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PUBLIC NOTICES

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
Midcontinent Communications/Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
Rural Exemption
Investigation
Case No. PU-10-157
NOTICE OF HEARING
June 16, 2010

On May 12, 2010, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed notice with the Commission that Midcontinent had by letters dated April 16, 2010 and April 23, 2010 made bona fide requests under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c) for wholesale resale of telecommunications services for the Willow City, Dunseith and Bisbee, North Dakota exchanges from Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. (Turtle Mountain).

Under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) a rural telephone company is exempt from the requirements of Section 251(c) until it receives a bona fide request and until the state commission determines that the exemption should be terminated.

Midcontinent requests that the Commission conduct an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether to terminate the Turtle Mountain's 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) exemption from providing its services for resale.

Under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f) the Commission must conduct an inquiry and within 120 days after receiving notice of a bona fide request, must decide whether to terminate the exemption.

A public hearing has been scheduled for August 4, 2010 at 9 a.m. (CST) in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the request of Midcontinent is unduly economically burdensome.
2. Whether the request of Midcontinent is technically feasible.
3. Whether the request of Midcontinent is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254 (other than subsections (b)(7) and (c)(1)(D) thereof).
4. The implementation schedule for compliance with the request should the exemption be terminated.
5. If Turtle Mountain's exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) is terminated, whether the exemption is to be terminated for the whole company.
6. If Turtle Mountain's exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) is terminated, whether the exemption is to be terminated for all services required under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c).

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685; 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 contact the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tony Clark, Commissioner
Kevin Cramer, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner
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**INVITATION TO BID
NEWGARD ROAD REPAIR
Camp Gilbert C. Grafton
Devils Lake, North Dakota**

Sealed bids for Newgard Road Repair, Camp Gilbert C. Grafton, Devils Lake, North Dakota, will be received by the Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota at Fraine Barracks, Building 030, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 2:00 PM, June 30, 2010, and will be opened and publicly read that date and hour in the space designated. All bids received after the scheduled opening time will be returned to the bidders unopened.

A single bid will be received for ALL construction phases of the work (IFB 10-34).

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the bid opening and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the National Guard ADA Coordinator at 701-333-2069 by June 23, 2010.

Contractors desiring to submit a bid may obtain a copy of the contract documents at the office of the Owner. No deposit for the contract documents will be required, but they must be returned to the Owner in unaltered condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. Copies of the proposed contract documents are limited to one (1) set per bidder. **Requests must be made on Contractor's own letterhead and must include a copy of his North Dakota Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, whichever is current.**

OWNER

Office of the Adjutant General
Contract Management Branch
P.O. Box 5511
Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5511
Telephone: (701) 333-2068

Copies of the contract documents are on file at the Construction Plans Exchange in Bismarck; Builders Exchanges in Devils Lake, Fargo, Grand Forks, Mandan, and Minot, North Dakota; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota; ND American Indian Business Development Office, Fargo, and at the offices of the Architect, Engineer and the Owner.

Each bid shall be submitted in duplicate copy on the forms provided by the Owner and enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope upon which there is disclosed the necessary information as required by Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate sealed opaque envelope containing a bidder's bond made payable to The Adjutant General, State of North Dakota, and executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in North Dakota, in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bidder's highest total bid combination, including all add alternates to the bid items; conditioned that if bidder's proposal be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he within ten (10) days after notice of such award, will effect and execute a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the Owner. AIA Document A310, Bid Bond, will be furnished by the Owner and should be used to

Grandfather brings Thomas the Tank to life

By David Frownfelder
GateHouse News Service
DEERFIELD, Mich.

Three-year-old Brock Mueller of Deerfield, Mich., shares a common interest with many children his age: Thomas the Tank Engine. He watches DVDs of the show and plays with the plethora of Thomas toys he owns.

Unlike many other kids, however, Brock has a life-size Thomas right in his backyard.

Brock's grandfather, Keith - or "Poppa," as Brock prefers to call him - started a project in November that involved turning an old Sears riding mower into a replica of his grandson's favorite blue locomotive. The train created a buzz in the local community when it was featured in the Deerfield Memorial Day parade on May 31.

"We grabbed some kids that were up here and they rode in on the train," Keith said. "They really liked it."

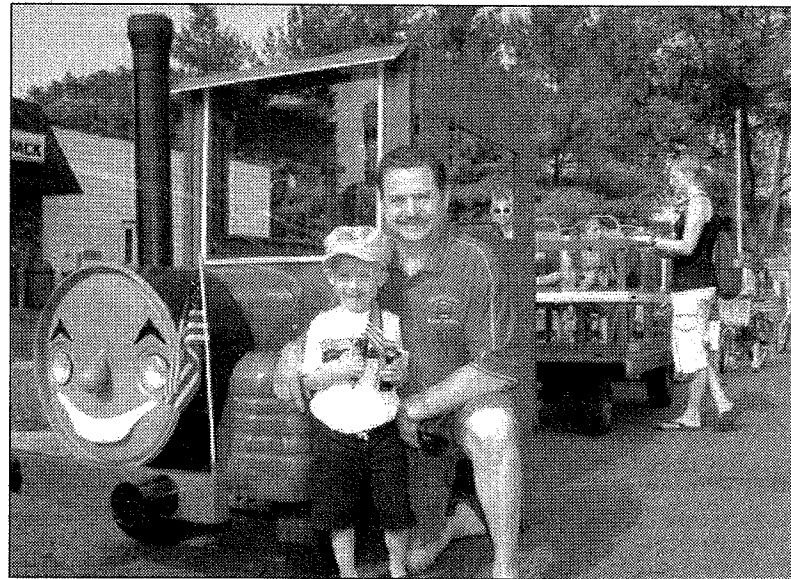
Keith said he was inspired to build the replica because of his grandson's fervent interest in Thomas.

"We were sitting on the kitchen table and I said, 'I'll build you a Thomas train out of the lawn mower,'" he said. "I drew the main picture, then he finished it up."

Carol Mueller said her husband remained consistently devoted to this project. After coming up with the idea, he spent every weekend working on it.

"He would be out there on Friday night, all day Saturday and all day Sunday," she said.

While Keith did most of the



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Keith Mueller of Deerfield, Mich., and his grandson Brock Mueller, 3, pose with the Thomas the Tank Engine they built together before the start of the 2010 Memorial Day parade in Deerfield.

work, his grandson supervised him to some extent.

"I'd be working on it and he'd tell me things like, 'No, Poppa, wrong,'" Keith said. "He's the one who knows Thomas, so I built to his specs."

Although a riding mower was the main component of Thomas, it was not the only vehicle used to create him. The Toledo (Ohio) Area Regional Transit Authority donated seats for the train and for the trailer Keith built afterwards.

Keith said he also collected various automotive parts from cars that had been demolished in accidents. He used these parts, which would have been discarded otherwise, to add on to his project.

"I'd say there are about 10

different cars in this," Keith said. "Guys at the shop would constantly ask me, 'Can you use this for Thomas?'"

Carol said some people in the neighborhood had a sneak preview of the train when it was taken out for a test drive. In fact, Keith has already begun receiving offers for it.

"I've had about 10 people ask me if I want to rent it out for birthdays, and I refused," he said. "It's a special thing to me."

Keith said the best part about building the Thomas replica was seeing his grandson's reaction to the finished project.

"He came up, gave me a big hug and kiss and said, 'Thank you, Poppa, I love you,'" he said. "It was heart-warming."

Cops: Man thrown from window over money

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QUINCY, Mass. - Four people face charges after a man told police they threw him head-first out a second-story window during a fight over money.

Quincy firefighters returning from a call early last Friday night saw the 43-year-old man as he came tumbling out of the window of the room he rented.

He was conscious and coherent when firefighters reached him, fire Capt. Patrick Dee said. He was taken to Boston Medical Center.

Quincy police arrested Kara Ferris, 34, who rented the room to the man for \$100 a week, and her 16-year-old son, whom police did not name because he is a juvenile. On Saturday, police arrested and charged in the

case, Brian Lally, 17, and Shane Denn, 18.

All four are charged with attempted murder, assault and battery to collect a loan, breaking and entering during the day for a felony and two counts of destruction of property, a door.

The man said Ferris claimed he had not paid her the weekly rent. He told police that Ferris owed him money.



Turkey survives

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FRAMINGHAM, Mass. - A turkey is recovering after veterinarians removed an arrow from her back.

The adult turkey was picked up by Framingham animal control officers. Animal Control Director Katherine MacKenzie said her department had been fielding calls since Memorial Day from residents who had been seeing the bird. She said animal control officers have been trying since last Monday to catch the turkey, which was still able to fly.

Over the last few days, Animal Control Officer Joseph Shepard built a special trap to catch the bird, said MacKenzie. Shepard's trap is what was eventually used to snag her.

After its capture, the turkey was taken to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Grafton, where veterinarians and technicians removed the arrow.

Cummings School spokesman Tom Keppeler said the arrow, which turned out to be a target-shooting arrow, had entered the turkey's back and was sticking

Inmate killed by

GateHouse News Service

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio - One inmate was killed and six others were injured Monday in a lightning strike at the Belmont Correctional Institution in St. Clairsville, the prison confirmed Wednesday.

Lightning struck the prison's recreation yard just before 6:30 p.m. The men had been in the recreation yard "in close proximity" to Dalin Anderson, 33, said

Woman finds gra

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CANTON, Ohio - A stone to mark the final resting place of one of the city's earliest residents lies in a chair in Kat Waldren's living room.

Recently, during a cleanup and beautification program in her neighborhood, volunteers unearthed the surprise in her backyard. The back side of a stone had always protruded through her lawn, beneath an old fence, for as long as she has lived in the house - 33 years.

Celebrating summ

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The

patrons carrying small coolers and plastic bags into Pittsburgh's Carnegie Science Center weren't bringing their lunch. They were packing snowballs.

Monday marked the first day of summer and the science museum's annual Snowball Day. Visitors are encouraged every year to save a snowball from the

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