



**Missouri Valley**

**Communications, INC.**

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

RE: Confidentiality Request for Williston Waiver Request Attachments

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (MVCI) seeks confidential treatment of the documents attached to the Williston Numbering Waiver Request. This information includes a customer request to MVCI for 1000 sequential telephone numbers, MVCI's application to NeuStar for numbering resources which was denied, and the required supporting documentation.

The documents contain specific information about MVCI's operations and resources in the Williston, ND area. The information includes details on MVCI's numbering resources in Williston where MVCI does not have the numbering resources to meet the needs of the specific customer. The documentation also includes MVCI's projections of its future numbering resource utilization – information it is required by FCC rules and numbering guidelines to submit to NeuStar with its application for additional numbering resources. NeuStar treats such information as confidential. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive and its public disclosure would place MVCI at a competitive disadvantage.

The information at issue is proprietary to MVCI and its customer. It is available from MVCI only to those employees and representatives of MVCI who need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities. MVCI 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. Both NANPA and the Pooling Administrator, NeuStar affiliates treat such information as confidential.

Competitors or potential competitors of MVCI would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.

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Competitors and potential competitors of MVCI in North Dakota include Midcontinent, Verizon, and any other provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota.

MVCI respectfully request that the Commission approve the request for confidentiality.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 406-783-2281 or [jodie.richardson@nemont.coop](mailto:jodie.richardson@nemont.coop).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodie Richardson".

Jodie Richardson  
Regulatory Compliance Coordinator

Enclosures