

August 1, 2005

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

Re: Midcontinent Communications
North Dakota Telephone Company
Rural Exemption
Investigation
Case No. PU-05-451

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an administrative law judge in the above case. The Commission has scheduled a hearing for October 13, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck. The administrative law judge will serve as a procedural law judge, and the hearing will be tape recorded. 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. Binek
Hearing Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Patrick W. Durick, Attorney
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