 Compliance with the Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided under this Agreement comply with the CALEA. Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from any and all penalties imposed upon the other Party for such noncompliance.

2.24 Cooperation

The Parties agree that this Agreement involves the provision of DCT services in ways such services were not previously available and the introduction of new processes and procedures to provide and bill such services. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work jointly and cooperatively in testing and implementing processes for pre-ordering, ordering, maintenance, and provisioning.

2.25 Amendments

Either Party may request an amendment to this Agreement at any time by providing to the other Party in writing the desired amendment and proposed language changes. This Agreement can only be amended in writing, executed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

2.26 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between DCT and Midcontinent and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

2.27 Dispute Resolution

2.27.1 If any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents should arise, and the Parties do not resolve it in the ordinary course of their dealings (the "Dispute"), then it shall be resolved in accordance with this Section. Each notice of default, unless cured within the applicable cure period, shall be resolved in accordance herewith. Dispute resolution under the procedures provided in this Section 2.27 shall be the preferred, but not the exclusive remedy for all disputes between DCT and Midcontinent arising out of this Agreement or its breach. Each Party reserves its rights to resort to the Commission or to a court, agency, or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section 2.27 shall limit the right of either Party, upon meeting the requisite showing, to obtain provisional remedies (including injunctive relief) from a

court before, during or after the pendency of any arbitration proceeding brought pursuant to this Section 2.27. However, once a decision is reached by the Arbitrator, such decision shall supersede any provisional remedy.

2.27.2 At the written request of either Party (the Resolution Request), and prior to any other formal dispute resolution proceedings, each Party shall within seven (7) calendar Days after such Resolution Request designate a vice-presidential level employee or a representative with authority to make commitments to review, meet, and negotiate, in good faith, to resolve the Dispute. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted on an informal basis. By mutual agreement, the representatives may use other procedures, such as mediation, to assist in these negotiations. The discussions and correspondence among the representatives for the purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as Confidential Information developed for purposes of settlement, and shall be exempt from discovery and production, and shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration or other proceedings without the concurrence of both of the Parties.

2.27.3 If the vice-presidential level representatives or the designated representative with authority to make commitments have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within fifteen (15) calendar Days after the Resolution Request (or such longer period as agreed to in writing by the Parties), or if either Party fails to designate such vice-presidential level representative or their representative with authority to make commitments within seven (7) calendar Days after the date of the Resolution Request, then either Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request pursuant to the terms of Section 2.27.3.1. In any case, the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, knowledgeable about the telecommunications industry unless the Dispute involves amounts exceeding five million (\$5,000,000) in which case the proceeding shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then-current rules for commercial disputes of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or J.A.M.S./Endispute, at the election of the Party that initiates dispute resolution under this Section 2.27. Such rules and procedures shall apply notwithstanding any part of such rules that may limit their availability for resolution of a Dispute.

The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in a mutually agreeable location. It is acknowledged that the Parties, by mutual, written agreement, may change any of these arbitration practices for a particular, some, or all Dispute(s).

2.27.3.1 All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute rules, as the case may be, shall apply to Disputes affecting the ability of a Party to provide uninterrupted, high quality services to its end user customers, or as otherwise called for in this Agreement. A Party may seek expedited resolution of a Dispute if the vice-presidential level representative, or other representative with authority to make commitments, have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request. In the event the Parties do not agree that a service affecting Dispute exists, the Dispute resolution shall commence under the expedited process set forth in this Section 2.27.3.1, however, the first matter to be addressed by the Arbitrator shall be the applicability of such process to such Dispute.

2.27.3.2 There shall be no discovery except for the exchange of documents deemed necessary by the Arbitrator to an understanding and determination of the dispute. DCT and Midcontinent shall attempt, in good faith, to agree on a plan for such document discovery. Should they fail to agree, either DCT or Midcontinent may request a joint meeting or conference call with the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall resolve any disputes between DCT and Midcontinent, and such resolution with respect to the need, scope, manner, and timing of discovery shall be final and binding.

2.27.4 The Arbitrator's decision and award shall be in writing and shall state concisely the reasons for the award, including the Arbitrator's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

2.27.5 An interlocutory decision and award of the Arbitrator granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief may be challenged in a forum of competent jurisdiction immediately, but no later than ten (10) business days after the appellant's receipt of the decision challenged. During the pendency of any such challenge, any injunction ordered by the Arbitrator shall remain in effect, but the enjoined Party may make an application to the Arbitrator for appropriate security for the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by it if it is found to have been wrongfully enjoined, if such security has not previously been ordered. If the authority of competent jurisdiction determines that it will review, a decision granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief, such review shall be conducted on an expedited basis.

2.27.6 To the extent that any information or materials disclosed in the course of an arbitration proceeding contain proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information of either Party, it shall be safeguarded in accordance with Section 2.14 of this Agreement, or if the Parties mutually agree, such other appropriate agreement for the protection of proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information that the Parties negotiate. However, nothing in such negotiated agreement shall be construed to prevent either Party from disclosing the other Party's information to the Arbitrator in

connection with or in anticipation of an arbitration proceeding, provided, however, that the Party seeking to disclose the information shall first provide prior written notice to the disclosing Party so that that Party, with the cooperation of the other Party, may seek a protective order from the arbitrator. Except as the Parties otherwise agree, or as the Arbitrator for good cause orders, the arbitration proceedings, including hearings, briefs, orders, pleadings and discovery shall not be deemed confidential and may be disclosed at the discretion of either Party, unless it is subject to being safeguarded as proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information, in which event the procedures for disclosure of such information shall apply.

2.27.7 Should it become necessary to resort to court proceedings to enforce a Party's compliance with the dispute resolution process set forth herein, and the court directs or otherwise requires compliance herewith, then all of the costs and expenses, including its reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Party requesting such enforcement shall be reimbursed by the non-complying Party to the requesting Party.

2.27.8 No Dispute, regardless of the form of action, arising out of this Agreement, may be brought by either Party more than two (2) years after the cause of action accrues.

2.27.9 Nothing in this Section is intended to divest or limit the jurisdiction and authority of the Commission or the FCC as provided by state and federal law.

2.27.10 In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the rules prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute, this Agreement shall be controlling.

2.27.11 This Section does not apply to any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents concerning the misappropriation of use of intellectual property rights of a Party, including, but not limited to, the use of the trademark, trade name, trade dress or service mark of a Party.

Section 3.0 - RESALE

3.1 Description

3.1.1 DCT shall offer to Midcontinent for resale at wholesale rates any Telecommunications Services tariffed with the Commission that it provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Appendix A lists services which are available for resale under this Agreement and the applicable discounts, and is attached and incorporated herein by this reference.

3.1.2 Upon request by DCT, Midcontinent shall make its Telecommunications Services available to DCT for resale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, the FCC's relevant orders and rules, and the Commission's relevant orders and rules.

3.2 General Provisions

3.2.1 Residential services and Lifeline/Link-up services are available only to the same class of end user eligible to purchase these services from DCT. Universal emergency number service is not available for resale.

3.2.2 Non-Telecommunications Services, including but not limited to inside wiring and maintenance, CPE, ADSL, and directory listing charges are not available for resale under this Agreement unless DCT in its sole discretion decides to make the services available. If DCT at its sole discretion provides non-regulated services to Midcontinent for resale, said services shall be resold to Midcontinent according to terms and conditions established by DCT.

3.2.3 Telecommunications Services provided directly to Midcontinent for its own use and not resold to end users must be identified by Midcontinent as such, and Midcontinent will pay DCT retail prices for such services.

3.2.4 Resold services are available only where adequate facilities currently exist that are capable of providing such services without construction of additional facilities or enhancement of existing facilities, except to the extent that DCT would provide such additional construction or enhancement had the end user chosen not to move service to Midcontinent and that Midcontinent pays DCT's standard charges for such construction or enhancement.

3.2.5 Midcontinent has no right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by DCT. DCT reserves the right to change telephone numbers if necessary as a result of regulatory requirements or safety concerns.

3.2.6 Discontinuance of end user service for cause.

3.2.6.1 The service is furnished subject to the condition it will not be used for an unlawful purpose. Service will not be furnished if any law enforcement agency, acting within its jurisdiction, advises that such service is being used or will be used in violation of law. If DCT receives other evidence giving reasonable cause to believe that such service is being used or will be so used, it will either discontinue or deny the service or refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

3.2.6.2 DCT reserves the right to suspend or discontinue service to an end user in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of facilities or service, abuse of facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance of the

rules and regulations of the DCT Local Exchange Tariff.

If DCT discontinues, suspends or denies service pursuant to this Section 3.2.6, DCT will provide notice to Midcontinent of such discontinuance or denial.

3.2.7 DCT accepts no responsibility for any unlawful act committed by Midcontinent or its end users as part of providing service to Midcontinent for purposes of resale or otherwise.

3.2.8 DCT is authorized, but not required to cooperate with law enforcement agencies with respect to their investigation of any alleged unlawful activity of Midcontinent or its end users. Law enforcement agency subpoenas and court orders regarding the end users of Midcontinent will be directed to Midcontinent. DCT shall be entitled to bill Midcontinent for any cost associated with complying with any requests by law enforcement agencies regarding Midcontinent or Midcontinent's end users that DCT does not recover from law enforcement agencies. DCT will determine whom to bill for these costs. If DCT provides such assistance in response to a request from Midcontinent, it shall be entitled to bill Midcontinent for any cost associated with providing such assistance.

3.2.9 DCT will accept at no charge one primary listing for each main telephone number belonging to Midcontinent's end user customer based on end user information provided to DCT by Midcontinent. DCT will place Midcontinent's listings in the DCT directory and will make listings available to directory publishers and other third parties. DCT reserves the right to charge Midcontinent for subsequent changes to directory listing information at DCT's Tariffed rates.

3.2.10 Interexchange carried traffic (e.g. sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by DCT with respect to Midcontinent end-user accounts will be returned to the IXC as unbillable, and will not be passed on to Midcontinent for billing. An unbillable code returned with those messages to the carrier will indicate that the messages originated from a resold account and will not be billed by DCT.

3.2.11 DCT shall continue to have the right to serve and market directly to any end user within DCT's service area, including but not limited to Midcontinent's end users. DCT shall have the right to continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and services, and in doing so may establish independent relationships with Midcontinent's end users.

3.2.12 The circuits, facilities or equipment provided by any person or entity other than DCT and use, operation, maintenance or installation thereof shall not:

3.2.12.1 interfere with or impair DCT's business operations including

but not limited to providing service over DCT's facilities or those of DCT's affiliates, or connecting and concurring carriers;

3.2.12.2 cause damage to DCT's plant;

3.2.12.3 impair the privacy of any communications of DCT or its customers; or

3.2.12.4 create hazards to any DCT employees or the general public.

3.2.13 Facilities and/or equipment utilized by DCT to provide service to Midcontinent shall remain the property of DCT.

3.2.14 All costs incurred by DCT for providing services to Midcontinent that are not covered in the DCT tariffs or in this Agreement shall be recovered from Midcontinent. DCT shall attempt to provide advance written notice to Midcontinent if DCT expects costs to exceed \$500. DCT may not always be able to provide such notice in the event of unexpected expenses.

3.2.15 The rates applicable to Midcontinent for purchase of services from DCT for resale shall be the retail rate for the telecommunications services as provided in DCT's applicable Local Exchange Tariff less the wholesale discount listed in Appendix A.

3.2.16 Directory assistance and operator handled service are available through a third party provider. These services are not directly provided by DCT and will not be discounted.

3.2.17 Prior to placing any orders for services under this Agreement, the Parties will jointly complete DCT'S "New Customer Questionnaire."

3.2.18 DCT shall provide to Midcontinent, for Midcontinent's end users, E911/911 call routing to the appropriate public safety answering point (PSAP). DCT shall not be responsible for any failure of Midcontinent to provide accurate end user information for listings in any databases in which DCT is required to retain and/or maintain such information. DCT shall provide Midcontinent's end user information to the Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System (ALI/DMS).

3.3 Reseller Responsibilities

3.3.1 Midcontinent will be the customer of record for all services purchased hereunder from DCT. DCT will take service orders from, bill and collect payment from Midcontinent for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement. Midcontinent alone, not Midcontinent's agents or third parties hired by Midcontinent will be DCT's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this

Agreement. DCT will accept a request from another local service provider for conversion of the end user's service from Midcontinent to the other local service provider in accordance with applicable requirements of the FCC and the Commission.

3.3.2 Midcontinent shall resell telecommunications services only to the same class of customers to which DCT sells the services; e.g. residential service may not be resold to business customers. Except where explicitly provided in the DCT Local Exchange Tariff or where DCT otherwise permits such use, Midcontinent shall not permit the sharing of a service by multiple end users or the aggregation of traffic from multiple end users onto a single line service.

3.3.3 Midcontinent shall not use resold local exchange telephone service to provide access services to interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless carriers, competitive access providers (CAPs), or other telecommunication service providers.

3.3.4 All necessary information with respect to an end-user, including telephone number, requested service dates, and products and services desired will be provided to DCT by Midcontinent in accordance with the practices and procedures established by DCT.

3.3.5 Midcontinent shall not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from DCT.

3.3.6 If DCT determines that an unauthorized change in local service by a local service provider has occurred, DCT will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider, and will assess against the local service provider an unauthorized change charge. Appropriate nonrecurring charges, as set forth in the Local Exchange Tariff as applicable, will also be assessed to the local service provider.

3.3.7 To the extent allowable by law, Midcontinent shall be responsible for primary interexchange carrier (PIC) change charges associated with such local exchange line and trunks. Midcontinent shall pay for PIC changes at the tariffed rate.

3.3.8 Midcontinent is solely responsible for the payment of charges for all services furnished under this Agreement.

3.3.9 DCT shall not be responsible for the manner in which the use of Telecommunications Services or the associated charges are billed to others by Midcontinent.

3.3.10 If Midcontinent does not wish to be responsible for toll, collect, third number billed, 900 calls, last call return, caller originated trace, directory assistance inquiries, operator assistance charges Midcontinent must order blocking services as outlined in the DCT Local Exchange Tariff and pay any applicable charges.

3.3.11 Midcontinent shall be responsible for providing to its end users, and to DCT a telephone number or numbers that Midcontinent end users can use to contact Midcontinent in the event of service or repair requests.

3.4 Establishment of Service

3.4.1 Midcontinent will provide DCT with the necessary documentation to enable DCT to establish a master account for Midcontinent.

3.4.2 Service orders will be submitted in the format designated by DCT. The format shall conform to the formats adopted by the Ordering and Billing Forum or shall require only the information necessary for DCT to process an order, including customer-identifying information, services requested and the date on which service is to commence, be changed or be discontinued.

3.4.3 When DCT receives a properly completed service order from Midcontinent that a customer is subscribing to Midcontinent's services, standard service order intervals for the appropriate class of service will apply.

3.4.4 Except as required by applicable laws or rules, DCT will not require end user confirmation prior to establishing service for Midcontinent's end user customers. Midcontinent must, however, be able to demonstrate lawful end user authorization upon request.

3.4.5 At Midcontinent's request, DCT will provide to Midcontinent's customers per customer, blocking of calls (e.g., toll, 900, international calls, and third party or collect calls) by line or trunk, to the extent that DCT provides such blocking capabilities to its customers and to the extent required by law. A nonrecurring charge will apply for any changes.

3.4.6 When ordering Telecommunications Services via a service order, Midcontinent may order from DCT separate InterLATA and IntraLATA service providers (i.e., two PICs) on a line or trunk basis. DCT will accept PIC change orders from Midcontinent for Midcontinent's end users. PIC change fees will not be discounted.

3.4.7 DCT based on a credit check, may require Midcontinent to provide DCT a security deposit to ensure payment of Midcontinent's account.

3.4.7.1 Such security deposit shall be a cash deposit or other form of security acceptable to DCT. Any such security deposit may be held during the continuance of the service as security for the payment of any and all amounts accruing for the service.

3.4.7.2 If DCT determines that a security deposit is required prior to the activation of service, it shall provide notice to Midcontinent within fifteen (15) days following Commission approval of this agreement.

3.4.7.3 The provision of a security deposit does not relieve Midcontinent from complying with DCT's regulations as to prompt payment of bills on presentation and does not constitute a waiver or modification of the provisions of Section 2.4.2.

3.4.7.4 DCT reserves the right to increase the security deposit requirements when, in its sole judgment, circumstances so warrant and/or gross monthly billing has increased beyond the level initially used to determine the security deposit. In no event shall the deposit exceed twice the highest amount of any previous invoice. DCT shall reduce or eliminate any deposit in accordance with its standard policies governing such deposits after satisfactory credit is established, and shall refund the excess deposit including interest accrued within forty-five (45) days after determining that the deposit should be reduced or eliminated.

3.4.7.5 In the event this Agreement is terminated by DCT any security deposits will be applied to Midcontinent's account and DCT may pursue any other remedies available by law. To the extent the security deposit exceeds the amounts owed by Midcontinent, DCT will refund the excess including any interest accrued within one hundred and twenty (120) days after termination of the Agreement.

3.4.7.6 In the case of a cash deposit, interest at a rate as set forth in the appropriate DCT tariff shall be paid to Midcontinent during the possession of the security deposit by DCT. Interest on a security deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to Midcontinent by the accrual date.

3.5 Maintenance of Service

3.5.1 DCT's facilities and equipment provided by DCT shall be maintained solely by DCT or its agent.

3.5.2 Midcontinent or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by DCT without the written consent of DCT.

3.5.3 Midcontinent shall promptly notify DCT of any situations that arise that may result in a service problem.

3.5.4 Midcontinent will be DCT's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of Midcontinent's end users with respect to Telecommunications Services.

3.5.5 Midcontinent will contact DCT's repair center in accordance with procedures established by DCT. Midcontinent will refer repair calls to DCT by telephone.

3.5.6 For all repair requests, Midcontinent shall adhere to DCT's prescreening guidelines mutually agreed upon prior to referring the trouble to DCT.

3.5.7 For purposes of this Section, Telecommunications Services is considered restored or a trouble resolved when the quality of Telecommunications Services is equal to that provided before the outage or the trouble occurred.

3.5.8 DCT will bill Midcontinent for handling troubles that are found not to be in DCT's network pursuant to its standard time and material charges. The standard time and material charges will be no more than what DCT charges to its retail customers for the same services.

3.5.9 DCT Maintenance of Service Charges, when applicable, will be billed by DCT to Midcontinent, and not to Midcontinent's end-user customers.

3.5.10 DCT technicians will be dispatched to Midcontinent customer premises pursuant to a repair request being received from Midcontinent.

3.5.11 If trouble cannot be cleared without access to Midcontinent local customer's premises and the customer is not at home, the DCT technician will leave at the customer's premises a "no access" card requesting the customer to call "their local service provider" for rescheduling of repair.

3.5.12 DCT will perform testing (including trouble shooting to isolate any problems) of Telecommunications Services purchased by Midcontinent in order to identify any new circuit failure performance problems.

3.5.13 DCT reserves the right to contact Midcontinent's end users, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.

3.6 Discontinuance of Service

3.6.1 End User Disconnect Procedures

3.6.1.1 At the request of Midcontinent, DCT will disconnect a Midcontinent end user customer.

3.6.1.2 All requests by Midcontinent for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be provided to DCT in writing in the manner and format prescribed by DCT.

3.6.1.3 Midcontinent will be solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of service.

3.6.1.4 Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of Midcontinent.

3.6.1.5 DCT may report annoyance calls to Midcontinent when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of Midcontinent's end user's locations. DCT shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by Midcontinent against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to Midcontinent. It is the responsibility of Midcontinent to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Failure to do so may result in DCT's disconnecting the end user's service. If either party disconnects a customer pursuant to this Section 3.6.1.5 (Midcontinent via instructions to DCT to disconnect service or DCT acting without instructions from Midcontinent), the other Party shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the disconnecting Party against any claim, loss or damage arising from a claim of wrongful disconnection.

3.7 Billing and Payments

3.7.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, DCT shall bill Midcontinent those charges, which Midcontinent incurs as a result of Midcontinent purchasing Telecommunications Services from DCT.

3.7.2 DCT shall provide Midcontinent a monthly bill including all charges incurred by and credits and/or adjustments due to Midcontinent for the Telecommunications Services ordered, established, utilized, discontinued or performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each bill provided by DCT to Midcontinent will include:

3.7.2.1 All non-usage sensitive charges which are billed in advance and usage sensitive charges which are billed in arrears;

3.7.2.2 Any previously unbilled non-usage and usage sensitive charges for prior periods; and

3.7.2.4 DCT will also bill to Midcontinent all other charges, including but not limited to 911 and E911 fees, telecommunications relay charges, subscriber line charges, local number portability charges and applicable taxes.

3.7.3 Any switched access charges associated with interexchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due DCT from the Interexchange Carrier.

3.7.4 All end user common line (EUCL) charges, subscriber line charges (SLC),

Local Number Portability (LNP) or other similar charges will continue to apply for each local exchange line resold under this Agreement. All applicable federal and state rules, tariffs and regulations associated with such charges shall be applicable, as may be amended from time to time.

3.7.5 Each Party will provide the other Party at no charge a contact person for the handling of any Resale Billing questions or problems.

3.7.6 DCT will render bills each month on established bill days

3.7.7 If Midcontinent requests an additional copy(ies) of a bill, Midcontinent will pay DCT a reasonable fee per additional bill copy, unless such copy(ies) was requested due to errors, omissions, or corrections, or the failure of the original transmission to comply with the specifications set forth in this Agreement.

3.7.8 Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of Midcontinent. DCT is not responsible for payments not received by Midcontinent from Midcontinent's customer. DCT will not become involved in billing disputes that arise between Midcontinent and its customer. Payments made to DCT, as payment on account, will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account. DCT will not accept payments from Midcontinent's customers to apply on Midcontinent's account.

3.8 Customer Billing Data

3.8.1 End user billing data will be provided according to DCT practices and procedures. Usage data with respect to end users who have subscribed to a local measured service will be provided by DCT to Midcontinent when the end user has been transferred to Midcontinent, and Midcontinent purchases Telecommunications Services from DCT.

3.8.2 DCT will bill and Midcontinent will pay the applicable charges for usage data set forth in this Agreement. Billing and payment will be in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Section 4.0 - DEFINITIONS

Definitions of the terms used in this Agreement are listed below. The Parties agree that certain terms maybe defined elsewhere in this Agreement, as well as terms not defined shall be construed in accordance with their customary meaning in the telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

“**Agreement**” refers to the resale agreement signed by both parties.

“**Commission**” means the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

“**Confidential Information**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.14 of this Agreement.

“**Parties**” means DCT or Midcontinent collectively.

“**Party**” means either DCT or Midcontinent as applicable.

“**Tariff**” as used throughout this Agreement refers to the DCT North Dakota tariff filed with the Commission.

“**Telecommunications Service(s)**” means the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such class of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used. As used in this definition, “telecommunications” means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user’s choosing, without change in the form or content of the information sent and received.

“**Work Locations**” means any real estate that DCT or Midcontinent owns, leases or licenses or in which it holds easements or other rights to use, or does use, in connection with this Agreement.

Section 5.0 - SIGNATURE PAGE

By Signing below, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Resale Agreement.

Midcontinent Communications

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

Signature

Signature

Name Printed/Typed

Name Printed/Typed

Title

Title

Date

Date

APPENDIX A – NORTH DAKOTA
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES
RESALE OF SERVICES

The Parties agree the following charges apply to the Resale of Local Service:

1. Nonrecurring Charges

a. Customer Transfer Charge (CTC): The following nonrecurring charges apply when converting a DCT account to a Reseller account or when changing an end user from one reseller to another.

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b. Product Specific Nonrecurring Charge: As set forth in DCT tariffs, the product specific nonrecurring charges, without discount, will apply when additional lines or trunks are added or when the end user adds features or services to existing lines or trunks.

2. DCT shall offer to Midcontinent for resale at wholesale rates from the tariffed pricing Telecommunications Services tariffed with the Commission that DCT provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Except as qualified below, DCT telecommunications services shall be available for resale at a 16.15% discount from the tariffed prices.

a. The services not available for resale include but are not limited to the following services:

- Customer Premises Equipment
- Inside Wire
- Dedicated or Switched Access Service
- Promotions of 90 days or less in length
- Non Tariffed items
- Voice Mail
- Toll services
- ADSL
- Operator Services*
- Directory Listing charges
- Nonregulated services
- Directory Assistance Services*

Services marked with an * are available for resale, but not at discounted rates.



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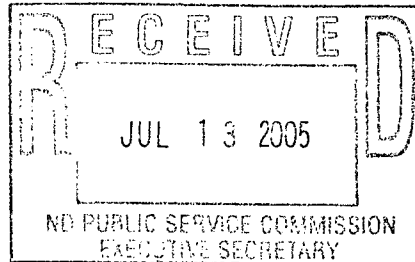
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RE: Midcontinent Communications - Complaint

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of each of the following:

- 1) NOTICE OF BONA FIDE REQUEST FOR SERVICES AND/OR REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF NO RURAL EXEMPTION UNDER 47 U.S.C. §251(F)(1)(C); and
- 2) COMPLAINT.

This document is also being transmitted electronically to your office. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the Complaint and Notice to be filed stamped and returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

(Signature)
 PATRICK W. DURICK

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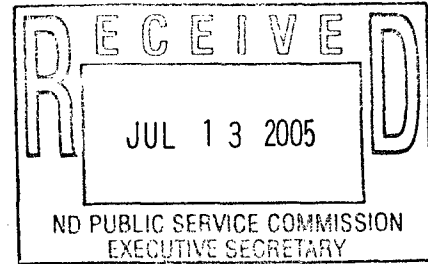
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. _____

Midcontinent Communications, a)
 South Dakota Partnership,)
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 Complainant,)
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 vs.)
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 Dakota Central Telecommunications)
 Cooperative and Dakota)
 Central Telecom I, Inc.)
)
 Respondents.)



COMPLAINT

For its complaint against Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. ("DCTI") and Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative ("DCT"), Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") alleges as follows:

I.

Midcontinent has Certificates of Registration to resell local and long distance telecommunications services in the state of North Dakota including the Carrington, North Dakota exchange ("Carrington").

II.

DCTI is the incumbent local exchange carrier for Carrington, North Dakota.

III

By letter dated May 9, 2005 attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(c), Midcontinent requested a wholesale resale agreement with DCTI for Carrington for, ". . . any Telecommunications Services tariffed with the Commission that it provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, . . ."

IV.

DCTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dakota Telecommunications Cooperative (“DCT”). DCT and DCTI have the same address and Mr. Keith A. Larson is the General Manager and CEO of both companies. DCT and DCTI operate as a single joint enterprise in providing telecommunications services, including video programming services, to Carrington, North Dakota. DCT and DCTI have a cable television franchise to provide video programming in Carrington, ND.

V.

Under Section 251(f)(1)(A) of the federal Communications Act, certain rural telephone companies are exempt from the requirements generally applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers under Section 251(c) of the Communications Act, including the obligation to provide services to competitive local exchange carriers on a wholesale basis for resale to retail customers. 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A). If a request for interconnection or services under Section 251(c) is made by a cable operator, this exemption is not available to a local exchange carrier in any area where it began providing video programming after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(C).

VI.

Midcontinent is a cable operator providing cable service in Carrington, ND.

VII.

DCT/DCTI have refused to enter into a wholesale resale agreement with Midcontinent to provide access to their services in Carrington, ND on the ground that they are exempt from the Section 251(c) requirements pursuant to Section 251(f)(1)(A).

VIII.

DCT and DCTI operate as a single joint enterprise in offering telecommunications services, including video programming services in Carrington, ND, and consequently do not qualify for the exemption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1)(A) from the requirements of 47

U.S.C. §251(c). Consequently, DCTI's refusal to comply with its obligations under Section 251(c) wrongfully delays Midcontinent's access to essential facilities of DCTI/DCT and is in violation of 49-21-24(1)(a), N.D.C.C.

IX.

At its Internet website DCT offers telephone services in the City of Carrington.

X.

DCTI and/or DCT are discriminating against Midcontinent by refusing access to essential facilities on terms and conditions no less favorable to Midcontinent than DCTI provides to itself and/or to its parent DCT and/or to their single joint enterprise in violation of 49-21-24(1)(b), N.D.C.C. Midcontinent cannot practically or economically duplicate DCTI's facilities as the incumbent local exchange carrier in Carrington and no other carrier has facilities that serve Carrington, ND.

XI.

The use of DCT/DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at Carrington is technically and economically feasible and denial of the use of DCT/DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at Carrington is unreasonable.

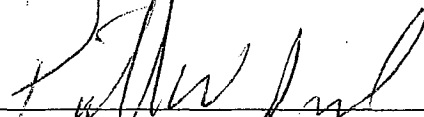
XII.

Use of DCT/DCTI's facilities by Midcontinent at the Carrington exchange will enable competition at Carrington and such use is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Midcontinent requests that the Public Service Commission enter its order referring this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a hearing on the allegations contained herein and issuance of recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed Order.

Dated this 13 day of July, 2005.

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May 9, 2005

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Re: Resale Agreement
Midcontinent Communications

Dear Sir:

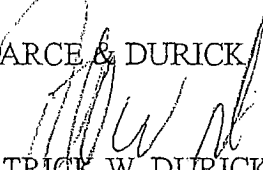
We represent Midcontinent Communications and the purpose of this letter is to propose a Resale Agreement between Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc and Midcontinent Communications. A copy of a proposed agreement is enclosed for your review and comment.

Please review the enclosed agreement and contact me with any suggested revisions to the agreement. I look forward to working with you to reach an agreement.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf

Enclosure.

cc: Mary Lohnes

RESALE AGREEMENT

Between

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

AND

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

IN THE STATE OF

NORTH DAKOTA

_____, 2005

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Section 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

1.1 This Agreement must be filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission). Absent Commission action within 90 days of the filing the Agreement will be deemed approved. The Agreement is between Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (DCT), a North Dakota cooperative and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent), a South Dakota General Partnership.

1.2 This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which DCT will offer and provide to Midcontinent, telecommunications services available for resale within the Carrington, ND exchange and for which DCT is the incumbent local exchange carrier with the State of North Dakota for purposes of providing local Telecommunications Services. This Agreement is available for the term set forth herein.

Section 2.0 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 General Provisions

2.1.1 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its end users and to other telecommunications carriers. This provision does not limit the liability of either Party for its failure to perform under this agreement.

2.1.2 The Parties shall work cooperatively to minimize third party fraud associated with third-number billed calls, calling card calls, and any other services related to this Agreement. Blocking of these services may be necessary to minimize fraud.

2.2 Term of Agreement

2.2.1 This Agreement shall become effective in accordance with the time frame set by North Dakota Statute. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties for a term of two (2) years unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 2.2.3. It shall remain effective following the initial term on a month-to-month basis until the Parties enter into a successor agreement or the Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 2.2.3.

2.2.2 Any Party may request negotiation for a successor Agreement by written notice to the other Party no earlier than one hundred sixty (160) Days prior to the expiration of the initial term and at any time thereafter.

2.2.3 This Agreement shall terminate:

2.2.3.1 Following the expiration of the initial term upon one hundred sixty (160) days prior notice from one Party to the other, provided that the Agreement shall continue in effect until a successor agreement becomes

effective.

2.2.3.2 Pursuant to the terms of Section 2.4.2 hereof.

2.2.3.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, upon fifteen (15) days written notice from one Party, if that Party previously notified the other Party in writing that the other Party was in breach of a material provision of this Agreements, and the other Party failed to correct the breach within thirty (30) days from receipt of written notice and to notify the first Party in writing that the breach has been corrected. If a Party fails to exercise its right to terminate the agreement pursuant to this Section 2.2.3.3 within sixty (60) days of a notice of breach, it shall be required to provide a new notice of breach in accordance with this section 2.2.3.3 before it can terminate the Agreement.

2.3 Proof of Authorization (POA)

2.3.1 Each Party shall be responsible of obtaining and maintaining Proof of Authorization (POA) as required by applicable federal and state law, as amended from time to time.

2.4 Performance

2.4.1 Amounts payable under this Agreement are due and payable within twenty (20) calendar days after bill date. If the payment due date is not a business day, the payment shall be due the next business day.

2.4.2 Except for amounts disputed pursuant to Section 2.4.5 herein, the following shall apply:

2.4.2.1 If payment is not received thirty (30) days from the bill date, DCT may provide written notice to Midcontinent that additional applications for service will be refused, and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth (15th) day following the date of the notice. If DCT does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and Midcontinent's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude DCT's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.

2.4.2.2 If Midcontinent fails to make any payment following the notice under Section 2.4.2.1, DCT may, on thirty (30) days written notice to Midcontinent's designated representative, discontinue the provision of existing services to Midcontinent at any time thereafter. Such notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If DCT does not discontinue the provision of the services

involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and Midcontinent's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude DCT's right to discontinue the provision of the services to Midcontinent without further notice.

2.4.2.3 If payment is not received within sixty (60) days of the notice under Section 2.4.2.1, DCT may terminate this Agreement.

2.4.3 After disconnect procedures have begun, DCT shall not accept service orders from Midcontinent until all unpaid charges are paid in full in immediately available funds. DCT shall have the right to require a deposit equal to two month's charges (based on the highest previous month of service from DCT) prior to resuming service to Midcontinent after disconnect for nonpayment has occurred.

2.4.4 In the event DCT properly terminates the provisioning of any resold services to Midcontinent for any reason, and subject to the requirements of the Commission and the FCC, Midcontinent shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its end users of the termination. DCT shall not be responsible for providing such notice to Midcontinent's end users unless required by the Commission or the FCC.

2.4.5 Disputes: Midcontinent shall, in writing, advise DCT of any disputes with respect to billing within forty-five (45) calendar days of the receipt of the invoice and include the specific amount (the "Disputed Amount"), details and reasons for disputing each item. If Midcontinent provides written notice of such dispute within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice, it shall not be required to pay the Disputed Amount and the provisions of Sections 2.4.2 shall not apply to the Disputed Amount during the pendency of this dispute. The Parties agree to expedite the investigation of any Disputed Amount in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute prior to initiating any other rights or remedies. Should the dispute be resolved in favor of DCT, Midcontinent shall thereafter pay to DCT any unpaid Disputed Amount plus interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month or the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is less, upon final resolution of such dispute. Should the dispute be resolved in favor of Midcontinent, DCT shall pay to Midcontinent any paid Disputed Amount plus interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month or the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is less, upon final resolution of such dispute, and shall remove any unpaid Disputed Amount resolved in favor of Midcontinent from Midcontinent's invoices. If a Disputed Amount remains unpaid thirty (30) days after final resolution of such dispute, DCT may disconnect service to Midcontinent upon providing ten (10) days' written notice.

2.5 Taxes

2.5.1 Any federal, state or local taxes including but not limited to sales, use, excise, franchise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges resulting

from the performance of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party upon which the obligation for payment is imposed under Applicable Law, even if the obligation to collect and remit such taxes is placed upon the other Party. However, where the selling Party is permitted by law to collect such taxes, fees or surcharges, from the purchasing Party, such taxes, fees or surcharges shall be borne by the Party purchasing the services. Each Party is responsible for any tax on its corporate existence, status or income. Whenever required by law, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to qualify for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Until such time as a resale tax exemption certificate is provided, no exemptions will be applied. If either Party (the Contesting Party) contests the application of any tax collected by the other Party (the Collecting Party), the Collecting Party shall reasonably cooperate in good faith with the Contesting Party's challenge, provided that the Contesting Party pays any costs incurred by the Collecting Party. The Contesting Party is entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery resulting from the contest, provided that the Contesting Party is liable for and has paid the tax contested.

2.6 Insurance

2.6.1 Each Party shall at all times during the term of this Agreement, at its own cost and expense, carry and maintain all insurance required by law and Commercial General Liability insurance covering claims for bodily injury, death, personal injury or property damage and contractual liability with respect to the liability assumed by that Party hereunder. The limits of insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit. Each Party will provide a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage within 90 days of execution of this Agreement and every year thereafter that this Agreement is in effect.

2.7 Force Majeure

2.7.1 Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, or unusually severe weather conditions (collectively, a Force Majeure Event). Inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers shall be considered Force Majeure Events to the extent any delay or failure in performance caused by these circumstances is beyond the Party's control and without the Party's fault or negligence. If affected by a Force Majeure Event, a Party shall give prompt notice to the other Party, and shall be excused from performance of its obligations hereunder on a Day to Day basis to

the extent those obligations are prevented by the Force Majeure Event, and shall use reasonable efforts to remove or mitigate the Force Majeure Event. In the event of a labor dispute or strike the affected Party agrees to provide service to the other Party at a level equivalent to the level the affected Party provides itself.

2.8 Limitation of Liability

2.8.1 Each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss relating to or arising out of any act or omission in its performance under this Agreement, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, or tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind, shall be limited to the total amount that is or would have been charged to the other Party by such breaching Party for the service(s) or function(s) not performed or improperly performed. Each Party's liability to the other Party for any other losses shall be limited to the total amounts charged to the other Party under this Agreement during the contract year in which the cause accrues or arises.

2.8.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, lost revenues, lost savings suffered by the other Party regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind and regardless of whether the Parties know the possibility that such damages could result.

2.8.3 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's liability to the other for (I) willful or intentional misconduct or (ii) damage to tangible real or personal property proximately caused solely by such Party's negligent act or omission or that of a Party's respective agents, subcontractors, or employees.

2.8.4 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's indemnification obligations pursuant to Section 2.9 of this Agreement, nor shall this Section limit a Party's liability for failing to make any payment due under this Agreement.

2.9 Indemnity

2.9.1 Each Party (the Indemnifying Party) agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party (the Indemnified Party) and each of its officers, directors, employees and agents (each an Indemnitee) from and against and in respect of any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated including, but not limited to, reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees), whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any person or entity, for invasion of privacy, bodily injury or death of any person or persons, or for loss, damage to, or destruction of tangible property, whether or not owned by others, resulting from the Indemnifying Party's breach of or failure to perform under this Agreement, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict

liability, or tort including (without limitation) negligence of any kind.

2.9.2 The Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any action taken against the Indemnified Party relating to the indemnification. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

2.9.3 If the Indemnifying Party wishes to defend against such action, it shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such action. In such event, the Indemnifying Party shall have sole authority to defend any such action, including the selection of legal counsel, and the Indemnified Party may engage separate legal counsel only at its sole cost and expense. In the event that the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of the action, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. Each Party agrees to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such action and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense.

2.9.4 In no event shall the Indemnifying Party settle or consent to any judgment pertaining to any such action without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party.

2.10 Warranties

DCT HEREBY STATES AND MIDCONTINENT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND THAT ALL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED "AS IS," WITH ALL FAULTS.

2.11 Assignment

Neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other party, except that either Party may assign or transfer this agreement in connection with the acquisition of all or substantially all of the Party by another entity with sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio.

2.12 Disclaimer of Agency

Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute designation of either Party as a legal representative or

agent of the other Party, nor shall either Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted in writing by other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, neither Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual.

2.13 Severability

In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be unenforceable or invalid in any respect under law or regulation, the Parties will negotiate in good faith for replacement language as set forth herein. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability will affect only the portion of this Agreement which is invalid or unenforceable. In all other respects, this Agreement will stand as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been a part hereof, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

2.14 Nondisclosure

2.14.1 All information, including but not limited to specifications, microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, magnetic tapes, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data, (i) furnished by one Party to the other Party dealing with business or marketing plans end user customer specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than end user customer information communicated for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance or publication of directory database, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated and declared to the other Party at the time of delivery, or by written within ten (10) calendar Days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Confidential Information"), shall remain the property of disclosing Party.

2.14.2 Upon termination of this agreement or any time during this Agreement upon request by the disclosing Party, the other Party shall return all tangible copies of Confidential Information, whether written graphic or otherwise.

2.14.3 The receiving Party shall keep the disclosing Party's Confidential Information confidential. In no case shall retail marketing, sales personnel, or strategic planning have access to such Confidential Information. Each Party shall use the other Party's Confidential Information only in connection with this Agreement.

2.14.4 Each Party agrees that the other Party could be irreparably injured by a breach of the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement and that a disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance in the event of any breach of the confidentiality provisions of this

Agreement. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

2.15 Survival

Any liabilities or obligations by a Party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Agreement, and any obligation of a Party under the provisions regarding indemnification, Confidential Information, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Agreement, shall survive cancellation or termination hereof.

2.16 Controlling Law

This Agreement is made in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North Dakota. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North Dakota.

2.17 Notices

Any notices required by or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to DCT and Midcontinent at the addresses shown below:

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

With copy to:

And to Midcontinent at the address shown below:

Midcontinent Communications
Mary Lohnes, Regulatory Affairs Manager
5001 W 41st Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone (605) 357-5459
Fax (605) 339-4419

Each Party shall inform the other of any change in the above contact person and/or address using the method of notice called for in this Section.

2.18 Responsibility of Each Party

Each Party is an independent contractor with respect to the other party, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party will be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including compliance with social security taxes, withholding taxes and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party will be solely responsible for proper handling, storage, transport and disposal at its own expense of all (i) substances or materials that it or its contractors or agents bring to, create or assume control over at Work Locations, and (ii) Waste resulting therefrom or otherwise generated in connection with its or its contractors' or agents' activities at the Work Locations. Subject to the limitations on liability and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for (i) its own acts and performance of all obligations imposed by Applicable Law in connection with its activities, legal status and property, real or personal, and (ii) the acts of its own Affiliates, employees, agents and contractors during the performance of that Party's obligations hereunder.

2.19 No Third Party Beneficiaries

The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties and not for any other person. This Agreement will not provide any person not a Party to this Agreement with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, claim of action, or other right in excess of those existing by reference in this Agreement.

2.20 Publicity

Neither Party shall publish or use any publicity materials with respect to the execution and delivery or existence of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other Party. Neither Party may use the other Party's logo or any other symbol or language for which the other Party has trademark or copyright protection.

2.21 Executed in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

2.22 Compliance

Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, each Party agrees to keep and maintain in full force and in effect all

permits, licenses, certificates, and other authorizations needed to perform obligations hereunder.

2.23 Compliance with the Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided under this Agreement comply with the CALEA. Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from any and all penalties imposed upon the other Party for such noncompliance.

2.24 Cooperation

The Parties agree that this Agreement involves the provision of DCT services in ways such services were not previously available and the introduction of new processes and procedures to provide and bill such services. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work jointly and cooperatively in testing and implementing processes for pre-ordering, ordering, maintenance, and provisioning.

2.25 Amendments

Either Party may request an amendment to this Agreement at any time by providing to the other Party in writing the desired amendment and proposed language changes. This Agreement can only be amended in writing, executed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

2.26 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between DCT and Midcontinent and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

2.27 Dispute Resolution

2.27.1 If any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents should arise, and the Parties do not resolve it in the ordinary course of their dealings (the "Dispute"), then it shall be resolved in accordance with this Section. Each notice of default, unless cured within the applicable cure period, shall be resolved in accordance herewith. Dispute resolution under the procedures provided in this Section 2.27 shall be the preferred, but not the exclusive remedy for all disputes between DCT and Midcontinent arising out of this Agreement or its breach. Each Party reserves its rights to resort to the Commission or to a court, agency, or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section 2.27 shall limit the right of either Party, upon meeting the requisite showing, to obtain provisional remedies (including injunctive relief) from a

court before, during or after the pendency of any arbitration proceeding brought pursuant to this Section 2.27. However, once a decision is reached by the Arbitrator, such decision shall supersede any provisional remedy.

2.27.2 At the written request of either Party (the Resolution Request), and prior to any other formal dispute resolution proceedings, each Party shall within seven (7) calendar Days after such Resolution Request designate a vice-presidential level employee or a representative with authority to make commitments to review, meet, and negotiate, in good faith, to resolve the Dispute. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted on an informal basis. By mutual agreement, the representatives may use other procedures, such as mediation, to assist in these negotiations. The discussions and correspondence among the representatives for the purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as Confidential Information developed for purposes of settlement, and shall be exempt from discovery and production, and shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration or other proceedings without the concurrence of both of the Parties.

2.27.3 If the vice-presidential level representatives or the designated representative with authority to make commitments have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within fifteen (15) calendar Days after the Resolution Request (or such longer period as agreed to in writing by the Parties), or if either Party fails to designate such vice-presidential level representative or their representative with authority to make commitments within seven (7) calendar Days after the date of the Resolution Request, then either Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request pursuant to the terms of Section 2.27.3.1. In any case, the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, knowledgeable about the telecommunications industry unless the Dispute involves amounts exceeding five million (\$5,000,000) in which case the proceeding shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then-current rules for commercial disputes of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or J.A.M.S./Endispute, at the election of the Party that initiates dispute resolution under this Section 2.27. Such rules and procedures shall apply notwithstanding any part of such rules that may limit their availability for resolution of a Dispute.

The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in a mutually agreeable location. It is acknowledged that the Parties, by mutual, written agreement, may change any of these arbitration practices for a particular, some, or all Dispute(s).

2.27.3.1 All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute rules, as the case may be, shall apply to Disputes affecting the ability of a Party to provide uninterrupted, high quality services to its end user customers, or as otherwise called for in this Agreement. A Party may seek expedited resolution of a Dispute if the vice-presidential level representative, or other representative with authority to make commitments, have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request. In the event the Parties do not agree that a service affecting Dispute exists, the Dispute resolution shall commence under the expedited process set forth in this Section 2.27.3.1, however, the first matter to be addressed by the Arbitrator shall be the applicability of such process to such Dispute.

2.27.3.2 There shall be no discovery except for the exchange of documents deemed necessary by the Arbitrator to an understanding and determination of the dispute. DCT and Midcontinent shall attempt, in good faith, to agree on a plan for such document discovery. Should they fail to agree, either DCT or Midcontinent may request a joint meeting or conference call with the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall resolve any disputes between DCT and Midcontinent, and such resolution with respect to the need, scope, manner, and timing of discovery shall be final and binding.

2.27.4 The Arbitrator's decision and award shall be in writing and shall state concisely the reasons for the award, including the Arbitrator's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

2.27.5 An interlocutory decision and award of the Arbitrator granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief may be challenged in a forum of competent jurisdiction immediately, but no later than ten (10) business days after the appellant's receipt of the decision challenged. During the pendency of any such challenge, any injunction ordered by the Arbitrator shall remain in effect, but the enjoined Party may make an application to the Arbitrator for appropriate security for the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by it if it is found to have been wrongfully enjoined, if such security has not previously been ordered. If the authority of competent jurisdiction determines that it will review, a decision granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief, such review shall be conducted on an expedited basis.

2.27.6 To the extent that any information or materials disclosed in the course of an arbitration proceeding contain proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information of either Party, it shall be safeguarded in accordance with Section 2.14 of this Agreement, or if the Parties mutually agree, such other appropriate agreement for the protection of proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information that the Parties negotiate. However, nothing in such negotiated agreement shall be construed to prevent either Party from disclosing the other Party's information to the Arbitrator in

connection with or in anticipation of an arbitration proceeding, provided, however, that the Party seeking to disclose the information shall first provide prior written notice to the disclosing Party so that that Party, with the cooperation of the other Party, may seek a protective order from the arbitrator. Except as the Parties otherwise agree, or as the Arbitrator for good cause orders, the arbitration proceedings, including hearings, briefs, orders, pleadings and discovery shall not be deemed confidential and may be disclosed at the discretion of either Party, unless it is subject to being safeguarded as proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information, in which event the procedures for disclosure of such information shall apply.

2.27.7 Should it become necessary to resort to court proceedings to enforce a Party's compliance with the dispute resolution process set forth herein, and the court directs or otherwise requires compliance herewith, then all of the costs and expenses, including its reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Party requesting such enforcement shall be reimbursed by the non-complying Party to the requesting Party.

2.27.8 No Dispute, regardless of the form of action, arising out of this Agreement, may be brought by either Party more than two (2) years after the cause of action accrues.

2.27.9 Nothing in this Section is intended to divest or limit the jurisdiction and authority of the Commission or the FCC as provided by state and federal law.

2.27.10 In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the rules prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute, this Agreement shall be controlling.

2.27.11 This Section does not apply to any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents concerning the misappropriation of use of intellectual property rights of a Party, including, but not limited to, the use of the trademark, trade name, trade dress or service mark of a Party.

Section 3.0 - RESALE

3.1 Description

3.1.1 DCT shall offer to Midcontinent for resale at wholesale rates any Telecommunications Services tariffed with the Commission that it provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Appendix A lists services which are available for resale under this Agreement and the applicable discounts, and is attached and incorporated herein by this reference.

3.1.2 Upon request by DCT, Midcontinent shall make its Telecommunications Services available to DCT for resale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, the FCC's relevant orders and rules, and the Commission's relevant orders and rules.

3.2 General Provisions

3.2.1 Residential services and Lifeline/Link-up services are available only to the same class of end user eligible to purchase these services from DCT. Universal emergency number service is not available for resale.

3.2.2 Non-Telecommunications Services, including but not limited to inside wiring and maintenance, CPE, ADSL, and directory listing charges are not available for resale under this Agreement unless DCT in its sole discretion decides to make the services available. If DCT at its sole discretion provides non-regulated services to Midcontinent for resale, said services shall be resold to Midcontinent according to terms and conditions established by DCT.

3.2.3 Telecommunications Services provided directly to Midcontinent for its own use and not resold to end users must be identified by Midcontinent as such, and Midcontinent will pay DCT retail prices for such services.

3.2.4 Resold services are available only where adequate facilities currently exist that are capable of providing such services without construction of additional facilities or enhancement of existing facilities, except to the extent that DCT would provide such additional construction or enhancement had the end user chosen not to move service to Midcontinent and that Midcontinent pays DCT's standard charges for such construction or enhancement.

3.2.5 Midcontinent has no right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by DCT. DCT reserves the right to change telephone numbers if necessary as a result of regulatory requirements or safety concerns.

3.2.6 Discontinuance of end user service for cause.

3.2.6.1 The service is furnished subject to the condition it will not be used for an unlawful purpose. Service will not be furnished if any law enforcement agency, acting within its jurisdiction, advises that such service is being used or will be used in violation of law. If DCT receives other evidence giving reasonable cause to believe that such service is being used or will be so used, it will either discontinue or deny the service or refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

3.2.6.2 DCT reserves the right to suspend or discontinue service to an end user in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of facilities or service, abuse of facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance of the

rules and regulations of the DCT Local Exchange Tariff.

If DCT discontinues, suspends or denies service pursuant to this Section 3.2.6, DCT will provide notice to Midcontinent of such discontinuance or denial.

3.2.7 DCT accepts no responsibility for any unlawful act committed by Midcontinent or its end users as part of providing service to Midcontinent for purposes of resale or otherwise.

3.2.8 DCT is authorized, but not required to cooperate with law enforcement agencies with respect to their investigation of any alleged unlawful activity of Midcontinent or its end users. Law enforcement agency subpoenas and court orders regarding the end users of Midcontinent will be directed to Midcontinent. DCT shall be entitled to bill Midcontinent for any cost associated with complying with any requests by law enforcement agencies regarding Midcontinent or Midcontinent's end users that DCT does not recover from law enforcement agencies. DCT will determine whom to bill for these costs. If DCT provides such assistance in response to a request from Midcontinent, it shall be entitled to bill Midcontinent for any cost associated with providing such assistance.

3.2.9 DCT will accept at no charge one primary listing for each main telephone number belonging to Midcontinent's end user customer based on end user information provided to DCT by Midcontinent. DCT will place Midcontinent's listings in the DCT directory and will make listings available to directory publishers and other third parties. DCT reserves the right to charge Midcontinent for subsequent changes to directory listing information at DCT's Tariffed rates.

3.2.10 Interexchange carried traffic (e.g. sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by DCT with respect to Midcontinent end-user accounts will be returned to the IXC as unbillable, and will not be passed on to Midcontinent for billing. An unbillable code returned with those messages to the carrier will indicate that the messages originated from a resold account and will not be billed by DCT.

3.2.11 DCT shall continue to have the right to serve and market directly to any end user within DCT's service area, including but not limited to Midcontinent's end users. DCT shall have the right to continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and services, and in doing so may establish independent relationships with Midcontinent's end users.

3.2.12 The circuits, facilities or equipment provided by any person or entity other than DCT and use, operation, maintenance or installation thereof shall not:

3.2.12.1 interfere with or impair DCT's business operations including

but not limited to providing service over DCT's facilities or those of DCT's affiliates, or connecting and concurring carriers;

3.2.12.2 cause damage to DCT's plant;

3.2.12.3 impair the privacy of any communications of DCT or its customers; or

3.2.12.4 create hazards to any DCT employees or the general public.

3.2.13 Facilities and/or equipment utilized by DCT to provide service to Midcontinent shall remain the property of DCT.

3.2.14 All costs incurred by DCT for providing services to Midcontinent that are not covered in the DCT tariffs or in this Agreement shall be recovered from Midcontinent. DCT shall attempt to provide advance written notice to Midcontinent if DCT expects costs to exceed \$500. DCT may not always be able to provide such notice in the event of unexpected expenses.

3.2.15 The rates applicable to Midcontinent for purchase of services from DCT for resale shall be the retail rate for the telecommunications services as provided in DCT's applicable Local Exchange Tariff less the wholesale discount listed in Appendix A.

3.2.16 Directory assistance and operator handled service are available through a third party provider. These services are not directly provided by DCT and will not be discounted.

3.2.17 Prior to placing any orders for services under this Agreement, the Parties will jointly complete DCT'S "New Customer Questionnaire."

3.2.18 DCT shall provide to Midcontinent, for Midcontinent's end users, E911/911 call routing to the appropriate public safety answering point (PSAP). DCT shall not be responsible for any failure of Midcontinent to provide accurate end user information for listings in any databases in which DCT is required to retain and/or maintain such information. DCT shall provide Midcontinent's end user information to the Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System (ALI/DMS).

3.3 Reseller Responsibilities

3.3.1 Midcontinent will be the customer of record for all services purchased hereunder from DCT. DCT will take service orders from, bill and collect payment from Midcontinent for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement. Midcontinent alone, not Midcontinent's agents or third parties hired by Midcontinent will be DCT's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this

Agreement. DCT will accept a request from another local service provider for conversion of the end user's service from Midcontinent to the other local service provider in accordance with applicable requirements of the FCC and the Commission.

3.3.2 Midcontinent shall resell telecommunications services only to the same class of customers to which DCT sells the services; e.g. residential service may not be resold to business customers. Except where explicitly provided in the DCT Local Exchange Tariff or where DCT otherwise permits such use, Midcontinent shall not permit the sharing of a service by multiple end users or the aggregation of traffic from multiple end users onto a single line service.

3.3.3 Midcontinent shall not use resold local exchange telephone service to provide access services to interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless carriers, competitive access providers (CAPs), or other telecommunication service providers.

3.3.4 All necessary information with respect to an end-user, including telephone number, requested service dates, and products and services desired will be provided to DCT by Midcontinent in accordance with the practices and procedures established by DCT.

3.3.5 Midcontinent shall not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from DCT.

3.3.6 If DCT determines that an unauthorized change in local service by a local service provider has occurred, DCT will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider, and will assess against the local service provider an unauthorized change charge. Appropriate nonrecurring charges, as set forth in the Local Exchange Tariff as applicable, will also be assessed to the local service provider.

3.3.7 To the extent allowable by law, Midcontinent shall be responsible for primary interexchange carrier (PIC) change charges associated with such local exchange line and trunks. Midcontinent shall pay for PIC changes at the tariffed rate.

3.3.8 Midcontinent is solely responsible for the payment of charges for all services furnished under this Agreement.

3.3.9 DCT shall not be responsible for the manner in which the use of Telecommunications Services or the associated charges are billed to others by Midcontinent.

3.3.10 If Midcontinent does not wish to be responsible for toll, collect, third number billed, 900 calls, last call return, caller originated trace, directory assistance inquiries, operator assistance charges Midcontinent must order blocking services as outlined in the DCT Local Exchange Tariff and pay any applicable charges.

3.3.11 Midcontinent shall be responsible for providing to its end users, and to DCT a telephone number or numbers that Midcontinent end users can use to contact Midcontinent in the event of service or repair requests.

3.4 Establishment of Service

3.4.1 Midcontinent will provide DCT with the necessary documentation to enable DCT to establish a master account for Midcontinent.

3.4.2 Service orders will be submitted in the format designated by DCT. The format shall conform to the formats adopted by the Ordering and Billing Forum or shall require only the information necessary for DCT to process an order, including customer-identifying information, services requested and the date on which service is to commence, be changed or be discontinued.

3.4.3 When DCT receives a properly completed service order from Midcontinent that a customer is subscribing to Midcontinent's services, standard service order intervals for the appropriate class of service will apply.

3.4.4 Except as required by applicable laws or rules, DCT will not require end user confirmation prior to establishing service for Midcontinent's end user customers. Midcontinent must, however, be able to demonstrate lawful end user authorization upon request.

3.4.5 At Midcontinent's request, DCT will provide to Midcontinent's customers per customer, blocking of calls (e.g., toll, 900, international calls, and third party or collect calls) by line or trunk, to the extent that DCT provides such blocking capabilities to its customers and to the extent required by law. A nonrecurring charge will apply for any changes.

3.4.6 When ordering Telecommunications Services via a service order, Midcontinent may order from DCT separate InterLATA and IntraLATA service providers (i.e., two PICs) on a line or trunk basis. DCT will accept PIC change orders from Midcontinent for Midcontinent's end users. PIC change fees will not be discounted.

3.4.7 DCT based on a credit check, may require Midcontinent to provide DCT a security deposit to ensure payment of Midcontinent's account.

3.4.7.1 Such security deposit shall be a cash deposit or other form of security acceptable to DCT. Any such security deposit may be held during the continuance of the service as security for the payment of any and all amounts accruing for the service.

3.4.7.2 If DCT determines that a security deposit is required prior to the activation of service, it shall provide notice to Midcontinent within fifteen (15) days following Commission approval of this agreement.

3.4.7.3 The provision of a security deposit does not relieve Midcontinent from complying with DCT's regulations as to prompt payment of bills on presentation and does not constitute a waiver or modification of the provisions of Section 2.4.2.

3.4.7.4 DCT reserves the right to increase the security deposit requirements when, in its sole judgment, circumstances so warrant and/or gross monthly billing has increased beyond the level initially used to determine the security deposit. In no event shall the deposit exceed twice the highest amount of any previous invoice. DCT shall reduce or eliminate any deposit in accordance with its standard policies governing such deposits after satisfactory credit is established, and shall refund the excess deposit including interest accrued within forty-five (45) days after determining that the deposit should be reduced or eliminated.

3.4.7.5 In the event this Agreement is terminated by DCT any security deposits will be applied to Midcontinent's account and DCT may pursue any other remedies available by law. To the extent the security deposit exceeds the amounts owed by Midcontinent, DCT will refund the excess including any interest accrued within one hundred and twenty (120) days after termination of the Agreement.

3.4.7.6 In the case of a cash deposit, interest at a rate as set forth in the appropriate DCT tariff shall be paid to Midcontinent during the possession of the security deposit by DCT. Interest on a security deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to Midcontinent by the accrual date.

3.5 Maintenance of Service

3.5.1 DCT's facilities and equipment provided by DCT shall be maintained solely by DCT or its agent.

3.5.2 Midcontinent or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by DCT without the written consent of DCT.

3.5.3 Midcontinent shall promptly notify DCT of any situations that arise that may result in a service problem.

3.5.4 Midcontinent will be DCT's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of Midcontinent's end users with respect to Telecommunications Services.

3.5.5 Midcontinent will contact DCT's repair center in accordance with procedures established by DCT. Midcontinent will refer repair calls to DCT by telephone.

3.5.6 For all repair requests, Midcontinent shall adhere to DCT's prescreening guidelines mutually agreed upon prior to referring the trouble to DCT.

3.5.7 For purposes of this Section, Telecommunications Services is considered restored or a trouble resolved when the quality of Telecommunications Services is equal to that provided before the outage or the trouble occurred.

3.5.8 DCT will bill Midcontinent for handling troubles that are found not to be in DCT's network pursuant to its standard time and material charges. The standard time and material charges will be no more than what DCT charges to its retail customers for the same services.

3.5.9 DCT Maintenance of Service Charges, when applicable, will be billed by DCT to Midcontinent, and not to Midcontinent's end-user customers.

3.5.10 DCT technicians will be dispatched to Midcontinent customer premises pursuant to a repair request being received from Midcontinent.

3.5.11 If trouble cannot be cleared without access to Midcontinent local customer's premises and the customer is not at home, the DCT technician will leave at the customer's premises a "no access" card requesting the customer to call "their local service provider" for rescheduling of repair.

3.5.12 DCT will perform testing (including trouble shooting to isolate any problems) of Telecommunications Services purchased by Midcontinent in order to identify any new circuit failure performance problems.

3.5.13 DCT reserves the right to contact Midcontinent's end users, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.

3.6 Discontinuance of Service

3.6.1 End User Disconnect Procedures

3.6.1.1 At the request of Midcontinent, DCT will disconnect a Midcontinent end user customer.

3.6.1.2 All requests by Midcontinent for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be provided to DCT in writing in the manner and format prescribed by DCT.

3.6.1.3 Midcontinent will be solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of service.

3.6.1.4 Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of Midcontinent.

3.6.1.5 DCT may report annoyance calls to Midcontinent when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of Midcontinent's end user's locations. DCT shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by Midcontinent against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to Midcontinent. It is the responsibility of Midcontinent to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Failure to do so may result in DCT's disconnecting the end user's service. If either party disconnects a customer pursuant to this Section 3.6.1.5 (Midcontinent via instructions to DCT to disconnect service or DCT acting without instructions from Midcontinent), the other Party shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the disconnecting Party against any claim, loss or damage arising from a claim of wrongful disconnection.

3.7 Billing and Payments

3.7.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, DCT shall bill Midcontinent those charges, which Midcontinent incurs as a result of Midcontinent purchasing Telecommunications Services from DCT.

3.7.2 DCT shall provide Midcontinent a monthly bill including all charges incurred by and credits and/or adjustments due to Midcontinent for the Telecommunications Services ordered, established, utilized, discontinued or performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each bill provided by DCT to Midcontinent will include:

3.7.2.1 All non-usage sensitive charges which are billed in advance and usage sensitive charges which are billed in arrears;

3.7.2.2 Any previously unbilled non-usage and usage sensitive charges for prior periods; and

3.7.2.4 DCT will also bill to Midcontinent all other charges, including but not limited to 911 and E911 fees, telecommunications relay charges, subscriber line charges, local number portability charges and applicable taxes.

3.7.3 Any switched access charges associated with interexchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due DCT from the Interexchange Carrier.

3.7.4 All end user common line (EUCL) charges, subscriber line charges (SLC),

Local Number Portability (LNP) or other similar charges will continue to apply for each local exchange line resold under this Agreement. All applicable federal and state rules, tariffs and regulations associated with such charges shall be applicable, as may be amended from time to time.

3.7.5 Each Party will provide the other Party at no charge a contact person for the handling of any Resale Billing questions or problems.

3.7.6 DCT will render bills each month on established bill days

3.7.7 If Midcontinent requests an additional copy(ies) of a bill, Midcontinent will pay DCT a reasonable fee per additional bill copy, unless such copy(ies) was requested due to errors, omissions, or corrections, or the failure of the original transmission to comply with the specifications set forth in this Agreement.

3.7.8 Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of Midcontinent. DCT is not responsible for payments not received by Midcontinent from Midcontinent's customer. DCT will not become involved in billing disputes that arise between Midcontinent and its customer. Payments made to DCT, as payment on account, will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account. DCT will not accept payments from Midcontinent's customers to apply on Midcontinent's account.

3.8 Customer Billing Data

3.8.1 End user billing data will be provided according to DCT practices and procedures. Usage data with respect to end users who have subscribed to a local measured service will be provided by DCT to Midcontinent when the end user has been transferred to Midcontinent, and Midcontinent purchases Telecommunications Services from DCT.

3.8.2 DCT will bill and Midcontinent will pay the applicable charges for usage data set forth in this Agreement. Billing and payment will be in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Section 4.0 - DEFINITIONS

Definitions of the terms used in this Agreement are listed below. The Parties agree that certain terms maybe defined elsewhere in this Agreement, as well as terms not defined shall be construed in accordance with their customary meaning in the telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

“Agreement” refers to the resale agreement signed by both parties.

“Commission” means the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

“Confidential Information” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.14 of this Agreement.

“Parties” means DCT or Midcontinent collectively.

“Party” means either DCT or Midcontinent as applicable.

“Tariff” as used throughout this Agreement refers to the DCT North Dakota tariff filed with the Commission.

“Telecommunications Service(s)” means the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such class of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used. As used in this definition, “telecommunications” means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user’s choosing, without change in the form or content of the information sent and received.

“Work Locations” means any real estate that DCT or Midcontinent owns, leases or licenses or in which it holds easements or other rights to use, or does use, in connection with this Agreement.

Section 5.0 - SIGNATURE PAGE

By Signing below, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Resale Agreement.

Midcontinent Communications

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

Signature

Signature

Name Printed/Typed

Name Printed/Typed

Title

Title

Date

Date

APPENDIX A – NORTH DAKOTA
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES
RESALE OF SERVICES

The Parties agree the following charges apply to the Resale of Local Service:

1. Nonrecurring Charges

a. Customer Transfer Charge (CTC): The following nonrecurring charges apply when converting a DCT account to a Reseller account or when changing an end user from one reseller to another.

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b. Product Specific Nonrecurring Charge: As set forth in DCT tariffs, the product specific nonrecurring charges, without discount, will apply when additional lines or trunks are added or when the end user adds features or services to existing lines or trunks.

2. DCT shall offer to Midcontinent for resale at wholesale rates from the tariffed pricing Telecommunications Services tariffed with the Commission that DCT provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Except as qualified below, DCT telecommunications services shall be available for resale at a 16.15% discount from the tariffed prices.

a. The services not available for resale include but are not limited to the following services:

- Customer Premises Equipment
- Inside Wire
- Dedicated or Switched Access Service
- Promotions of 90 days or less in length
- Non Tariffed items
- Voice Mail
- Toll services
- ADSL
- Operator Services*
- Directory Listing charges
- Nonregulated services
- Directory Assistance Services*

Services marked with an * are available for resale, but not at discounted rates.

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 Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
 Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Don Negaard
 Pringle & Herigstad
 P. O. Box 1000
 Minot, ND 58702-1000

A. Signature
 Cheryl Hanson Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)
 Cheryl Hanson

C. Date of Delivery
 8/25/06

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number
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1. Article Addressed to:

Patrick W Durick
 Pearce & Durick
 P. O. Box 400
 Bismarck ND 58502-0400

A. Signature
 Bel Durick Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)
 Bel Durick

C. Date of Delivery
 8-25-06

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number
 (Transfer from service label) 7005 1820 0002 3243 4380

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 Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
 Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Keith A Larson Mgr
 Dakota Central Telecom Inc
 630 N 5th St
 Carrington ND 58421-0299

A. Signature
 Cody Stangeland Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)
 Cody Stangeland

C. Date of Delivery
 7-30-05

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number
 (Transfer from service label) 7004 2510 0004 8815 5248

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	
1. Article Addressed to: <i>Patrick W Durick</i> <i>Pearce Durick</i> <i>314 6 Thayer Ave</i> <i>Bismarck ND 58502-0200</i>	
2. Article Number <i>(Transfer from service label)</i>	
7004 2510 0004 8815 5231	
3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
A. Signature <i>x Belinda Durick</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee
B. Received by (Printed Name) <i>Belinda Durick</i>	C. Date of Delivery <i>8-1-05</i>
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes if YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	