

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**North Dakota Telephone Company/ Midcontinent
Communications
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-10-309

ORDER ON INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

August 24, 2010

On June 25, 2010, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a petition for approval of an interconnection agreement amendment with North Dakota Telephone Company. The agreement amendment sets forth rates, terms, and conditions under which North Dakota Telephone Company will provide interconnection services, local number portability, ancillary services, and wholesale services for resale to Midcontinent in the New Rockford, North Dakota exchange.

This agreement amendment 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 amendment 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.

Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

On June 30, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Comment, which provided that the Commission would receive written comments on the agreement amendment until August 13, 2010. No comments were received.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement amendment and finds that it has not been shown to discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement amendment. The Commission further finds that implementation of the agreement amendment has not been shown to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Order

The Commission orders:

1. The interconnection agreement amendment negotiated between Midcontinent Communications and North Dakota Telephone Company and filed with the Commission on June 25, 2010, is APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreement amendment at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreement amendment must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreement amendment must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.
5. Each party to the agreement amendment shall respond reasonably and in good faith to the other party's requests to implement the agreement amendment.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Tony Clark
Commissioner



Kevin Cramer
Chairman



Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent and reliable data collection processes to support informed decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in modern data management. It discusses how advanced software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and analysis, leading to more efficient and accurate results.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data security and privacy. It stresses the importance of implementing robust security measures to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access and breaches.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It reiterates the importance of a data-driven approach and encourages the organization to continue investing in data management capabilities to stay competitive in the market.

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