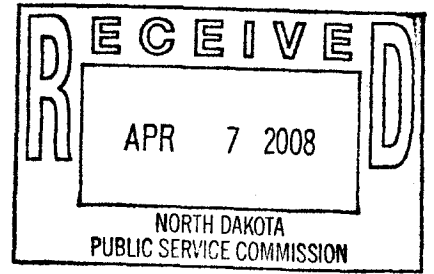


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Midcontinent Communications/Missouri)
Valley Communications, Inc.)
Rural Exemption)
Investigation)
Case No. PU-08-61)
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**NOTICE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

OAH File No. 20080079

To: John M. Olson, John M. Olson, P.C., counsel for Midcontinent Communications; David J. Hogue, Pringle & Herigstad, P.C., counsel for Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.; and William W. Binek, counsel for the Public Service Commission

On March 27, 2008, Midcontinent Communications filed a Petition for Scheduling Order and Authorization for Discovery ("Petition"). YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a prehearing conference on this matter will be held on April 9, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be a telephone conference call originating from the administrative law judge's (ALJ's) office.

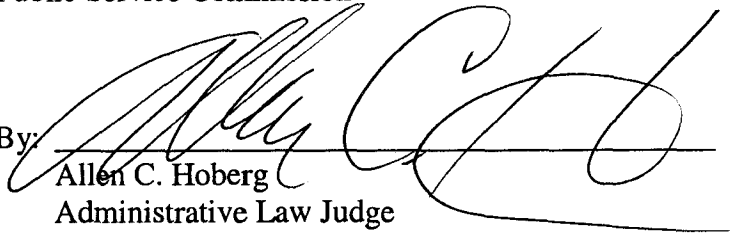
The purpose of this prehearing conference is for counsel to discuss with the ALJ the Petition and its requests, including various discovery matters, scheduling a hearing date, establishing deadlines, anticipated motions, and other preliminary matters. Opportunity will be given counsel to discuss any of the problems confronting them. See Petition. The prehearing conference will be tape-recorded, and will be conducted in an informal manner.

At the conclusion of the prehearing conference, the ALJ may issue a prehearing order reflecting any action taken at the prehearing conference and giving direction as to the procedures or issues for the hearing, and the ALJ may set a hearing date.

Attendance at the prehearing conference is necessary to result in an orderly and timely disposition of this matter. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 4th day of April, 2008.

State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission

By: 

Allen C. Hoberg
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
Telephone: (701) 328-3260

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTIFICATION: A party shall promptly notify the Public Service Commission in writing if the party has a disability which will require auxiliary aids or services at the prehearing conference so that the Public Service Commission can make appropriate accommodation prior to the prehearing conference. Any request for an interpreter at the prehearing conference must also be made in writing to the Public Service Commission. Any request for aids, services, or an interpreter should be as specific as possible about what is required by the party. Also, please send a copy of the notice or request to the administrative law judge.

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the **NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE** was mailed, regular mail, on the 4th day of April, 2008, to:

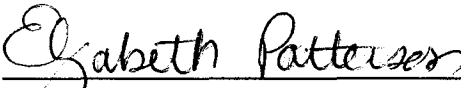
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and a true and copy of the above document was mailed, inside mail, at the State Capitol, on the 4th day of April, 2008, to:

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