

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**United Telephone / Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-09-723

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Janet Marquart deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **15th** day of **December, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Comment

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Mr. Charles Richoz, Mgr. Business
Development
On Behalf of United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
John Staurulakis Incorporated
7852 Walker Drive, Ste 200
Greenbelt MD 20770

J.G. Harrington
Dow Lohnes PLLC
for Midcontinent Communications
1200 New Hampshire Ave NW, Ste 800
Washington DC 20036

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 0612

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 0629

Ms. Mary Lohnes
Midcontinent Communications
5001 W 41st Street
Sioux Falls SD 57106

Mr. Perry Oster
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
411 7th St
PO Box 729
Langdon ND 58249-0729

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 0605

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 0599

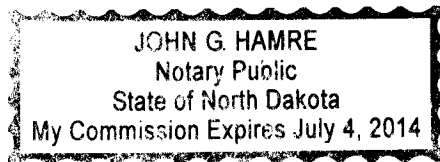
Janet Marquart further deposes and says that on the **15th** day of **December, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Mr. Don Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad
Attorney for United Telephone
2525 Elk Drive
PO Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of **December, 2009**.

SEAL



Janet Marquart

John G. Hamre

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

December 10, 2009

On November 19, 2009, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (United) entered into an interconnection agreement with Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The agreement set forth terms and conditions under which United provides interconnection services, local number portability, ancillary services and wholesale services for resale to Midcontinent. The agreement was filed with the Commission on December 2, 2009.

On December 9, 2009, United filed a request for approval of the interconnection agreement in less than 90 days pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1).

This agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. 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 January 25, 2010.

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 the Commission.

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