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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Midcontinent Communications Revised Tariff Support Information

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In accordance with the Public Service Commission's letter to Midcontinent Communications dated May 2, 2012, enclosed for filing please find an original and seven copies of Midcontinent's support information regarding access tariff revisions in accordance with FCC required rate reductions. By separate cover letter, and separately bound and placed in a sealed envelope labeled "TRADE SECRET - PRIVATE," is one copy of the Confidential Attachment 1 referenced in the first paragraph of the enclosed document.

Midcontinent reserves the right to amend the enclosed documents. A key member of Midcontinent is on a scheduled vacation abroad and was unavailable to review the version being submitted. While it is not necessarily anticipated that an amendment will be needed, this is a possibility. In consultation with Mr. Patrick Fahn, Midcontinent informed him that this filing would be subject to this reservation. Midcontinent did explore the potential of formally requesting an extension past the June 8, 2012, deadline but in consultation with Commission staff understood that filing, with the understanding an amendment may be necessary, would be preferred over an extension request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

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Counsel to Midcontinent Communications

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Enclosures

To North Dakota Public Service Commission

From: Midcontinent Communications

Re: THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REPORT AND ORDER FCC 11-161. COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR CARRIERS TO SUBMIT REVISED TARIFF TO THE COMMISSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON JULY 1,2012

In its May 2, 2012 Letter to all North Dakota Local Exchange companies, the North Dakota Public Service Commission directed carriers filing access tariff revisions in accordance with the FCC-required rate reductions to provide certain support information. Midcontinent's support information is contained below and in the accompanying Confidential Attachment 1.

Support Information

- Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate demand (volume) for intrastate access services (by rate element):
See Confidential Attachment 1.
- All intrastate access rates in effect as of December 29, 2011:
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- All interstate access rates in effect as of December 29, 2011:
See Confidential Attachment 1.
- If the carrier's intrastate rate structure and the interstate rate structure are not the same, a full explanation of how the LEC will map its Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate demand for intrastate access services into its interstate rate structure to determine the interstate revenues used in the FCC mandated revenue reduction calculations. *See 47 CFR §§ 51.907, 51.909, 51.911:*
No mapping is required because for every Midcontinent's interstate switched access rate element there is a corresponding intrastate switched access rate element and intrastate switched access demand.
- A full description of the methodology the carrier will use to set reduced intrastate rates to reflect the calculated revenue reductions:

Midcontinent used the methodology described in 47 CFR §51.911(b)(4), according to which rates for the carrier's Transitional Intrastate Access Service are established "using its intrastate access rate structure. Carriers using this option shall establish rates for Transitional Intrastate Access Service such that Transitional Intrastate Access Service revenue at the proposed rates is no greater than Transitional Intrastate Access Service revenue at the intrastate rates in effect as of December 29, 2011 less the Step 1 Access Revenue Reduction, using Fiscal year 2011 intrastate switched access demand." More specifically, Midcontinent reduced its intrastate terminating Carrier Common Line and intrastate terminating tandem switching rates to achieve the required revenue reduction. Midcontinent

calculated the required revenue reduction as 50% of the difference between (1) its total revenue from Transitional Intrastate Access Service at Midcontinent's interstate access rates in effect on December 29, 2011, using Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate switched access demand for each rate element; and (2) total revenue from Transitional Intrastate Access Service at Midcontinent's intrastate access rates in effect on December 29, 2011, using Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate switched access demand for each rate element.

- A full description of the rate structure option that the carrier will utilize as of July 1, 2012 (if the carrier in fact currently has different intrastate and interstate rate structures for carrier access charges):

The same rate structure as in the current intrastate switched access tariff.

- Contact information for the person(s) who prepared the information:

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ACCESS SERVICE

SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges

A. Carrier Common Line Access Service

Per Minute Charge:

<u>Originating</u>	Effective Date	
\$ 0.018941	7/01/2012	(C)

<u>Terminating</u>	Effective Date	
\$ 0.006221	7/01/2012	(R)

B. Tandem Switched Management Services

1. Installation Charge: ICB

2. Port Connections: ICB
 Monthly Charge: ICB

DS1 Port Connection: ICB
 DS3 Port Connection: ICB

3. Per Minute Charge:

<u>Tandem Switching Originating</u>	Effective Date	
\$0 .005734	7/01/2004	(C)

<u>Tandem Switching Terminating</u>	Effective Date	
\$0.002545	7/01/2012	(R)

Tandem Transmission (C)

<u>Mileage Bands</u>	Rate Per Access Minute		
	<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>	
Over 0 to 8	\$0.000447	\$0.000058	
Over 8 to 25	\$0.000771	\$0.000052	
Over 25 to 50	\$0.000545	\$0.000046	
Over 50	\$0.000646	\$0.000035	

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SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

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4.	Switch Management Services Expedited Trunk Code Routing Charges (1-15 codes)		(M)
	Nonrecurring Charge	ICB	
C.	End Office Local Switching		(M)
	Local Switching, Per Access Minute	\$ 0.010566	(C)
	Common Port, Per Access Minute	\$ 0.001300	(C)

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