



July 3, 2018

Darrell 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.”

5th Revised Page 44.

In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 1, 2018 step down requirement set forth by the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) USF/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released on November 18, 2011) and federal rules. Rule 47 C.F.R. § 61.26 states in sub-part (c) that “If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.”

To comply with this FCC rule, Midcontinent now reduces its terminating intrastate tandem switching access rates to the levels of the corresponding dominant incumbent local exchange carrier’s (CenturyLink Qwest’s) rates. Per the FCC rules, Midcontinent Communications will be filing its revisions to Tariff FCC No. 1 on July 18, 2018 with the effective date of August 2, 2018.

The filing date of this tariff is July 3, 2018, with an effective date of August 2, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy A. Vogel'.

Nancy Vogel

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ACCESS SERVICE

SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges

A. Carrier Common Line Access Service

Per Minute Charge:

<u>Originating</u>	Effective Date
\$ 0.018941	7/01/2012

<u>Terminating</u>	Effective Date
\$ 0	7/01/2013

B. Tandem Switched Management Services

1. Installation Charge: ICB

2. Port Connections: ICB
Monthly Charge: ICB

DS1 Port Connection: ICB
DS3 Port Connection: ICB

3. Per Minute Charge:

<u>Tandem Switching Originating</u>	Effective Date
\$ 0.005734	7/01/2004

<u>Tandem Switching Terminating [1]</u>	Effective Date
\$ 0.002252	7/01/2012

Tandem Transmission

<u>Mileage Bands</u>	Rate Per Originating Access Minute	
	<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>
Over 0 to 8	\$0.000447	\$0.000058
Over 8 to 25	\$0.000771	\$0.000052
Over 25 to 50	\$0.000545	\$0.000046
Over 50	\$0.000646	\$0.000035

[1] For traffic terminating from an access tandem owned by the Company or its affiliates to an end office owned by the Company or its affiliates, the Tandem Switching Terminating Rate is \$0.

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EFFECTIVE: August 2, 2018

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