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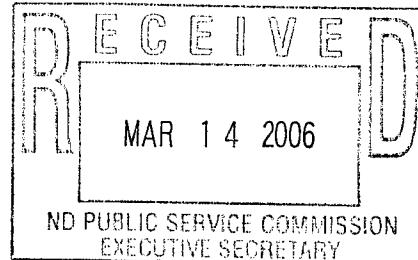
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March 13, 2006

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

*Binek*  
Dear Mr. Binek:



I noticed today that I overlooked the cassettes for two of the prehearing conferences for the captioned matter when the file was closed and returned to you; one had November 15, 2005, and the other had December 9, 2005. (I also noticed that the cassette for the prehearing conference on December 9, 2005, is labeled "Third Prehearing Conference." Thinking that the November 15, 2005, prehearing conference might be the first prehearing conference, I searched for another cassette, or other cassettes, for a "Second Prehearing Conference," but did not find any. As I recall, one of the prehearing conferences was held at the PSC Hearing Room, and perhaps the cassette or cassettes for that prehearing conference were left with you. In any case, it does not appear that I have any other cassette or cassettes for any other prehearing conference for this matter.)

I doubt that these recordings are of any importance now; but, of course, they should be maintained as part of the PSC hearing file for the matter in accordance with the agency's policies.

I apologize for any inconvenience my oversight has caused. Of course, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions, or otherwise if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Al. Wahl  
Administrative Law Judge

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