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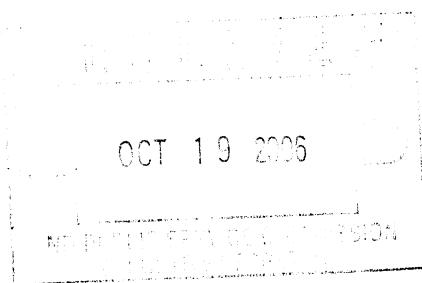
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Mr. William W. Binek  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
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Re: Midcontinent Communications  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Rural Exemption Investigation  
Case No. PU-05-451  
OAH File No. 20060297



Dear Mr. Binek:

I have the Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued October 12, 2006, for the captioned matter, and note the cancellation of the hearing for the matter which was scheduled to be held January 8, 2007. As the administrative law judge designated to serve as the hearing officer for that hearing, I have closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for that hearing and return to you those documents which may be part of the Commission's file for the matter.

The Office of Administrative Hearings is pleased to have assisted the parties for the hearing.

Sincerely,

Al. Wahl  
Administrative Law Judge

AW/eap

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