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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Midcontinent Communications Waiver Request for Number Block Release

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

By this letter, Midcontinent Communications, d/b/a Midco, is requesting a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/Somos, the Number Pooling Administrator, to assign a new Code of 2,000 numbers to Midco to fulfill a customer request.

On February 2, 2021, Midco was contacted by a large Sioux Falls customer inquiring about a new code of 1,000 consecutive numbers any block that did not contain a starting zero in the Subscriber Line Identifier in the Sioux Falls Rate Center to ensure new NXX will work with the customer's internal dialing plan.

In order to satisfy the needs of the customer, Midco submitted a request for a new Code of 2,000 numbers to PA/Somos on February 15, 2021. The request was immediately denied because Midco's current Rate Center Month to Exhaust (MTA) and Rate Center Utilization did not meet the requirement. In order for the request to be approved, Midco will require a waiver of the current utilization threshold for this application. The denial has been provided with this letter as an attachment.

The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is a demonstrated need to service specific customer request. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order ("Order") as the "safety valve" process (See FCC 01-362, paras. 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The Order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days.

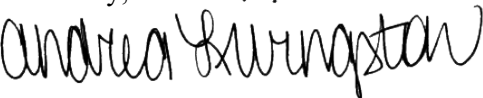
Midco respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of utilization threshold requirements and direct PA/Somos to open a new NXX and provide a new code of 2,000 consecutive numbers in the Sioux Falls Rate Center in the 605-606 NPA as outlined in this request to allow Midco to meet this specific customer request.

The directive can be mailed, emailed or faxed directly to:

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Concord, CA 94520
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request, please do not hesitate to contact myself at 605-274-3648. I would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/Somos.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Livingston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Enclosures