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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

I am the General Manager of BEK Communications Cooperative, ("BEK"), and I write to urge the Commission to reject the proposed Interconnection Agreement. BEK is a rural telecommunications company that is committed to serving rural customers throughout BEK's service area.

Missouri Valley (MVC) is 100% owned by a telephone cooperative and a member in good standing of the North Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives. As such, it shares the common goals of NDATC of providing affordable, high-quality telecommunications service to ALL subscribers; regardless of how remote or costly those customers are to serve.

By contrast, MidCo is private company that is only interested in the central seven (7) square mile area of the 393 square-mile Williston exchange. The revenue from serving the city of Williston is a very important part of MVC funding the Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations for the entire exchange, both rural and urban. This rural area contains more than 2,000 customer telephone lines that face increased rates or even abandonment as a result of the proposed interconnection agreement. The role of the PSC is to ensure that the public interest is served. How is the public interest served, when you risk the primary funding source used to server the 2,000 rural subscribers?

I urge the Commission to reject the agreement as being contrary to the best interests of all telephone consumers in the Williston exchange.

Sincerely,

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE



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