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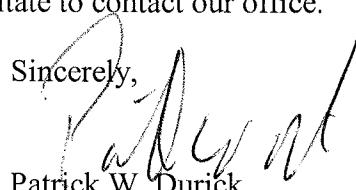
Re: Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company  
Rural Exemption Investigation

Case No. PU-05-451

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed for filing herewith is an original and seven copies of BRIEF OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS ON INTERIM RESALE DISCOUNT. Also filed herewith are Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. We are also electronically filing these documents with the Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,  
  
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