

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Midcontinent Communications,)
a South Dakota Partnership,)
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 Complainant,)
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 vs.)
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North Dakota Telephone Company,)
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 Respondent.)

Case No. PU-05-451
STIPULATION

Midcontinent Communications (Midco) and North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) hereby agree to the following:

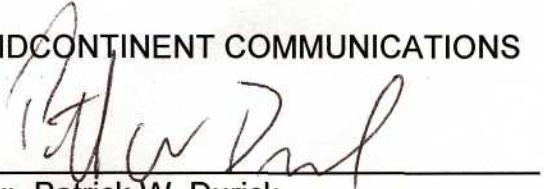
1. The parties agree that they agree a hearing and determination by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) in this matter may be held at a time beyond the 120 days directed by 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(3) and agree the extension of time for a determination shall not have any effect on the merits of the request for a determination on the status of the rural exemption of NDTC in Devils Lake, North Dakota, by Midco.

2. These parties further agree:

- a. The testimony and exhibits of Midco's witnesses in this matter shall be filed on or before October 24, 2005.
- b. The testimony and exhibits of NDTC's witnesses in this matter shall be filed on or before November 18, 2005.
- c. The Commission may schedule a hearing sometime after the 25th day of November, 2005.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2005.

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