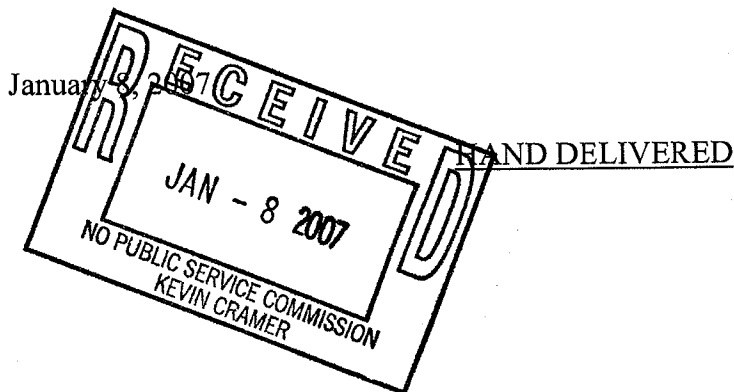


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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
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Re: Midcontinent Communications - Consolidated Telcom
PU-06-0400

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed for filing is an original and seven copies of the executed STIPULATION in the captioned matter. We are also filing an electronic copy of this document with the attached Stipulation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf
Enclosures.
cc w/enc:

Mary Lohnes
Mr. Michael Maus (via email)
Mr. William Binek (via email)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-06-0400

Midcontinent Communications, a)
South Dakota Partnership,)
)
Complainant,)
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vs.)
)
Consolidated Telcom)
)
Respondent.)

STIPULATION

WHEREAS, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a Petition for Arbitration under 47 U.S.C. § 252(b) with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) on December 28, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the filing by Midcontinent was a protective filing which Midcontinent felt was necessary to preserve to Midcontinent its rights to file an arbitration application in certain time frames required by the 1996 Telecommunications Act (the Act), and

WHEREAS, the parties have been engaged in discussions to arrive at a negotiated agreement which they plan to submit to the Commission for approval under Section 252(e) of the Act, and

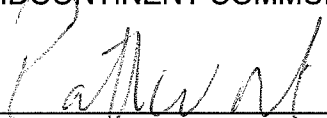
WHEREAS, the parties previously entered into a Stipulation dated October 12, 2006, which was filed with the Commission and approved by the Commission on November 8, 2006,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:


1. In the submission of this Stipulation, they will jointly encourage the Commission to adopt this Stipulation without change as to its scope and effect;
2. For purposes of establishing the time frames established in Section 252 of the Act for negotiation, arbitration, and resolution of the request for wholesale resold services (the Request) made by Midcontinent to Consolidated Telephone Company (Consolidated), the parties agree that the Request from Midcontinent was received by Consolidated on July 13 , 2006.
3. The parties hereby request the Commission issue an Order to (a) hold Midcontinent's December 28, 2006, Arbitration Petition in abeyance and suspend the time frames provided for in Section 252 of the Act and Section 69-02-10 of the North Dakota Administrative Code for further arbitration proceedings unless and until either party should request, in writing to the Commission, that the Commission implement the time frames in Chapter 69-02-10 and Section 252(b) and (b) begin the time frames for Arbitration proceedings under Chapter 69-02-10 only after receipt of such a written request from either party asking for further Arbitration proceedings.
4. The parties agree that neither party will petition the FCC to seek to enforce the 270 day deadline established in Section 252 of the Act until 110 days after the arbitration process is restarted pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2006.

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