

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/Consolidated Telcom
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-08-815

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

October 22, 2008

On October 8, 2008, Midcontinent Communications filed a petition for approval of a facilities based interconnection agreement with Consolidated Telcom. The agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Consolidated Telcom will provide interconnection with designated facilities to Midcontinent Communications for the Bowman, Dodge, Halliday, Hettinger, Killdeer, Mott, Reeder, Rhame, Richardson, Scranton, and South Heart exchanges.

This agreement 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:

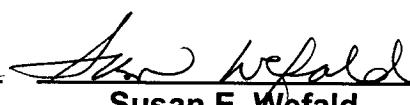
1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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 these agreements until November 26, 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 Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary.

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