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January 23, 2015



Hand Delivered

Darrel Nitschke  
Executive Director  
ND Public Service Commission  
Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard, Twelfth Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Midcontinent Communications Annual ETC Certification Filing and Submittal Pursuant to N.D.A.C. §69-09-05-12.1/FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Filed June 30, 2014

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Midcontinent was recently contacted by USAC advising that Midcontinent missed checking a line on page one, line 1000 Voice Services Rate Comparability, on the CC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Therefore, enclosed for filing please find a corrected FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form to attach to the original Midcontinent Annual ETC Certification Filing and Submittal Pursuant to N.D.A.C. §69-09-05-12.1 filed on June 30, 2014, along with seven copies.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

ZACHARY E. PELHAM

Counsel to Midcontinent Communications

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Enclosures  
cc: Mary Lohnes, Midcontinent Communications

5 PU-14-77 Filed: 1/23/2015 Pages: 17  
Corrected ND Admin Code Section 69-09-05-12.1  
Annual Report  
Midcontinent Communications  
Zachary Pelham

<010> Study Area Code 389011  
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 <020> Program Year 2015  
 <030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data Mary Lohnes  
 <035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> 6053575459 ext.  
 <039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> mary\_lohnes@mi.net

**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

	54,313 Completion Required	54,422 Completion Required
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(check box when complete)

<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting (complete attached worksheet)

<200> Outage Reporting (voice) (complete attached worksheet)

<210>  <- check box if no outages to report

<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) 0

<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)   (attach descriptive document)

<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband) 0

<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)   (attach descriptive document)

<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)

<410> Fixed 0.0

<420> Mobile 0.0

<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)

<440> Fixed 0.0

<450> Mobile 0.0

<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)

<510> 389011HD510.pdf (attached descriptive document)

<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations (check to indicate certification)

<610> 389011HD610.pdf (attached descriptive document)

<700> Company Price Offerings (voice) (complete attached worksheet)

<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband) (complete attached worksheet)

<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates (complete attached worksheet)

<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?   (if yes, complete attached worksheet)

<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability (check to indicate certification)

<1010>   (attach descriptive document)

<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?   (if not, check to indicate certification)

<1110> (complete attached worksheet)

<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers (complete attached worksheet)

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**  
 Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000> (check to indicate certification)

<2005> (complete attached worksheet)

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000> (check to indicate certification)

<3005> (complete attached worksheet)

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986  
July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	mary_lohnes@mmi.net
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

389011ND112.pdf
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Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

389011ND1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP [www.midcocomm.com](http://www.midcocomm.com)

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation  
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 389011  
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Mary Johnson  
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6051575459 ext.  
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> mary.johnson@mmi.net

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))  
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)    
(Yes/No)

Please check those boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	mary.lohnes@mi.net

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 01/13/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Tom Simmons
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	SR VP of Public Policy
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6053575491 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	389011 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext. _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: ext. _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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Attachments



