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July 30, 2008

**Midcontinent Communications/ND Telephone Co.
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-08-578

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the application for approval of an interconnection agreement amendment negotiated between Midcontinent Communications and North Dakota Telephone Company, Case No. PU-08-578.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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On July 22, 2008 Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a petition for approval of an interconnection agreement amendment negotiated with North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC). The agreement amendment sets forth terms and conditions under which Midcontinent Communications will provide interconnection and wholesale resale of telecommunications services to North Dakota Telephone Company.

This amendment was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement adopted by negotiation (or a portion of the agreement) if it finds that:

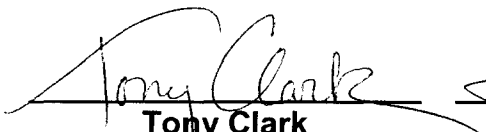
1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

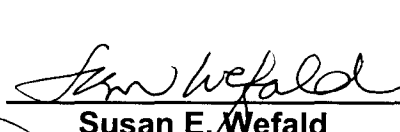
In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section 253 the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry.

The Commission will receive written comments on this agreement until September 5, 2008.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Gloria Geiger, Interim Executive Director.

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