

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-16-48

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

MAY 18, 2016

On April 20, 2016, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent or Company), filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 requesting a protective order limiting disclosure of "Trade Secret" information.

The information for which the Company seeks protection is their proprietary training processes and procedures in place to prevent waste, fraud and abuse in the Lifeline program.

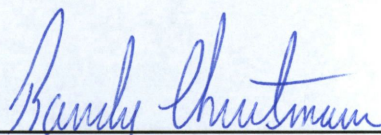
North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Commission Staff has reviewed the request.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the trade secret material has been provided in a sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement. Having reviewed the Company's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

ORDER

The Commission Orders the Commission orders the April 20, 2016 application of Midcontinent Communications for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

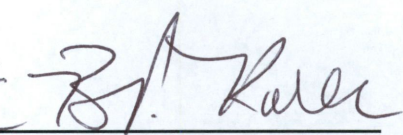
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