

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Midcontinent Communications / Red River Rural
Telephone
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-16-36

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

January 20, 2016

On January 13, 2016, Midcontinent Communications, a South Dakota Partnership (Midcontinent) entered into an interconnection agreement with Red River Rural Telephone Association (Red River) pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The agreement sets forth terms and conditions under which Red River will provide network interconnection services, exchange of traffic, number portability, and ancillary services to Midcontinent in the Hankinson, Lidgerwood and Fairmount, North Dakota exchanges. The agreement was filed with the Commission on January 14, 2016.

Midcontinent has 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:

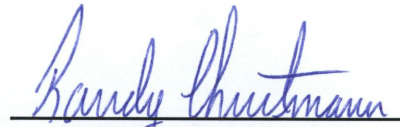
1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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 comments on this agreement until February 23, 2016.

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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