

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Complaint)	
filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk,)	CT08-006
South Dakota, against Golden West)	
Telecommunications Cooperative)	AFFIDAVIT
Regarding Telephone Outages)	

State of South Dakota)
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County of Pennington)

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE STRANDELL

George Strandell, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

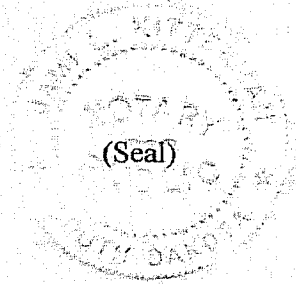
- 1) My name is George Strandell and I am the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc (“Golden West”).
I am submitting this affidavit in support of the Motion to Dismiss filed herein.
- 2) The Complainant, Gary L. Loudner, is not a customer of Golden West during any of the times relevant to the Complaint.
- 3) Golden West is generally aware of an outage on November 13, 2007 to customers of Midcontinent Communications. Our records indicate the outage was for a time period of less than thirty minutes. Golden West believes the outage occurred due to a problem with a Midcontinent Communications circuit.
- 4) Golden West worked with Midcontinent Communications to resolve the issue in a timely matter with limited impact on customers.

WHEREFORE, Golden West prays for relief as prayed for in the Motion to Dismiss filed herein.

DATED this 31 day of July, 2008.

George Strandell
George Strandell

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 31 day of July, 2008.



Jami L. Kitterman
Notary Public, State of South Dakota
Notary print name Jami L. Kitterman
My commission expires: May 14, 2014