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August 15, 2006

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

RE: Response for additional information for Midcontinent's 2006 ETC Certification filing:

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The following is Midcontinent's response to the request for additional information to its 2006 ETC Certification filing. I will be happy to provide any additional information that may be necessary to find that Midcontinent has satisfied its ETC requirements and the PUC can recommend to the FCC that Midcontinent remain a designated Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

1. Estimated 2007 USF Receipts itemized by support category:

HCM	\$ 50,000
IAS	\$ 8,000

2. Demonstrate how Midcontinent satisfies consumer protection and service quality standards under ARSD 20:10:32:43:04 and 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, 20:10:34:10

Midcontinent's collection department policies and training include the importance of keeping collections of Midcontinent's products separate. It is policy to apply payment, unless advised otherwise by the customer, to the account most outstanding and then to phone services. Under the phone service category the hierarchy for payment is regulated services have payments applied first (the phone line), then unregulated services to include services such as calling cards.

Midcontinent's billing to the customer follows the guidelines set by the Truth-In-Billing rules of the FCC. All billed items are clearly labeled on the bill, including date payment needs to be received by Midcontinent to be considered received on time, as well as a toll free number to contact Midcontinent's customer service with any questions.

Midcontinent's policy is to notify all customers of any rate increase 30 days in advance unless it is a tax or fee required by a regulatory body and timing did not permit us to give advance notice.

Midcontinent has a Quality of Service handbook with company policies and procedures to meet the requirements outlined in ARSD 20:10:33.

3. Confidential Exhibit C: OSP means Outside Service Plant and ISP is Inside Service Plant

4. Confidential Exhibit C Black Hills wire center breakdown:

Separate envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" contains requested information

5. 20:10:32:02 Service improvements in wire centers where capital expenditures are not planned:

Midcontinent may not have in its capital expenditure plan for some specific wire center improvements but we realize that in any given year there may be the need for new network, maintenance, and/or upgrades as the needs of the consumer changes and technology changes.

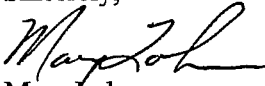
6. Midcontinent's local usage plan is comparable to the incumbent LEC

Qwest SD residential rate (1FR) = \$15.05 to \$18.25

Midcontinent SD residential rate (1FR) = \$16.00

7. and 8. ARSD 20:10:32:43:06, Midcontinent certifies in its revised Affidavit that it provides equal access within its service area, and is in compliance with ETC requirements under ARSD 20:10:32:54(5), (6), (7), and (8).

Sincerely,



Mary Lohnes
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Midcontinent Communications

cc: David Gerdes

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EXHIBIT E

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AFFIDAVIT

As an authorized representative of Midcontinent Communications, I, Nancy Vogel hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support, and/or safety valve support and hereby affirm that any such support amounts received by Midcontinent Communications will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e). Midcontinent further certifies that under ARSD 20:10:32:54(5), (6), (7) and (8), it provides equal access within its service area, it is in compliance with requirements for service quality standards and can perform under emergency situations. Midcontinent certifies that it provides consumer protection and has comparable local usage plan offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier.



Nancy Vogel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 2006.

LAURIE A. HAGGAR
NOTARY PUBLIC
SOUTH DAKOTA



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Notary Print Name:
My Commission Expires: **My Commission Expires
April 6, 2012**

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