



July 1, 2026

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

RE: Midcontinent Communications – Annual ETC Recertification

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Midcontinent Communications filed its Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Form 481 Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form (Form 481) with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on June 30, 2026, in compliance with 47 CFR § 54.313 and 47 CFR § 54.422, which apply to eligible telecommunication carriers (ETCs) receiving federal high-cost support and federal low-income support. Midcontinent Communications is an ETC that receives federal low-income support.

Please find enclosed Midcontinent Communications' request for state certification for federal universal service support. The Request for Certification shows that all support received will be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended." Midcontinent requests that the above matter be filed, and Midcontinent Communications be certified.

Please note that three exhibits to the filing have been labeled "Confidential." The information contained in those exhibits is confidential under ARSD 20:10:1:39 (4) and (5). Because of this, Midcontinent requests confidential treatment of Exhibits A, B, and C. This information is confidential as the information is internal and proprietary, can be used adversely by competitors, and the development and financial planning constitutes trade secrets as recognized by law.

If there are any questions as to the confidential treatment, please contact Patrick McCann at (605) 271-4144 or me at (605) 274-3648.

Sincerely,

Andrea Livingston
Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager

Enclosures