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I will schedule to begin publication on Thursday, September 20 with the last paper, The Forum, publishing on Monday, September 24.

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Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for Comment published one time as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten daily newspapers.

Do not publish in the classifieds. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

The notice must be published once in each paper.

Sent the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

Please confirm via email that you received this request.

If you have any questions or cannot open the files, please call or email me.

Thank You

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone
Company
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-12-723

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

September 12, 2012

On September 4, 2012, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) entered into an interconnection agreement amendment with North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The agreement amendment sets forth terms and conditions under which NDTC will provide interconnection services, exchange of traffic, number portability, ancillary services and wholesale services for resale to Midcontinent in the Drake, Anamoose, and Fessenden, North Dakota exchanges. The agreement was filed with the Commission on September 5, 2012.

On September 5, 2012, Midcontinent filed a request for approval of the interconnection agreement in less than 90 days pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1).

This agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement adopted by negotiation (or a portion of the agreement) if it finds that:

1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section 253 the Commission may include, in its review, state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry.

The Commission will receive written comments on this agreement until October 24, 2012.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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