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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Ninth Floor  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Midcontinent Communications/United Telephone Company  
PU-08-25

Dear Illona:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

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

Midcontinent Communications

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Midcontinent Communications, a	)	
South Dakota Partnership	)	
	)	Case No. PU-08-25
Complainant	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**

Midcontinent Communications (“Midcontinent”) and United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (“United”) hereby inform the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) that they have reached a settlement in connection with Midcontinent’s bona fide request for interconnection with United in the Langdon and Walhalla exchanges, which was submitted to the Commission on February 4, 2008, under the above-referenced docket number. In light of the fact that United intends to be able to offer video programming services in these two exchanges on or about the dates reflected herein and the specific request for services by Midcontinent is (a) not unduly, economically, burdensome; (b) is technically feasible; and (c) is consistent with the goals of 47 USC Section, other than subsections (b)(7) and (c)(1)(D) thereof, the parties enter into this agreement for approval by the Commission. The parties agree to implement this agreement in good faith pending any formal approval by the Commission. The terms of the settlement are as follows:

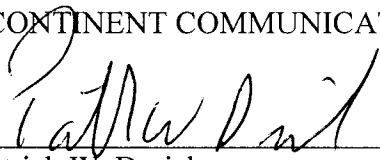
1. United will waive its rural exemption as to Midcontinent in Langdon as of June 1, 2008, and agrees to provide resale service, as that term is used in 47 USC Section 251(c)(4), in Langdon as of that date. Facilities-based interconnection under 47 USC Section 251(c)(2) will be effective for Midcontinent in the Langdon exchange as of August 1, 2008.

2. United will waive its rural exemption as to Midcontinent in Walhalla as of February 1, 2009 and agrees that Midcontinent will be able to begin providing resale service under 47 USC 251(c)(4) and facilities based interconnection under 47 USC 251(c)(2) and the parties' interconnection agreement on that date.
3. The companies will enter into a single interconnection agreement covering both markets that will be effective as soon as it is approved, but no sooner than June 1, 2008 for Langdon and would not be effective until February 1, 2009 for Walhalla.
4. The parties will enter into and submit to the Commission an interim interconnection agreement on or before May 23, 2008. Unless otherwise agreed to, the terms of the agreement will be the same as the terms of the current Midcontinent-North Dakota Telephone Company interconnection agreement.
5. The parties will amend the interim interconnection agreement to conform to the terms of either the Midcontinent-BEK Communications Cooperative interconnection agreement or the Midcontinent-Consolidated Telephone interconnection agreement once those agreements are final or to the terms of the existing Midcontinent-North Dakota Telephone Company interconnection agreement. The choice of the agreement will be at United's option. The parties will file the agreement within thirty (30) days of the date when the agreement chosen by United is final or, if United chooses the Midcontinent-North Dakota Telephone Company agreement, within thirty (30) days of the date when United chooses that agreement, which shall be no later than ten (10) days after the first date when both the Midcontinent-BEK agreement and the Midcontinent-Consolidated agreement are final and filed with the Commission.

Midcontinent and United respectfully request that the Commission act promptly on all submissions pursuant to this settlement and close this docket after the final interconnection agreement is approved.

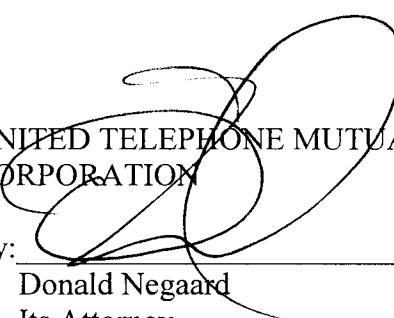
Dated: May 20, 2008

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