

August 1, 2006

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

Re: Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Co.  
Rural Exemption  
Investigation  
Case No. PU-05-451

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an administrative law judge in the above case. On July 26, 2006, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order on Further Hearing on Interim Discount Rate. The Commission ordered that a further hearing be held to establish a final discount rate for wholesale resale services. The Commission has scheduled the hearing for January 8, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol. 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 Commission's Order 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

**Enclosure**

c: Patrick Durick JG Harrington  
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