

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF )	TC08-070
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR )	
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF )	MIDCONTINENT'S RESPONSE
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT. )	TO STAFF'S DATA REQUEST

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Midcontinent's Response to Staff's Data Request of June 3, 2008

A few questions on the filing made by Midcontinent Communications. Please e-file your responses to the Commission so the answers will become part of the docket. If a response is confidential, please so mark the response and file as confidential.

1. Please file Exhibit D referenced in paragraph 10 of the filing.

ANSWER: I am attaching Exhibit D. Our email records show that Exhibit D was part of the transmittal that left our office for filing

2. Please explain what happened in McIntosh, West Ortonville, and Whitewood.

ANSWER: Midcontinent has never allocated much money to McIntosh or West Ortonville. In our filing last year in McIntosh Midcontinent showed a capital expense estimate of \$154 and operating expense of \$173. This year Midcontinent reports its actual 2007 to be \$151 in capital and \$168 in operating expenses. Our estimates to actual were very close.

In West Ortonville we had an estimate of \$293 capital expense and \$329 estimated operating expense but because of the lack of customers in the exchange Midcontinent did not have the need to invest revenue there.

Midcontinent does advertise in those communities but we just haven't had a response for our phone services in those communities. We have always had fewer than 6 phone customers.

Whitewood is not an ETC designated exchange.

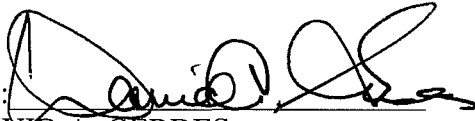
3. Should Whitewood be included on Exhibit A? Please explain your response.

ANSWER: No, because Whitewood is not an ETC designated exchange per TC04-003

Dated this 5 day of June, 2008.

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Gerdes", written over a horizontal line.

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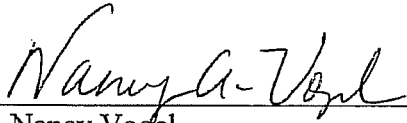
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Exhibit D

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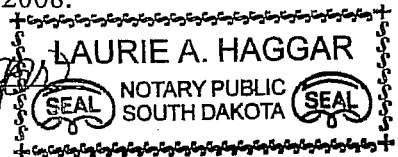
As an authorized representative of Midcontinent Communications, I, Nancy Vogel, hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service 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.

  
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Nancy Vogel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of May, 2008.

  
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Notary Public



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Notary Print Name:  
My Commission Expires:

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