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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Twelfth Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Midcontinent Communications v. Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.  
PU-11-697

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of *Direct Testimony of Timothy J. Gates on behalf of Midcontinent Communications* and *Direct Testimony of W. Thomas Simmons on Behalf of Midcontinent Communications* along with an Affidavit of Mailing and E-Mail.

This document is also being transmitted electronically to your office. Also enclosed are extra copies to be file stamped and returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

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Enclosures

cc: David J. Hogue  
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Direct testimonies of Timothy J. Gases and W. Thomas Simmons

Midcontinent Communications

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