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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

**RE: Docket TC15-063
In the Matter of the Application of Midcontinent Communications for an
Amended COA**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Midcontinent has received and reviewed the Petition to Intervene filed by Mr. Coit on behalf of the SDTA. I have spoken to Mr. Coit concerning the Petition. I wish to advise the Commission ahead of next Tuesday's meeting that Midcontinent will not oppose the SDTA's Petition to Intervene. There is one caveat. That is, in the very remote possibility this were to go into litigation, Midcontinent would in all likelihood be petitioning the Commission for some type of formal protective order. Although we do not believe it would ever come to that, Midcontinent wanted the Commission to be aware of this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Mastel", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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