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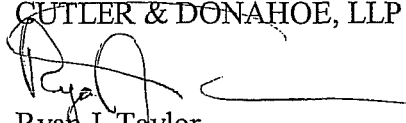
Re: ETC Filing - Midstate Telecom, Inc.
Our File No. 2003.03

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and one copy of a Certificate of Service signed by Ryan J. Taylor to supplement the filing of the Application of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation within the Qwest Exchange of Chamberlain which was filed on February 27, 2006. Please return one file-stamped copy in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this filing or require any clarification or further information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at (605) 335-4989. Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ryan J. Taylor
For the Firm

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cc: Qwest Communications Corporation
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF MIDSTATE TELECOM, INC. FOR)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER DESIGNATION WITHIN THE)
QWEST EXCHANGE OF CHAMBERLAIN)

ETC PETITION
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Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:43, Midstate Telecom, Inc. (MTI) hereby petitions the Commission for its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Qwest's Chamberlain, South Dakota exchange. Consistent with the Commission's rules MTI provides the following in support of this Petition:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the local service provider and its designated contact person:

Midstate Telecom, Inc., 120 East First, PO Box 48, Kimball, South Dakota, 57355; Telephone: (605) 778-6221; Fax: (605) 778-8080; Designated contact person: Mark Benton, General Manager, Email Address: mbenton@midstate.coop. MTI is incorporated in South Dakota and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Midstate Communications, Inc., 120 East First, PO Box 48, Kimball, South Dakota, 57355.

2. The proposed effective date of designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier:

Upon approval by the Commission.

3. Identification of the service area for which the designation is sought:

Chamberlain/Oacoma

4. A statement supporting the petition which specifies why the requested designation satisfies the requirements for eligible telecommunications designation and receiving federal universal service support under 47 C.F.R § 54.201 (September 10, 1998):

MTI's Petition satisfies all the requirements for eligible telecommunications carrier designation and receiving federal universal service support under 47 C.F.R.

§ 54.201. MTI will provide all the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) as follows:

(1) Voice grade access to the public switched network:

MTI currently provides voice grade dial tone services through its own facilities in the Chamberlain/Oacoma exchange. MTI's local network is connected to SDN Communication's tandem in Sioux Falls, which is connected to the PSTN. MTI's switch is a DMS10 which is capable of providing local dial tone and numerous other calling features.

(2) Local usage:

MTI charges a flat monthly service fee for local dial tone service with no limitation to the amount of minutes of use for local calls made or received.

(3) Dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signaling or its functional equivalent:

MTI provides DTMF signaling for all customers, shortening call set-up time.

(4) Single-party service or its functional equivalent:

MTI provides only single-party service in the Chamberlain/Oacoma exchange.

(5) Access to emergency services:

MTI has agreements and connectivity to all appropriate Public Service Access Points (PSAPs). MTI provides both 911 and enhanced 911 services. However, Brule and Lyman Counties have not implemented enhanced 911 yet.

(6) Access to operator services:

MTI provides live operator services to all customers under contract with an operator service provider based in Minnesota.

(7) Access to interexchange service:

MTI has provided interexchange services since its inception to its customers. MTI provides toll and toll free services. MTI also provides Interstate and Intrastate Equal Access to all customers. Therefore, customers have a variety of interexchange carriers to utilize for their long distance needs.

(8) Access to directory assistance:

MTI provides directory assistance to all customers under contract with a directory assistance provider based in Illinois.

(9) Toll limitation for qualifying low income consumers:

MTI provides both Toll Blocking and Toll Control. All customers can order and use either service.

(10) Availability of Lifeline and Link-Up services to qualifying low-income consumers:

MTI will make available Lifeline and Link-Up services to consumers that qualify for low-income assistance once the eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted.

(11) Advertise the availability of the services within the exchange:

MTI will advertise Lifeline and Link-Up and all other services via bill inserts, website, newsletters, pamphlets and newspapers. These advertisements will list the products and prices available to the consumer.

5. If the provider is seeking a waiver of any eligible telecommunications carrier service requirements pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.101 (September 10, 1998), the specific reasons for the waiver, and the length of time for which the waiver is requested:

MTI meets all requirements and seeks no waivers.

6. If the local service provider is requesting designation in an area served by a rural telephone company and the rural company has already been designated an eligible telecommunications carrier, a statement specifying why its proposed additional designation is in the public interest:

MTI is not applying for any area served by a rural telephone company.

7. Summary:

MTI has brought high speed Internet, video and calling features to the Chamberlain/Oacoma exchange that did not previously exist. MTI has made many improvements to the telecommunications services in the Chamberlain/Oacoma exchange. MTI also opened a customer service office in Chamberlain to provide better service to its customers. For all of the above

reasons, this Petition is in the public interest and should be granted by the Commission.

Wherefore, MTI requests that the Commission grant this Petition and approve eligible telecommunications carrier status for it in the area described above.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2006.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Taylor", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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