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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS V. MISSOURI VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PU-11-697**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Reservation Telephone Cooperative has a proud tradition of offering first rate telecommunication services to rural customers in North Dakota. Our core mission is to provide quality telecommunications service at competitive prices.

I believe the Commission should reject the proposed Interconnection Agreement between Missouri Valley Communications and Midcontinent because its adoption will lead to a decrease in the quality of service for customers in and around the city of Williston.

Consumers do benefit from competition when the competitors are on a level playing field and they motivate one another to offer new and better services. But that seems unlikely in Williston. Missouri Valley does not offer video service and thus it has not waived its rural exemption. Midcontinent does not offer wireless phone service. Thus, there will be no new service offerings in Williston.

With Midcontinent's ability to cherry pick the customers in Williston, and avoid the higher cost customers outside of Williston, the playing field will tip unfairly in Midcontinent's favor. Therefore, I recommend the Commission reject this unfair agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Royce S. Aslakson".

Royce S. Aslakson
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