MOTION

May 24, 2006

Midcontinent Communications/
North Dakota Telephone Company
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Case No. PU-05-451

I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and North Dakota Telephone Company for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-451, Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company, Rural Exemption, Investigation.

May 24, 2006

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RE: Case No. PU-05-451
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the May 24, 2006 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-451.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Sincerely,

Gloria Geiger
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Enc.

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Billing Statement

May 24, 2006

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Bill To:

Midcontinent Communications $2,096.18
North Dakota Telephone Company..... 2,096.18

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Office of Administrative Hearings (August 2005)	$ 66.68
Office of Administrative Hearings (September 2005)	485.79
Office of Administrative Hearings (October 2005)	238.13
Office of Administrative Hearings (November 2005)	676.30
Office of Administrative Hearings (December 2005)	1,114.48
Office of Administrative Hearings (January 2006)	1,466.87
Office of Administrative Hearings (February 2006)	19.06
Office of Administrative Hearings (March 2006)	47.63
Advertising Costs	77.42
Total	**$4,192.36**

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

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