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Venture Communications
ATTN: Randy Houdek
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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

RE: Midcontinent Communications
Request for Section 251(c) Facilities Based Interconnection Agreement

Dear Mr. Houdek:

I am writing on behalf of Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent"). The purpose of this letter is to request an interconnection agreement with Venture Communications Cooperative ("Venture") for the purpose of facilities-based interconnection, the exchange of traffic, number portability and other customary arrangements between incumbent telephone companies, such as Venture, and competitive local exchange carriers, such as Midcontinent, for the Bowdle and Roslyn, South Dakota, exchanges.

This request is made under the provisions of Section 251(c)(2) of the Act (47 U.S.C.) and is intended to trigger the time periods for negotiation and arbitration under Section 252 of the Act.

We would like confirmation that Venture will not be relying on the rural exemption contained in 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1)(A). Please advise us in writing of that waiver. If we have not received written confirmation of Venture's waiver by Friday, August 28, 2015, it is Midcontinent's intention to file a notice of this Bona Fide Request pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1)(B).

We look forward to negotiating and reaching an acceptable interconnection agreement with Venture for the exchanges involved.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Mastel
Corporate Counsel
Midcontinent Communications

cc. South Dakota Public Utilities Commission