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### E-FILING

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Midcontinent Communications – Annual ETC Filing  
GPNA File No. 11375.0003 TC 13- \_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Midcontinent Communications, enclosed you will find the request for state certification of Midcontinent Communications for federal universal service support. The Request for Certification shows that all support received will be used “only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.” I request that the above matter be filed and Midcontinent Communications be certified.

Please note that various exhibits attached to the Request have been labeled “*Confidential and Proprietary*.” The information contained in those exhibits is confidential under A.R.S.D. § 20:10:1:39(4) and (5). Because of this, Midcontinent requests confidential treatment of Exhibits A, B and C and pursuant to A.R.S.D. § 20:10:01:41 and that the material be held confidential for ten years and then destroyed. This information is confidential as the information is internal and proprietary, can be used adversely by competitors, and the development and financial planning constitutes trade secrets as recognized by law. If there are any inquiries as to the confidential treatment, I may be contacted at the above address. A list of all exhibits is attached to the Request for Certification.

If you need any additional information on the Request or attachments, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures  
c: Clients