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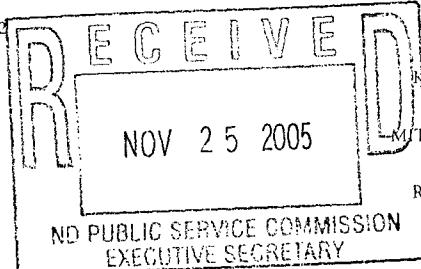
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**MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS V. NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
**CASE NO. PU-05-451**  
**OAH FILE NO. 20050316**

I spoke to Midcontinent yesterday and proposed the enclosed scheduling stipulation. I have not had a response from them so, in keeping with your directions to us, I am filing this with your office as a proposed schedule.

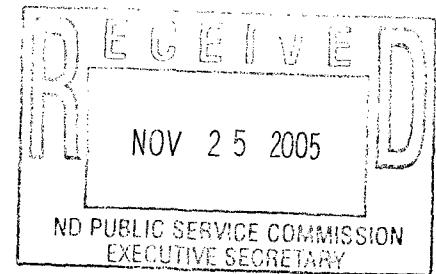
Thank you.  
  
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Enclosure

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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.                            )     **REQUEST FOR**  
                                  )     **REVISED PROCEDURAL**  
                                  )     **SCHEDULE**  
North Dakota Telephone Company, )  
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Respondent.                 )

Pursuant to the November 15, 2005, Second Prehearing Conference in this proceeding, Midcontinent Communications ("Midco") and North Dakota Telephone Company ("NDTC") hereby move the Commission, through its Hearing Officer, to adopt the following procedural schedule for this proceeding. As noted herein, the procedural schedule is premised upon the initiation of the hearing in this matter on January 23, 2006. Based on this date, the parties agree as follows:

1.     Midco shall prefile its testimony and hearing exhibits by no later than December 16, 2005;
2.     NDTC shall file its responsive testimony and responsive exhibits to the December 16, 2005, Midco submission by no later than January 9, 2006;
3.     Midco shall be permitted to file rebuttal testimony solely with respect to the matters raised by the January 9, 2006, NDTC submission by no later than January 16, 2006.
4.     The hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 2006.

The parties further agree, and request the Hearing Officer to so order, that all filings (including and Exhibits thereto) are to be served electronically on the parties and the Commission Staff in this matter, or that if such electronic service cannot be accomplished, advance notice of facsimile service be provided, and that all service of documents shall occur by no later than 4:30 CST on the due date of the filing.

The Parties further agree, and request the Hearing Officer to so order, that simultaneous post-hearing submissions (including but not limited to briefs and/or proposed orders) be addressed at the end of the hearing in this matter.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2005.

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