



July 17, 2024

Mr. Steven Kahl  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
12th Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Amendment to the Transport and Termination of Extended Area Service (EAS) Traffic Agreement between Northwest Communications Cooperative and Midcontinent Communications

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing and approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 is an Amendment to the to the Transport and Termination of Extended Area Service (EAS) Traffic Agreement between Northwest Communications Cooperative and Midcontinent Communications for the State of North Dakota.

Contact information for Northwest Communications Cooperative:

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CEO/GM  
111 Railroad Ave, Ray ND 58849  
Ray ND 58849

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Bridget Alexander White**

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO THE TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS)  
TRAFFIC AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE AND  
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS**

This Amendment (“Amendment No. 1”) amends the Transport and Termination of Extended Area Service (EAS) Traffic Agreement between Northwest Communications Cooperative (“ILEC”) with offices at 11 Railroad Ave, Ray ND 58849 and Midcontinent Communications (CLEC) with offices at 3901 North Louise Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57107. The amendment is effective June 28, 2024 (“Effective Date”). This agreement may refer to either ILEC or CLEC as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”). ILEC and CLEC may be referred to individually as a “Party” and jointly as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, ILEC and CLEC are parties to an Extended Area Service (EAS) Traffic Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), dated October 12, 2012;

WHEREAS, the Parties have subsequently agreed to amend the Agreement to update Section 4 of the Extended Area Service (EAS) Traffic Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

**AMENDMENT TERMS**

**INTERCONNECTION PROVISION**

The Parties agree to physically connect their respective networks via an IP connection at the Ray, ND - RAY-NDXADS2 end office. The terms of the IP connection are negotiated outside of this agreement. The terms of the IP connection cover the physical exchange of EAS Traffic between the CLEC End User Customers and the ILEC End User Customers.

Updated Notices and Billing Contacts

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1. Once executed, this Amendment, will be filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission by the ILEC.
2. This Amendment will remain effective as long as the Original Agreement remains effective between the Parties, subject to future changes in law.
3. The provisions of this Amendment, may not be amended, modified or supplemented without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representatives.
4. Except as expressly set forth herein, the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement will remain in full force and effect without change.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

By: Northwest Communications Cooperative

Name: Jeremy Becker



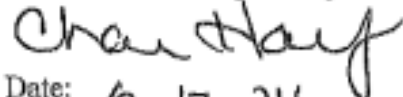
Title: CEO/GM

Date: 7/11/24

By: Midcontinent Communications

Name: Char Hay

Title: VP of Billing & Regulatory Finance



Date: 6-17-24