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RE: **MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS; REQUEST FOR FEDERAL
 UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**
 Our file: 0053

Dear Pam:

Enclosed are original and 10 copies of a Request for Certification on behalf of Midcontinent Communications for universal service support, which please file.

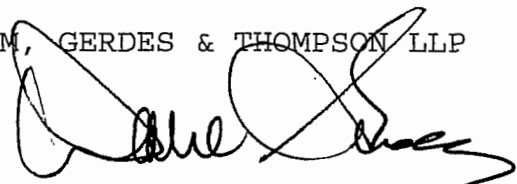
Also enclosed is confidential Exhibit A. In compliance with ARSD 20:10:01:41, the general subject matter of the material is proprietary operating expense information for the company as a whole; confidentiality is requested for the entire length of time this matter is open for the Commission; the undersigned is the person to be contacted regarding this confidentiality request; confidentiality is requested because the information on Exhibit A constitutes proprietary and business confidential information; and the factual basis for the claim of confidentiality is that the information is in fact business confidential and its release to competitors would give them an unfair advantage.

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If you or any member of the Commission staff has questions, please contact me or Mary Lohnes of Midcontinent. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Gerdes", written over the firm name.

DAVID A. GERDES

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)	DOCKET NO. _____
OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS,)	
FOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING)	REQUEST FOR
ITS USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL)	CERTIFICATION
SERVICE SUPPORT)	

Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent"), by and through its undersigned counsel submits this Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") seeking certification from the Commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313. In support of this request, Midcontinent provides the following:

1. Midcontinent is a designated eligible telecommunications carrier providing service in Qwest service areas.
2. The purpose of this filing is to provide information indicating Midcontinent's intended use of federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midcontinent will use all universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 USC § 254.
3. Confidential Exhibit A, filed herewith, sets forth estimated 2006 federal universal service receipts and the estimated expenditures for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of

facilities and services supported by federal universal service funding.

4. Based upon the foregoing information, the accompanying Exhibit A and Exhibit B, Affidavit of W. Tom Simmons, Midcontinent requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Midcontinent is in compliance with 47 USC § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2006.

Dated this 29 day of August, 2005.

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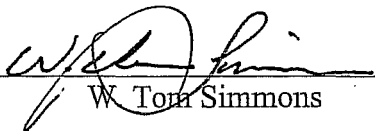
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EXHIBIT B

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County of Minnehaha)

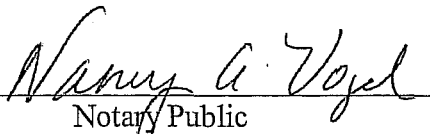
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As an authorized representative of Midcontinent Communications, I, W. Tom Simmons, hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support, and/or safety valve support and hereby affirm that any such support amounts received by Midcontinent Communications will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).



W. Tom Simmons

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August, 2005.



Notary Public

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