

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-16-48

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **19th day of May, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

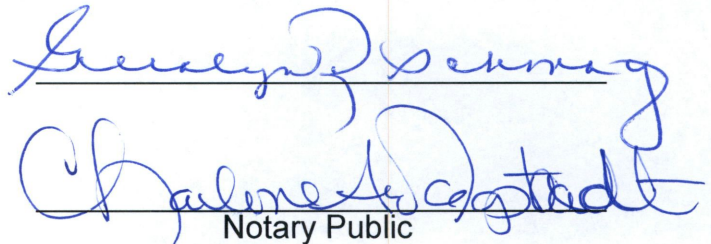
Order on Protection of Information

The envelope was addressed as follows:

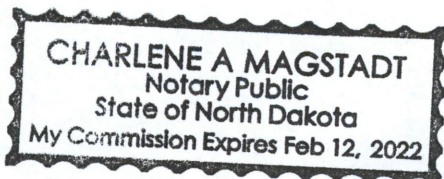
Zachary Pehlman
Pearce Durick PLLC
PO Box 400
Bismarck, ND 58502-0400
Cert. No. 7015 3010 0000 6559 5182

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of May, 2016**.


Notary Public

SEAL



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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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Randy Christmann
Commissioner


Julie Fedorchak
Chairman


Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner