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FEB 16 2005
ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Attention: Sharon Helbling

RE: Midcontinent Communications
Applications for Certificates of Registration

Dear Sharon:

Enclosed please find two Telecommunications Reseller's Bonds: a bond in the amount of $25,000 for the resale of local services and a bond in the amount of $300,000 for the resale of long distance services.

The size of the bond for the resale of long distance services was calculated by multiplying the anticipated number of customers in three years by the deposit required plus a cushion of $25,000, (2750 x $100) + $25,000 = $300,000.

Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf

Enclosures.
cc w/enc: Ms. Mary Lohnes

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Copy of 2-14-05 Telecommunications Reseller Bond Nos. 1698893 & 1698894

Midcontinent Communications

Patrick Durick, Atty. Pearce&Durick

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLER'S BOND
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
SFN 50826 (5-96)

BOND NO: 1698894

PRINCIPAL (Reseller)	Name: Midcontinent Communications			
	Address: 410 South Phillips Ave.	City: Sioux Falls	State: SD	Zip Code: 57104
SURETY (Bonding Company)	Name: The Hanover Insurance Company			
	Address: 100 North Parkway	City: Worcester	State: MA	Zip Code: 01605

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind the PRINCIPAL and SURETY, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally under these obligations.

The PRINCIPAL is doing business in North Dakota as a reseller providing telecommunications services. This obligation covers all prepayments for service in this State including, but not limited to, front-end charges and prepaid monthly charges for services.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: If the PRINCIPAL faithfully performs all duties as a telecommunications reseller under the provisions of Certificate of Registration issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, complies with all laws of North Dakota pertaining to telecommunications companies and the rules of the Public Service Commission promulgated in connection therewith, and provides services in accordance with its legal obligations and agreements; then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in effect.

Liability for this undertaking commences on _____, 19____, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Public Service Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled thirty (30) days after receipt by the Public Service Commission of the cancellation notice, or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate above the face amount of the bond, unless the face amount is increased by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect shall remain in force for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Bonding requirements may be increased or decreased by the Commission upon thirty (30) days notice to each PRINCIPAL and SURETY.

This bond, and the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, and Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

N/A. Not Required (Retalitory)

Name/Signature | Address | City,State(ND),Zip Code

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

State of Minnesota)
)ss.
County of Hennepin)

On this 14th day of February ~~XX~~ 2005,

before me personally appeared Matthew W. Nelson known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the same.

Controller Midcontinent Communications Investor, LLC Managing Partner of Midcontinent Communications

Signature of Principal

Judith K. Johnson
Notary Public

My commission expires 1-31-2010

JUDITH K. JOHNSON
Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2010

(SEAL)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

State of Maryland)
)ss.
County of Anne Arundel)

On this 14th day of February ~~XX~~ 2005,

before me personally appeared Jeri L. Russell

known to me to be Attorney-In-Fact of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Jeri L. Russell, Attorney-In-Fact
Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

Jeri L. Russell
Signature

Brenda L. Patterson
Notary Public

My Commission expires January 1, 2009

(SEAL)

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Notice of Terrorism Insurance Coverage

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 established a program within the Department of the Treasury, under which the Federal government shares, with the insurance industry, the risk of loss from future terrorist attacks. The Act applies when the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that an event meets the definition of an act of terrorism. The Act provides that, to be certified, an act of terrorism must cause losses of at least five million dollars and must have been committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest to coerce the government or population of the United States. The Federal share of compensation under this Program is equal to 90% of covered insured losses in excess of the deductible paid by us under this Program.

In accordance with the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, we are required to offer you coverage for losses resulting from an act of terrorism that is certified under the Federal program. The law also requires us to disclose to you the premium charge associated with the expanded terrorism coverage. **At this time we have waived any premium associated with this program for our policyholders. So, the cost under your policy is zero.**

Any questions concerning your policy and this coverage should be directed to your agent. Thank you for doing business with our companies.

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This Power of Attorney may not be used to execute any bond with an inception date after July 1, 2007

THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY
MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY
CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

POWERS OF ATTORNEY
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY and MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY, both being corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby constitute and appoint

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of **Lanham, MD** and each is a true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact to sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, or, if the following line be filled in, only within the area therein designated

any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, as follows:

Any such obligations in the United States, not to exceed Twenty Million and No/100 ($20,000,000) Dollars in any single instance

And said companies hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever said Attorney(s)-in-fact may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

These appointments are made under and by authority of the following Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of said Companies which resolutions are still in effect:

"RESOLVED, That the President or any Vice President, in conjunction with any Assistant Vice President, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint Attorneys-in-fact of the Company, in its name and as its acts, to execute and acknowledge for and on its behalf as Surety any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, waivers of citation and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, with power to attach thereto the seal of the Company. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-in-fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company in their own proper persons." (Adopted October 7, 1981 - The Hanover Insurance Company; Adopted April 14, 1982 – Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company; Adopted September 7,2001 - Citizens Insurance Company of America)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY, MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have caused these presents to be sealed with their respective corporate seals, duly attested by a Vice President and an Assistant Vice President, this **15th** day of **June, 2004**.

THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1972 NEW HAMPSHIRE — MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1994 NEW HAMPSHIRE — CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA CORPORATE SEAL 1974 MICHIGAN

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Richard M. Van Steenburgh, Vice President

Ronald Rilland, Assistant Vice President

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
COUNTY OF WORCESTER) ss.

On this **15th** day of **June , 2004**, before me came the above named Vice President and Assistant Vice President of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the corporate seals of The Hanover Insurance Company Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, respectively, and that the said corporate seals and their signatures as officers were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Corporations.

BARBARA A. GARLICK NOTARY PUBLIC MASSACHUSETTS

Barbara A. Garlick, *Notary Public*
My Commission Expires **November 26, 2004**

I, the undersigned Assistant Vice President of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Companies, and do hereby further certify that the said Powers of Attorney are still in force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America.

"RESOLVED, That any and all Powers of Attorney and Certified Copies of such Powers of Attorney and certification in respect thereto, granted and executed by the President or any Vice President in conjunction with any Assistant Vice President of the Company, shall be binding on the Company to the same extent as if all signatures therein were manually affixed, even though one or more of any such signatures thereon may be facsimile." (Adopted October 7, 1981 - The Hanover Insurance Company; Adopted April 14, 1982 Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company; Adopted September 7,2001 - Citizens Insurance Company of America)

GIVEN under my hand and the seals of said Companies, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this **14th** day of **February** 20 **05**

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Signature of Principal

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