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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 a separate cover letter, the original and seven copies of Midcontinent's support information regarding access tariff revisions were filed. Enclosed with this letter please find separately bound and placed in a sealed envelope labeled "TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE," one copy of the Confidential Attachment 1 referenced in the first paragraph of Midcontinent's support information regarding access tariff revisions.

Also enclosed please find an original and seven copies of An Application Requesting Trade Secret Protection pursuant to N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-02-09.

Midcontinent reserves the right to amend the enclosed document. 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

Zachary E. Pelham
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publicly disclosed by Midcontinent. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive and its public disclosure would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage. If disclosed publicly, the information would disadvantage Midcontinent as the information reflects specifics regarding the Company's business activities.

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

The information at issue is proprietary to Midcontinent is available only to those employees and representatives of Midcontinent who have a need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities. Midcontinent does not disclose this information outside the company except pursuant to the terms of strict agreements or orders to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

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 Midcontinent 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 Midcontinent in North Dakota includes Qwest Corporation, Consolidated Telecom, Dakota Central Telecom I, Missouri Valley Communications, North Dakota Telephone Company, Turtle Mountain Communications, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, AT&T, Sprint Corporation, and any other

provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota or any of the other states in which Midcontinent operates.

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

See No. 3 above.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
By: Midcontinent Communications Investor, LLC,
Its Managing Partner

By: 
Scott B. Anderson, Its VP Legal/General Counsel