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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Ninth Floor  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company  
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST  
PU-08-24

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and seven copies of REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR RURAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 251 (F)(1)(A).

This document is also being transmitted electronically to your office. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the document 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

  
Patrick W. Durick

Counsel to Midcontinent Communications

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Enclosures

cc: Don Negaard (via email)  
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**Request for Withdrawal of Request for Rural Exemption**

Midcontinent Communications

Pearce&Durick, Patrick Durick

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-08-24

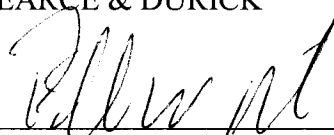
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 Complainant, )  
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 vs. )  
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 North Dakota Telephone Company. )  
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 Respondent. )

**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 24 day of October, 2008.

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