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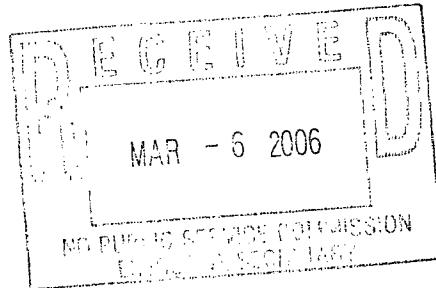
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March 3, 2006

Mr. William W. Binek
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Midcontinent Communications
North Dakota Telephone Company
Rural Exemption
Investigation
Case No. PU-05-451
OAH File No. 20050316

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Dear Mr. Binek:



The hearing of the captioned matter was held January 23, 2006. The record remained open to allow for late-filed exhibits and for the filing of post-hearing briefs. I believe all exhibits have been filed and the briefing has been completed. I have therefore closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for the hearing, and am returning the part of the file which, unless duplicated, may be maintained by the Public Service Commission as part of the record of the hearing.

The Office of Administrative Hearings is pleased to have assisted the parties for the hearing.

Sincerely,

Al. Wahl
Administrative Law Judge

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Encl.

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