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September 12, 2008

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: MIDSTATE TELECOM, Inc., APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE EXCHANGES
SERVED BY QWEST THROUGHOUT SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Enclosed please find for filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) *Midstate Telecom, Inc.'s (MTI) Application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Service in the Exchanges Served by Qwest throughout South Dakota* (Application), which is submitted for Commission approval. A \$250.00 Commission filing fee has been forwarded with a copy of this Transmittal letter, via overnight delivery.

As required by Commission rules, the Application contains a copy of confidential financial information (balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow for 2007). This information is provided in the attached CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit B (stamped accordingly), therefore MTI requests that the Commission treat CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit B as confidential information, to be reviewed by Commission staff only and not to be released to the public.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing via electronic mail.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (605) 995-1750. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Doug Eidahl
Vantage Point Solutions

Enclosures

cc: Mark Benton, Midstate Telecom, Inc.