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**MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS V. NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY
 CASE NO. PU-05-451**

On behalf of North Dakota Telephone Company, we are filing a request for a prehearing conference along with a proposed request for rescheduling of hearing. I believe it would be helpful to hold this prehearing conference as soon as possible.

We have spoken to Attorney Pat Durick and he also believes a prehearing conference would be helpful. We are forwarding a copy of this request to Mr. Durick and to Bill Binek at the Public Service Commission by fax.

Mr. Durick has indicated that he is available the next couple days for a telephone conference on this prehearing matter. I am available after 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, and I am also available anytime during the day on the 16th.

Thank you.

 Don Negaard

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cc: Pat Durick (via fax transmission)
 Bill Binek, Public Service Commission (via fax transmission)