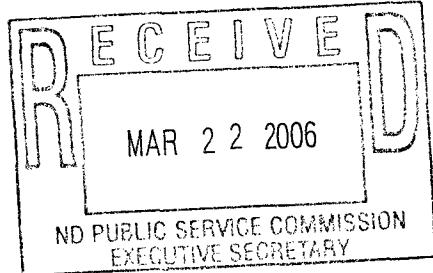


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RE: *Midcontinent Communications v. North Dakota Telephone Company*
Case No. PU-05-451

Dear Ms Jeffcoat-Saco::

Midcontinent has been served with a Memorandum of North Dakota Telephone Company dated March 14, 2006. In view of the fact that the case has been briefed and the Commission has met in a working session and resolved the issues in the case Midcontinent will not respond to the Memorandum unless requested to do so by the Commission.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PATRICK W. DURICK".
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