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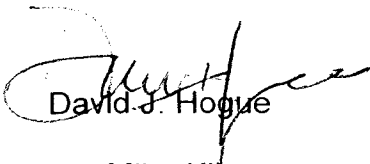
**RE: Midcontinent Communications vs. North Dakota Public Service Commission and
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
Case No. 1:09-cv-00017-DLH-CSM**

Dear Magistrate Miller:

I am following up on the telephonic status conference held on October 7, 2009. During that status conference you encouraged settlement discussions and directed me to report back to you about the status of any possible settlement.

The general manager of Missouri Valley, and the Chief Financial Officer of Midcontinent did discuss settlement options two times this week. The parties were not able to reach settlement of the dispute.

Very Truly Yours,



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