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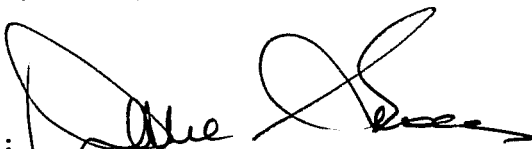
RE: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS; NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
Our file: 0053

Dear Patty:

Enclosed are original and 10 copies of a notice of intent to file and a request for extension of the deadline for filing a request for certification on behalf of Midcontinent Communications for universal service support to August 8, 2006. Please file the enclosure. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

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Enclosures

cc/enc: Mary Lohnes

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE
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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)	DOCKET NO. _____
OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS,)	
FOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING)	NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ITS USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL)	REQUEST CERTIFICATION
SERVICE SUPPORT)	AND APPLICATION FOR
)	EXTENSION

Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its Notice of Intent to Request Certification regarding its use of Federal Universal Support to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and further requests an extension of the deadline within which to make this filing. In support of this request, Midcontinent provides the following:

1. Midcontinent is a designated eligible telecommunications carrier providing service in Qwest service areas.
2. The purpose of this filing is to request an extension of time within which Midcontinent may submit its annual request for certification to Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Within that time frame, Midcontinent will file its request to the Commission to file an annual certificate with the Universal Service Administrative

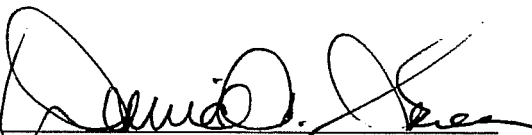
Company and the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314.

3. Midcontinent has attempted to secure the necessary information required by ARSD 20:10:32:54. Unfortunately, vacation schedules of staff necessary to provide certification information coupled with this year's earlier deadline, make it impossible to collect the necessary information for a timely filing. Midcontinent believes, based upon its review of the information needed, that such a filing can be made no later than Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

WHEREFORE Midcontinent prays that the Commission grant an extension of the deadline for it to file its request for annual certification to August 8, 2006.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2006.

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