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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
N.D. Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Midcontinent Communications/Consolidated Telcom
PU-08-23, PU-08-97, PU-08-225

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in regard to PU-08-23 please find Request for Withdrawal of Request for Rural Exemption Determination Under 47 U.S.C. §251 (f)(1)(A) and in regard to PU-08-97 and PU-08-225 please find Midcontinent Communication's Request to Withdraw Petitions for Arbitration.

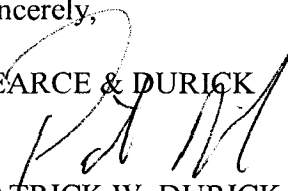
These documents are also being transmitted electronically to your office. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the petition to be filed stamped and returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


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Enclosures

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Request for Withdrawal of Request for Rural
Exemption Determination

Midcontinent Communications

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Case No. PU-08-23

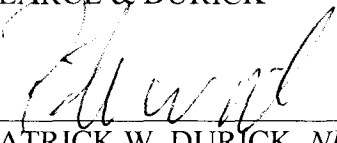
Midcontinent Communications, a)
South Dakota Partnership,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.)
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Consolidated Telecom,)
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Respondent.)

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR RURAL EXEMPTION
DETERMINATION UNDER 47 U.S.C § 251 (f)(1)(A)**

COMES NOW Midcontinent Communications (“Midcontinent”) and requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission enter its order allowing Midcontinent to withdraw its request for a determination of the rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251 (f)(1)(A) in this proceeding.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2009.

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