



May 12, 2021

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

**RE: In the Matter of Filing by Midcontinent Communications Waiver Request for  
Number Block Release  
Docket No. TC21-020**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Midco respectfully submits the enclosed updated documentation for Midco's request for Waiver for Number Block Release.

After several discussions with Commission Staff and Somos, it was suggested that a new numbering request be submitted to the Pooling Administration reflecting current number utilization and thresholds as well as the customer request of a 1,000 block of sequential numbers which is reflected in Attachment 1- Part 1A.

On May 12, 2021, the Pooling Administrator rejected Midco's request for the 1,000 block of numbers. The Pooling Administrator determined that Midco's utilization and months to exhaust are not sufficient to allow for new numbers under the rules set by the Numbering Administrator.

As reflected in Attachment 2 – Part 3A, the reason for denial states, *“You do not meet the MTE and/or Utilization requirements, therefore this request for a new block is denied. You may proceed with requesting a State Waiver from the appropriate state commission using this Part 3A denial.”*

In order to be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) in a numbering request, “Months to Exhaust” must be less than or equal to 6 months and the Rate Center Utilization threshold requirement of 75 percent. (47 CFR § 52.15 (g)(4)(iii)). Midco's current MTE is 27.453 months and Rate Center Utilization threshold is 75.055 percent as shown in Attachment 3- MTE Block Form.

Midco respectfully requests a waiver from the Pooling Administrator's denial of Midco's Request for Number Block Release. Granting this waiver will result in the release of the new NPA NXX block of number for immediate use by the customer.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at [Pat.Mastel@Midco.com](mailto:Pat.Mastel@Midco.com) or by phone at (605) 271-0594.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Mastel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pat Mastel  
Senior VP & General Counsel  
Midco