

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota
Telephone Company
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-12-723

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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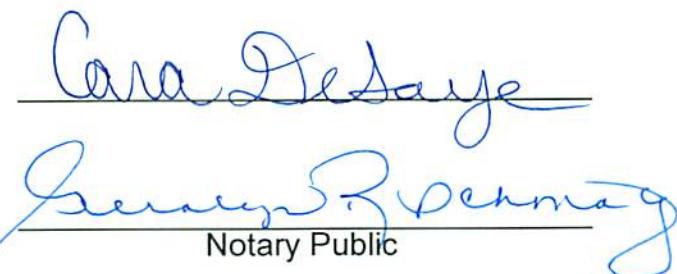
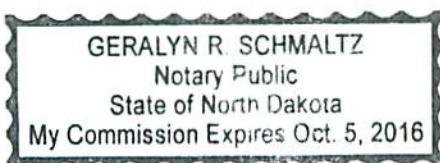
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this 14th day of November, 2012

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ORDER ON INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

November 9, 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.

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act requires that the Commission act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

On September 12, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Comment providing until close of business on October 24, 2012 to receive comments. No comments were received.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement amendment and finds that it has not been shown to discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement. The Commission further finds that implementation of the amended agreement has not been shown to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Order

The Commission orders:

1. The interconnection agreement amendment negotiated between North Dakota Telephone Company and Midcontinent Communications, filed with the Commission on September 5, 2012, is APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreement at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreement must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreement must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.
5. Each party to the agreement shall respond reasonably and in good faith to the other party's requests to implement the agreement.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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