



June 30, 2017

E-FILING

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

RE: Midcontinent Communications – Annual ETC Filing

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed Midcontinent Communications' request for state certification 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." Midcontinent requests that the above matter be filed and Midcontinent Communications be certified.

Please note that four exhibits and an attachment to the filing have been labeled "*Confidential*." The information contained in those exhibits is confidential under ARSD 20:10:1:39 (4) and (5). Because of this, Midcontinent requests confidential treatment of Exhibits A, B, and C. 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, please contact me at my address listed below.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J. Mastel'.

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Enclosures