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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION) Docket No. TC07-117
OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS)
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTRASTATE)
SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF AND FOR)Midcontinent's First
AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING)Response To
COMPANY-SPECIFIC COST-BASED)Staff's Data Requests
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)

In **CONFIDENTIAL** response under ARSD 20:10:01:41 to Staff's requests for information ("RFI") dated December 5 and December 14, 2007, Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") states as follows:

1-3. Provide a working electronic copy and the results of the cost study performed as alluded to in paragraph 4 of the Petition and/or the response to question 2 above.

RESPONSE. Midcontinent requests **CONFIDENTIAL** treatment of this Response pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41. Exhibit A ("MIDCONTINENT LECA COST STUDY.XLS") provides a **CONFIDENTIAL** working electronic copy of the "LECA model" Excel® spreadsheet that QSI devised in the course of its cost study modeling efforts on behalf of Midcontinent. The spreadsheet's primary outputs are the Access Rate Per Minute values appearing at Sheet A, Line 51, including Common Line, Local Switching, and Common Transport cost elements as well as their sum, labeled Part 36 Total. While the spreadsheet shows values for those outputs, they should not be treated as cost study "results" because they are based on preliminary inputs, assumptions, cost allocations, and methodological choices that have not been validated or finalized to date. See Response to RFI 1-2.

1-9. Provide Midco's 2005, 2006 and 2007 to date South Dakota intrastate switched access revenue and minutes of use by year.

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