

**Exhibit 1**

Affidavit of Nancy Vogel

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS,	)	
A SOUTH DAKOTA PARTNERSHIP,	)	
COMPLAINANT	)	
	)	
VS.	)	Case No. PU-08-61
	)	
MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	)	
INC.,	)	
RESPONDENT	)	

MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	)	
INC.	)	
	)	Case No. PU-08-176
APPLICATION FOR SUSPENSION OR	)	
MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO	)	
47 U.S.C. § 251(F)(2)	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF NANCY VOGEL**

Nancy Vogel, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. My name is Nancy Vogel. I am employed by Midcontinent Communications, and my title is Director of Revenue Assurance. In that role, I am responsible for, among other things, recommending and implementing Midcontinent’s strategy for providing competitive local telephone service in rural markets in North Dakota.
  
2. I am the Midcontinent employee with direct responsibility for the company’s current request for Section 251(c) interconnection from Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (“Missouri Valley”). As a consequence, I am aware of the actions that Midcontinent has taken in connection with that request.

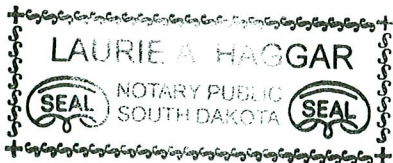
3. Midcontinent's normal practice when it seeks Section 251(c) interconnection from rural local telephone companies is not to prepare an analysis of the economic burdens of the interconnection request on the rural telephone company prior to making the request.

Consequently, prior to requesting Section 251(c) interconnection from Missouri Valley in November, 2007, Midcontinent did not prepare any analysis of the economic burden of Midcontinent's request on Missouri Valley. Midcontinent also did not request that any other party prepare such an analysis and did not receive any such analysis from any other party.

4. It would be inefficient for Midcontinent to attempt to prepare analyses of the economic burden of interconnection prior to the time it requests Section 251(c) interconnection from a rural carrier. Midcontinent's experience is that most rural carriers choose to negotiate terms of interconnection, rather than seeking to assert their rural exemptions. In fact, Missouri Valley had agreed in an earlier negotiation to provide wholesale resale at Midcontinent's request. Given the likelihood that there will be no need to challenge a carrier's rural exemption, resources spent on a burden analysis probably would be wasted. In addition, an analysis prepared without access to the rural carrier's financial data would be unreliable and therefore of little use in evaluating whether the rural carrier would be able to justify the rural exemption.

5. Midcontinent had not prepared an analysis of the economic burdens of Section 251(c) interconnection on Missouri Valley when it responded to Missouri Valley's discovery requests on May 9, 2008. At that time, Midcontinent had not engaged its consultants to assist in this proceeding and had not requested or received any such analysis from any third party. At my direction, Midcontinent's consultants were engaged for this proceeding on May 29, 2008. They did not provide Midcontinent with a completed analysis until they prepared their prefiled testimony, which I understand is being filed today. Midcontinent's consultants are the only

parties that have prepared or provided any analysis of the economic burdens of Section 251(c) interconnection on Missouri Valley to Midcontinent.



*Nancy A. Vogel*  
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Nancy Vogel

Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
2 day of July, 2008.

*Laurie A. Haggard*  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
**My Commission Expires  
April 6, 2012**