

June 1, 2006

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
1707 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lower Level  
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Case No. PU-05-451  
Midcontinent Communications/ND Telephone Company  
Rural Exemption  
Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

On April 26, 2006 the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in this proceeding. The Commission ordered NDTC to begin providing retail services at wholesale prices for resale under an interconnection agreement no later than 90 days from the date of the order. The Commission also ordered that a further hearing be held to determine an interim wholesale discount rate in the event the parties are unable to negotiate a rate and to determine the need for an associated true-up provision.

Enclosed is a request for an administrative law judge in the above case. The Commission has scheduled a hearing for July 10, 2006, beginning at 9 a.m. (CDT) in the Commission's Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck. The administrative law judge will serve as a procedural law judge, a court reporter may be present, and the hearing will be tape recorded. A copy of the case is enclosed.

Please provide the Commission with a copy of any filings issued by your office in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek  
Hearing Administrator

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Enclosure

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