

February 10, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Application of Midcontinent Communications for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in the Ipswich service area.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission is an Application for Amended Certificate of Authority of Midcontinent Communications, and Midcontinent's Application for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:15. Please note that Exhibit E to the amended application is marked Confidential; the remaining exhibits to the amended application are not confidential.

A copy of the amended application with exhibits A-D and F-J, as well as the application for waiver, will be mailed to Valley Telecommunications Coop Association and its attorney.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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