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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

I am the General Manager/CEO of Polar Communications in Park River, ND; a telephone company that is committed to serving rural North Dakota. I am generally aware of the unique nature of the interconnection agreement requested by Midcontinent from Missouri Valley (MV). Accordingly, I believe the North Dakota Public Service Commission should reject the proposed agreement, as it is not in the best interest of the rural customers living just outside Williston, ND.

Rural telephone companies are committed to serving all customers in their respective exchanges, regardless of location. There are no winners and losers with regard to service provision in the areas served by rural telephone companies in North Dakota.

Despite the fact that MV is engaged in providing landline service to more than 40 new developments in the Williston area – a number likely unprecedented in the history of rural North Dakota telephone companies– MV is meeting that demand with the commitment and determination that has always been the hallmark of rural telephone companies across North Dakota.

Polar Communications appreciates the challenges of keeping pace with that kind of growth and applauds MV for continuing to support the principles of universal service and the responsibilities of carriers of last resort.

Sincerely,

David Dunning,
General Manager/CEO
Polar Communications

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David Dunning, General Manager