

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications/ Consolidated
Communications Network, Inc.
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-13-909

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

December 30, 2013

On December 19, 2013, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) entered into an interconnection agreement amendment with Consolidated Communications Network, Inc. (CCNI) pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The agreement amendment sets forth terms and conditions under which CCNI will provide interconnection services for transport and termination of local service, for extended area service traffic and local number portability between their respective networks.

Midcontinent filed the agreement with the Commission on December 20, 2013, and requested 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:

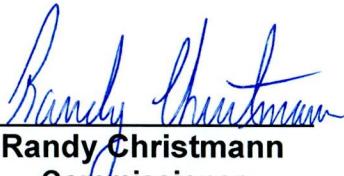
1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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 comment on this agreement until February 14, 2014.

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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