

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Turtle Mountain Communications/
Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-10-20

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Shelly A. Bauske deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **14th** day of **January, 2010**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Patrick W. Durick
Pearce & Durick
Counsel to Midcontinent Communications
PO Box 400
Bismarck ND 58502-0400

Mr. Perry Oster
Turtle Mountain Communications Inc
501 11th St W
Bottineau ND 58318

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 5808

Cert. No. 7009 1680 0001 2689 5815

Shelly A. Bauske further deposes and says that on the **14th** day of **January, 2010**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

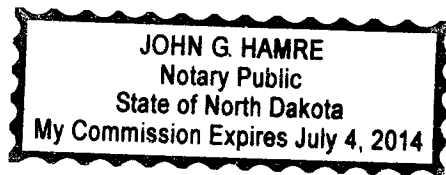
J.G. Harrington
Dow Lohnes PLLC
1200 New Hampshire Ave NW Ste 800
Washington DC 20036

Nancy Vogel
Midcontinent Communications
5001 W 41st St
Sioux Falls SD 57106

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of **January, 2010**.

SEAL



Shelly A. Baust

John G. Hamre
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

January 13, 2010

On January 8, 2010, Midcontinent Communications filed a petition for approval of a facilities-based interconnection agreement with Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. The agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Turtle Mountain Communications will provide to Midcontinent Communications, wholesale resale of telecommunications services, facilities-based interconnection, exchange of traffic, number portability, and other customary arrangements for the Rolla and Rolette 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:

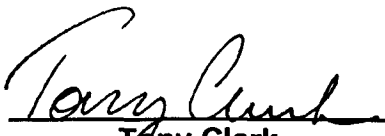
1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

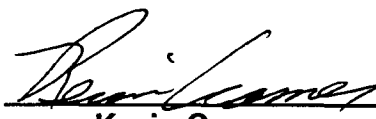
In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section 253 the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry.

The Commission will receive written comments on this agreement until February 26, 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 Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary.

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