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

Enclosed for filing in the above proceeding are an original and seven copies of a Motion for Admission to Practice and a supporting Affidavit of Thomas J. Moorman along with an Affidavit of Service by Mailing. We have also included a proposed Order.

Thank you,

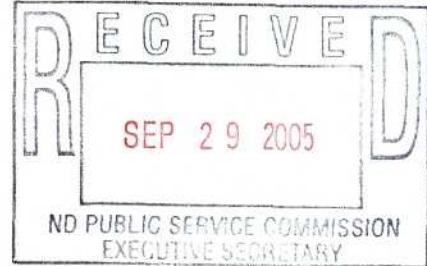
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Enclosures

cc/enc: Pat Durick
Al Wahl, Administrative Law Judge (OAH File No. 20050316)

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
**MOTION FOR
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

The undersigned attorney of record in the above-entitled matter moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC), pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, and based on the attached Affidavit of Thomas J. Moorman, a nonresident attorney of good standing in the District of Columbia, for permission to appear before the PSC on behalf of the Respondent, North Dakota Telephone Company, and to practice before the PSC in the above-pending matter. Thomas J. Moorman designates as his associate, Attorney Don Negaard (ID number 03598).

Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, Thomas J. Moorman's Affidavit is attached hereto in support of this Motion for Admission to Practice.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2005.

Thomas J. Moorman

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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a South Dakota Partnership,

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vs.

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North Dakota Telephone Company,

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Respondent.

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Case No. PU-05-451

**AFFIDAVIT OF
THOMAS J. MOORMAN**

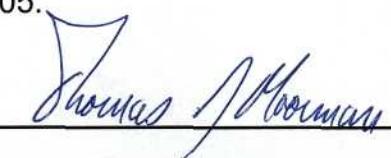
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss.

Thomas Moorman, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am currently a member in good standing to practice law in the District of Columbia.
2. I am currently not subject to any public disciplinary proceedings with respect to my law license in any state.
3. I am not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which I am licensed.
4. I am not now nor have I ever been suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction relating to the practice of law.
5. Prior to the subject action, I have not appeared in a North Dakota state court in the past three years.

Further, affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 26 day of September, 2005.



Thomas J. Moorman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 2005.

Chang Ho Choi
Notary Public
For the District of Columbia
My commission expires: **Chang Ho Choi**
Notary Public District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 6/14/09

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications,)
a South Dakota Partnership,)
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 Complainant,) Case No. PU-05-451
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 vs.) AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
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) BY MAILING
North Dakota Telephone Company,)
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 Respondent.)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WARD)

Jo Thompson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

She is a citizen of the United States of America, of legal age and not a party to nor interested in the matter; on the 28th day of September, 2005, this affiant deposited in the mailing department of the United States Post Office at Minot, North Dakota, a sealed envelope with postage thereon duly prepaid, containing a true and correct copy of the following documents:

MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE
AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS J. MOORMAN

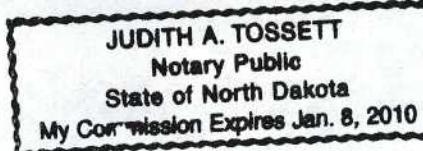
Said envelope was addressed to the following person at his known address as follows:

Patrick W. Durick
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The above documents were duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

Jo Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of September, 2005.



Judith A. Tossett
Judith A. Tossett, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 01/08/10

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications,)
a South Dakota Partnership,)
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) Case No. PU-05-451
Complainant,)
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vs.) **ORDER**
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North Dakota Telephone Company,)
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Respondent.)

Attorney Thomas J. Moorman filed a motion for his admission to practice law before the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the above-captioned action. After reviewing his Motion for Admission to Practice and supporting Affidavit attached thereto, the Motion is hereby granted and it is ordered that Thomas J. Moorman be permitted to appear on behalf of the Respondent, North Dakota Telephone Company, in this matter.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2005.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Susan E. Wefald
Commissioner

Tony Clark
Commissioner

Kevin Cramer
Commissioner