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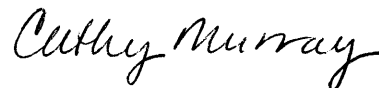
Re: Application for Trade Secret Protection of Information Provided in Support of Revisions to North Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 4 of Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc.

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On June 8, 2012 Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. ("Integra") filed revised tariff pages for its North Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 4 (Access Service) in compliance with Commissioner Kalk's notice dated May 3, 2012 directing North Dakota's procedures for the implementation of access reform pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order FCC 11-161. Commissioner Kalk also requested certain information from all carriers which Integra considers trade secret; Integra filed that information under seal, but failed to include an application for trade secret protection of the information. Therefore, enclosed please find Integra's Application for Trade Secret Protection of Information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Integra Telecom of
North Dakota, Inc.'s Tariff Filing
to Implement the Transitional Intrastate
Access Services Reductions Required by 47
C.F.C. § 51.907

Docket No. PU 12-___

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING
TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. ("Integra") requests the North Dakota Public Service Commission, pursuant to Chapter 69-02-09 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to issue a protective order limiting the disclosure of the trade secret information included with Integra's Tariff Filing to Implement the Transitional Intrastate Access Service Reductions Required by 47 C.F.R. § 51.907(b) ("Integra's Filing"). A copy of the trade secret information has been appropriately marked and sealed.

1. General Description of the Nature of the Information Sought to be Protected.

**INTEGRA'S TARIFF FILING TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSITIONAL
INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICE REDUCTIONS REQUIRED BY 47 C.F.R. §
51.907(b)**

Integra's Filing includes material that contains detailed volume and demand data by individual component of access service, which are competitively sensitive. All of the confidential information being submitted is viewed as highly proprietary by Integra and is closely guarded to maintain its confidentiality. The traffic volume data at the level of detail being submitted by Integra are closely guarded by all carriers offering access services.

2. An Explanation of Why the Information Derives Independent Economic Value, Actual or Potential, From Not Being Generally Known to Other Persons.

The information for which Integra seeks trade secret protection contains confidential and proprietary information regarding detailed volume and demand data by individual component of access service, which are competitively sensitive. This information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure. Release of this information to competitors would unfairly enable them to make strategic and tactical decisions that would be harmful to the success and profitability of Integra.

3. An Explanation of Why the Information is Not Readily Available by Proper Means to Other Parties.

The information at issue is proprietary to Integra and is available only to those employees and representatives who have a need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities.

4. The General Description of the Persons or Entities That Would Obtain Economic Value from Disclosure or Use of the Information.

Competitors or potential competitors of Integra that provide local exchange service and other telecommunications service as well as interexchange carriers would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.

5. Specific Description of Known Competitors or Competitor's Goods and Services that are Pertinent to the Information.

Competitors and potential competitors of Integra in North Dakota include AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, Sprint Communications Company L.P.,

CenturyLink, and Midcontinent Communications and any other provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota or any of the other states in which Integra operates.

6. A Description of the Efforts Used to Maintain the Secrecy of the Information.

Please see No. 3 above.

INTEGRA TELECOM OF NORTH DAKOTA, INC.

Dated: June 12, 2012.


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