

**BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF	)	TC09-029
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR	)	
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF	)	<b>RESPONSES TO STAFF'S</b>
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT.	)	<b>DATA REQUESTS</b>

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Responding to Staff's data requests of June 10, 2009, Midcontinent Communications states in part as follows:

1-1) Please submit a Lifelink/Link-up report.

Response. See paragraph 9 of Midcontinent's certification.

1-2) Should ARSD 20:10:32:54(9) be included in the Affidavit, Exhibit D? If so, please revise and submit a corrected affidavit with this certification included.

Response. See paragraph 7 of Midcontinent's certification. Black's Law Dictionary defines certify as follows, "To authenticate or verify in writing." Midcontinent is unaware of any requirement in statute or rule indicating that such a certification must be under oath. Additionally, the text of Exhibit D does in fact state that Midcontinent provides equal access within its service area. The recitation of the rule is in error in that it should refer to subparagraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9).

1-5) Regarding the number of complaints received in 2008, almost double the amount received in 2007, please provide a brief description, broken down by subject matter, regarding these complaints.

Response. Midcontinent markets bundled services including telephone, cable and internet. Midcontinent mistakenly provided the figure for all complaints received. Those involving telecommunications services were 32 in number.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009, he filed electronically and e-mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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