

June 1, 2006

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Re: Request for Court Reporter
Case No. PU-05-451
Midcontinent Communications
North Dakota Telephone Company
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Dear Mr. Durick and Mr. Negaard:

The hearing in the above case has been scheduled for July 10, 2006, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission will tape record the hearing. If parties would like a court reporter present at the hearing they may do so, and may make their own arrangements. However, if parties would like the Commission to arrange for a court reporter please notify the Commission in writing within ten days of receipt of this letter and our office will make the necessary arrangements.

Parties will pay all costs associated with the court-reporting service.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Hearing Administrator