

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota
Telephone Company
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Case No. PU-05-451

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

September 14, 2005

To: Patrick W. Durick, Pearce & Durick, counsel for Midcontinent Communications; Donald A. Negaard, Pringle & Herigstad, counsel for North Dakota Telephone Company; and William W. Binek, Chief Counsel, North Dakota Public Service Commission

Please take notice that a prehearing conference will be held for this matter at 10:30 a.m., September 16, 2005. The prehearing conference will be conducted by telephone conference initiated by the administrative law judge.

The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider and decide whether to proceed with the scheduled hearing of this matter on October 13, 2005, upon a prehearing order which requires that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Midcontinent Communications (Midco) shall be filed on or before September 23, 2005, and pre-filed testimony and exhibits of North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) shall be filed before October 7, 2005; or, alternatively, that the hearing of this matter shall be continued to October 27, 2005, upon a prehearing order which requires that pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Midco shall be filed on or before September 30, 2005, and pre-filed testimony and exhibits of NDTC shall be filed on or before October 14, 2005. The parties may also request of determination concerning any question or problem regarding preparation for or the conduct of the hearing.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota this 14th day of September, 2005.


Al Wahl, Administrative Law Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

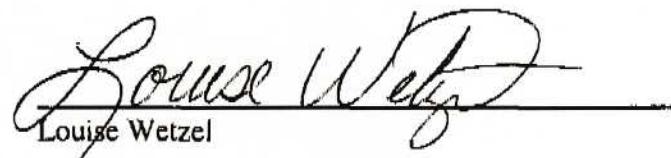
The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the **NOTICE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE** was served by facsimile transmission on the 14th day of
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