

BEFORE THE

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)	TC13-058
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR)	
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF)	RESPONSES TO STAFF'S
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT.)	SECOND DATA REQUESTS

Responding to Staff's second data requests of October 23, 2013, Midcontinent Communications states in part as follows:

2-1 Exhibit C of the June 24, 2013 filing explains the 2012 Unplanned Outages, but FCC Form 481 has a box checked for "no outages to report." Please explain, and make any necessary changes.

Exhibit C of the June 24, 2013 filing provides information to the SD PUC regarding outages consistent with Administrative Rule 20:10:32:54(3). These outages outlined in Exhibit C are also consistent with those outages submitted to the Commission at the time of the outage using the Commission's online Outage Reporting Procedures.

FCC Form 481 asks that companies provide outage information consistent with the data reported using the FCC's Network Outage Reporting System (NORS). Midcontinent did not have an outage event in 2012 that was reportable under NORS.

Because of the discrepancy of the requirements between the state and federal reporting the two reports are different.

2-2 Please provide your broadband plans.

Providing a Broadband Plan is not required by the FCC Form 481 for this reporting year therefore Midcontinent does not have a plan prepared; however, Midcontinent continually deploys and upgrades existing broadband services for its customers. Midcontinent offers its customers Internet package options with speeds of 5 Mbps to 100 Mbps download and 1Mbps to 15 Mbps upload. As of December 31, 2012, Midcontinent provided access to approximately 45% of its business customers and 43% of its residential customers.