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June 23, 2014

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 is the following revised tariff page for incorporation into Midcontinent Communications' ("Midcontinent") Tariff "Switched Access Services Within The State Of North Dakota:"

2nd Revised Page 44.1.

In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 1, 2014 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 reduces its terminating intrastate end office switched access rates to the levels of the corresponding dominant incumbent local exchange carrier's (CenturyLink Qwest's) rates. The overall impact of this tariff filing is a reduction in Midcontinent's composite terminating intrastate switched access rate in South Dakota.

The filing date of this tariff is June 23, 2014, with an effective date of July 1, 2014.

1 **PU-14-465** Filed: 6/23/2014 Pages: 4
Revisions to ND Tariff

Midcontinent Communications

Mary Lohnes

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Revised Tariff Page

Rate Comparison Table

ACCESS SERVICE

SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges

Tandem Transmission (cont'd)

| <u>Mileage Bands</u> | <u>Rate Per Terminating Access Minute</u> | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| | <u>Fixed</u> | <u>Per Mile</u> |
| Over 0 to 8 | \$ 0.00024 | \$ 0.00003 |
| Over 8 to 25 | \$ 0.00024 | \$ 0.00003 |
| Over 25 to 50 | \$ 0.00024 | \$ 0.00003 |
| Over 50 | \$ 0.00024 | \$ 0.00003 |

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 | |
| Common Port Originating, Per Access Minute | \$ 0.001300 | |
| Local Switching Terminating, Per Access Minute | \$ 0.001391 | (R) |
| Common Port Terminating, Per Access Minute | \$ 0.000526 | (R) |

ISSUED: June 23, 2014

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2014

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Midcontinent Communications North Dakota Intrastate Switched Access Tariff Filing effective July 1, 2014

Comparison of Rates Subject to the FCC Step Down Rules

| Rate Element | 7/1/2013 Midcontinent's Intrastate Terminating Rates | Current CenturyLink Qwest's Terminating Intrastate Rates | 7/1/2014 CenturyLink Qwest's Terminating Intrastate Rates | 7/1/2014 Midcontinent's Intrastate Terminating Rates |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| CARRIER COMMON LINE | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 |
| LOCAL SWITCHING | \$0.001974 | \$0.001974 | \$0.001391 | \$0.001391 |
| COMMON TRUNK PORT | \$0.000747 | \$0.000747 | \$0.000526 | \$0.000526 |
| TANDEM SW TERM. (per min). 1-8 miles | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 |
| TANDEM SW TERM. (per min). 8-25 miles | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 |
| TANDEM SW TERM. (per min). 25-50 miles | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 |
| TANDEM SW TERM. (per min). >50 miles | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 | \$0.000240 |
| TANDEM SW FACILITY (per min. mile). 1-8 miles | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 |
| TANDEM SW FACILITY (per min. mile). 8-25 miles | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 |
| TANDEM SW FACILITY (per min. mile). 25-50 miles | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 |
| TANDEM SW FACILITY (per min. mile). >50 miles | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 | \$0.000030 |
| TANDEM SWITCHING | \$0.002252 | \$0.002252 | \$0.002252 | \$0.002252 |
| TRANSPORT INTERCONNECTION CHARGE | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 | \$0.000000 |
| COMMON MULTIPLEXER | \$0.000000 | \$0.000036 | \$0.000036 | \$0.000000 |

Per 47 § 51.911(c) "Beginning July 1, 2013, notwithstanding any other provision of the Commission's rules, all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Access Reciprocal compensation rates for switched exchange access services subject to this subpart [Transitional Access Service Pricing] shall be no higher than the Access Reciprocal Compensation rates charged by the competing incumbent local exchange carrier, in accordance with the same procedures specified in § 61.26 of this chapter."