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June 10, 2013

Darrel Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Twelfth Floor  
Bismarck, ND 68505

**RE: Midcontinent Communications Tariff "Switched Access Services Within The State Of North Dakota"**

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Enclosed for submission to the North Dakota Public Utilities Commission are the following revised tariff pages for incorporation into Midcontinent Communications' ("Midcontinent") Tariff "Switched Access Services Within The State Of North Dakota:"

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 44  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 44.1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 45.

In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 1, 2013 interstate access rate benchmarking (step down) requirement set forth by the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rule 47 C.F.R. § 51.911(c), Access reciprocal compensation rates for competitive LECs, promulgated under the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released on November 18, 2011). To comply with this FCC rule, Midcontinent now reduced all of its terminating intrastate switched access rates setting them at parity with the corresponding interstate rates, effective July 1, 2013. Midcontinent's interstate switched access rates are equal to the dominant incumbent local exchange carrier's (CenturyLink Qwest's) interstate rates. The overall impact of this tariff filing is a significant reduction in Midcontinent's composite terminating intrastate switched access rate in North Dakota.

This filing also clarifies the tariff language on VoIP-PSTN traffic to incorporate modifications to the FCC rules on rating this traffic that were contained in the FCC Second Order on Reconsideration in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 12-47 (released on April 25, 2012).

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**Revisions to ND Tariff**

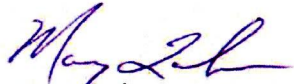
Midcontinent Communications

Mary Lohnes

The filing date of this tariff is June 10, 2013, with an effective date of July 1, 2013.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Revised Tariff Pages

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

<u>Terminating</u>	Effective Date	
Note #	7/01/2013	(C)

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

<u>Tandem Switching Terminating</u>	Effective Date	
Note #	7/01/2013	(C)

Tandem Transmission

	Rate Per Originating Access Minute (C)	
<u>Mileage Bands</u>	<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

	Rate Per Terminating Access Minute (C)
Note #	(C)

Note #: Mirrors interstate tariff. See the Company's Tariff FCC No. 1, Section 3.9, (N)  
available at <https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/lecTariffs.action?idLec=527>. (N)

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SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges

4. Switch Management Services Expedited Trunk Code Routing Charges  
(1-15 codes)  
Nonrecurring Charge ICB

C. End Office Local Switching

Local Switching Originating, Per Access Minute	\$ 0.010566	(C)
Common Port Originating, Per Access Minute	\$ 0.001300	(C)
Local Switching Terminating, Per Access Minute	Note #	(C)
Common Port Terminating, Per Access Minute	Note #	(C)

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SECTION 3-SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges (cont'd)

D. 8XX Data Base Access Service Queries

Per Query  
Basic ILEC Rate  
Vertical Feature

POTS Translation Charge  
Per call ILEC Rate

Call Handling &  
Destination Feature  
Charge, per query ILEC Rate

E. Special Construction

ICB

F. VoIP-PSTN Traffic

1. Scope

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between a Midcontinent end user and the customer in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates (unless the parties have agreed otherwise) by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (Nov.18, 2011) ("FCC Order") as modified by its Second Order on Reconsideration, FCC No. 12-47 (Apr. 25, 2012) and codified in 47 C.F.R. § 51.913. Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order and rule 47 C.F.R. § 51.913. Rating of VoIP-PSTN traffic described in section 3.9.F.2 below applies to terminating intrastate switched access minutes of use, and, after July 1, 2014, to originating intrastate switched access minutes of use.

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