

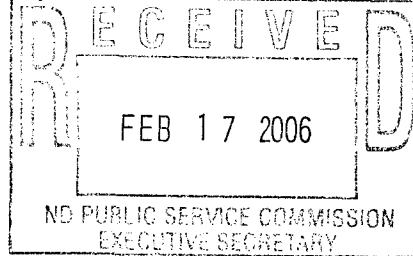


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Via Hand Delivery

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600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
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RE: *Midcontinent Communications v. North Dakota Telephone Company*
Case No. PU-05-451

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are an original and seven copies of the following:

- 1) Initial Brief of Midcontinent Communications;
- 2) Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law;
- 3) Proposed Order; and
- 4) Affidavit of Service by Mail

These documents are also being sent to the Commission by e-mail and served upon the respondent's counsel by e-mail today. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

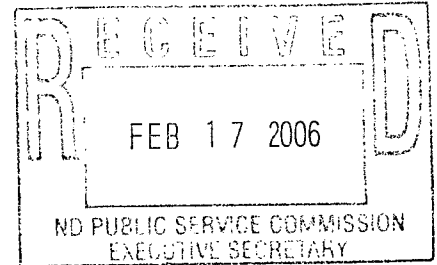
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Midcontinent Communications,
a South Dakota Partnership,

Complainant,

vs.

North Dakota Telephone Company,

Respondent.

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) ss.

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Cavender hereby certifies that on February 17, 2006, she served a copy of the foregoing:

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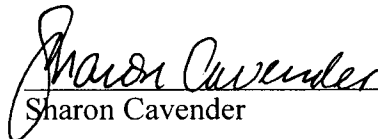
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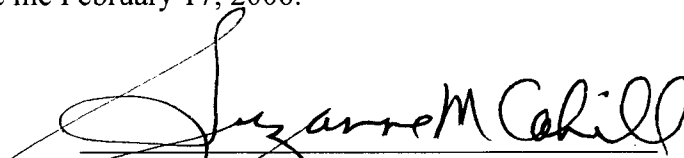
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