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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mr. Darrell Nitchke  
Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation North Dakota Tariff Filing to Implement the FCC Report and Order FCC 11-161 for Implementation on July 1, 2012**

Dear Mr. Nitchke:

Enclosed please find documentation that Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation's ("MIEAC") North Dakota intrastate centralized equal access rates are lower than MIEAC's interstate centralized equal access rates. MIEAC received authority to operate in North Dakota on 4/27/1992 in Docket No. PU-636-91-613 (Certificate No. 3554). In that docket, MIEAC received authority to offer 1+ interLATA and 1+ intraLATA centralized equal access in the exchanges of four local exchange companies. Since MIEAC is not a competitive local exchange carrier, MIEAC has elected to make this filing by the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 deadline set for rate of return carriers by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The supporting information in this filing demonstrates that MIEAC's total intrastate terminating switched access rates are lower than its' total interstate terminating switched access rates. Therefore there are no required rate reductions to MIEAC's North Dakota intrastate access tariff for the July 1<sup>st</sup> implementation date of the FCC's Report and Order, FCC 11-161. MIEAC intends to continue the current rate structure in place in its intrastate North Dakota tariff.

MIEAC asserts that several components of the supporting information fall under the definition of trade secret under the Commission's Rules Chapter 69-02-09-01. Specifically, the MIEAC 2011 intrastate demand volumes and subsequent total MIEAC North Dakota interstate and intrastate revenues are trade secret information. MIEAC is a privately held company and the 2011 demand volumes and resulting total interstate and intrastate revenues figures are not made available to the public. Alternative and regulated tandem providers would be considered competitors to MIEAC. This information would have economic value if it were disclosed. MIEAC is providing two versions of the supporting information: one version marked "MIEAC Trade Secret- Private" and the other marked "MIEAC Public".

This filing has been emailed to [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov) and to [pfahn@nd.gov](mailto:pfahn@nd.gov). Additionally a hard copy with the MIEAC Trade Secret –Private and MIEAC Public supporting information appropriately marked and sealed as required in US Mail. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (952) 230-4183 or Steve Miske at (952)-230-4558.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary T. Baley".

Mary T. Baley

Senior Regulatory & Interconnection Manager

On behalf of Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation

*Enclosures*

| Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation (MIEAC)<br>PUBLIC VERSION OF SUPPORTING INFORMATION       |   |                                 |   |  | REDACTED<br>2011                | REDACTED   | REDACTED   |   |                             |   |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---|
| MIEAC North Dakota<br>Intrastate Rate Element  | MIEAC Interstate<br>Switched Access Rate element  | Intrastate<br>Transport mileage | MIEAC<br>Interstate rates<br>as of 12/29/2011 | MIEAC ND<br>Intrastate rates<br>as of 12/29/2011 | Intrastate<br>Demand<br>in MOUs | 2011 Intrastate<br>Revenues at interstate<br>rates | 2011 Intrastate<br>Revenues at intrastate<br>rates | Differential between<br>Intra and Inter rates | 50% of Differential         | Proposed lower ND Intrastate<br>Access Rates for 7/1/2012 |
| <b>ORIGINATING SWITCHED ACCESS RATES</b>   |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| <b>Centralized Equal Access FGD:</b>   |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| Originating  | Originating CEA                                   |                                 | \$0.0169                                      | \$0.0113   |                                 |  |  | -\$0.005600                                   | No change required          | No change in rate   |
| <b>Centralized Equal Access FGA or FGB:</b>  |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| Originating  | Originating CEA                                   |                                 | NA  | \$0.0107   |                                 |  |  |   | No change in rates required | No change in rate   |
| <b>Transport Charge</b>  |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| Originating  | Originating Transport                             |                                 | \$0.0099                                      | \$0.0044   |                                 |  |  | -\$0.005500                                   | No change in rates required | No change in rate   |
| <b>TERMINATING SWITCHED ACCESS RATES</b>   |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| <b>Terminating Service: FGD, FGB, FGA<br/>Includes Switching and Transport</b>                           |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
|  | Terminating Tandem Switching                      |                                 | 0.0022  |  |                                 |  |  | -\$0.000200                                   | See Note 1                  | No change in rate   |
|  | Terminating Transport                             |                                 | 0.0008  |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
|  | <b>Bundled Terminating Switch &amp; Transport</b> |                                 | <u>\$0.0030</u>                               | \$0.0028000                                      |                                 |  |  | NA  | NA                          | NA  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |
| <b>Note 1: MIEAC's Intrastate terminating rate is lower than its total interstate terminating rates.</b> |   |                                 |   |  |                                 |  |  |   |                             |   |