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Via E-Filing

May 31, 2013

Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Secretary South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building, 1st Floor 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Midcontinent Communications Tariff "Switched Access Services Within The State Of South Dakota"

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for submission to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission are the following revised tariff pages for incorporation into Midcontinent Communications' ("Midcontinent") Tariff "Switched Access Services Within The State Of South Dakota:"

2nd Revised Page 3

2nd Revised Page 44

1st Revised Page 44.1

1st Revised Page 45.

In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 1, 2013 interstate access rate benchmarking (step down) requirement set forth by the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rule 47 C.F.R. § 51.911(c), Access reciprocal compensation rates for competitive LECs, promulgated under the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released on November 18, 2011). To comply with this FCC rule, Midcontinent now sets all of its terminating intrastate switched access rates at parity with the corresponding interstate rates, effective July 1, 2013. Midcontinent's interstate switched access rates are equal to the dominant incumbent local exchange carrier's (CenturyLink Qwest's) interstate rates. The overall impact of this tariff filing is a significant reduction in Midcontinent's composite terminating intrastate switched access rate in South Dakota.

This filing also clarifies the tariff language on VoIP-PSTN traffic to incorporate modifications to the FCC rules on rating this traffic that were contained in the FCC Second Order on Reconsideration in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 12-47 (released on April 25, 2012).



The filing date of this tariff is May 31, 2013, with an effective date of July 1, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Revised Tariff Pages