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July 14, 2017

Transmittal No. 13

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq. Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Midcontinent Communications**  
**FRN # 0002-6219-51**  
**13th Revisions to Tariff FCC No. 1**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please find attached the thirteenth revision to Tariff FCC No. 1, interstate access services, of Midcontinent Communications. This filing is made pursuant to §204(a)(3) of the Act, and is filed on fifteen (15) days' notice, with an issue date of July 14, 2017 and an effective date of July 29, 2017. It consists of the following revised pages:

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In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 1, 2017 step down requirement set forth by the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rule 47 C.F.R. § 51.911(c), Access reciprocal compensation rates for competitive LECs, promulgated under the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released on November 18, 2011). This rule states in sub-part (c) that "Beginning July 1, 2013... all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Access Reciprocal compensation

rates for switched exchange access services subject to this subpart [Transitional Access Service Pricing including intrastate terminating rates] shall be no higher than the Access Reciprocal Compensation rates charged by the competing incumbent local exchange carrier, in accordance with the same procedures specified in § 61.26 of this chapter." Rule 47 C.F.R. § 61.26 states in sub-part (c) that "If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate."

To comply with this FCC rule, Midcontinent now reduces its terminating intrastate end office, tandem transmission and tandem switching access rates to the levels of the corresponding dominant incumbent local exchange carriers' rates.

Midcontinent Communications is a non-dominant carrier and, therefore, cost support documentation under Part 61.38 of the Commission's Rules is not required.

Also included in the attached revision is language adding charges for Telecommunications Services Priority.

Payment in the amount of \$925.00 has been submitted through the Electronic Tariff Filing System.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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

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SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges

A. Carrier Common Line Access Service

Per Minute Charge:

<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
\$0.00000	\$0.00000

B. Tandem Switched Management Services

- 1. Installation Charge: ICB
- 2. Port Connections: ICB  
Monthly Charge: ICB
- DS1 Port Connection: ICB
- DS3 Port Connection: ICB

3. Per Minute Charge: (a) MN, ND, SD:

	Originating	Terminating Tandem 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	Terminating Tandem End Office [1]	(C)
Tandem Switching	\$0.002252	\$0.002252	\$0.0007 (R)	
Tandem Transport Fixed	\$0.00024	\$0.00024	\$0.00 (R)	
Tandem Transport per Mile	\$0.00003	\$0.00003	\$0.00 (R)	

[1] For traffic terminating from an access tandem owned by the Company or its affiliates to an end office owned by the Company or its affiliates.

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SECTION 3-SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)

3.9 Recurring Charges (cont'd)

B. Tandem Switched Management Services (cont'd)

3. Per Minute Charge: (cont'd)

(b) KS:	Originating	Terminating 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Location	Terminating Company End Office	(C)	(M)
Tandem Switching	\$0.000288	\$0.000288	\$0.0007 (I)		
Tandem Transport Fixed	\$0.000053	\$0.000053	\$0.00 (R)		
Tandem Transport per Mile	\$0.000003	\$0.000003	\$0.00 (R)		
Multiplexing	\$0.000047	\$0.000047	\$0.00 (R)		
Host-Remote Transport Fixed	\$0.000173	\$0.000173	\$0.00 (R)		
Host-Remote Transport per Mile	\$0.000014	\$0.000014	\$0.00 (R)	(C)	
4. Switch Management Services Expedited Trunk Code Routing Changes (1-15 codes)					
Nonrecurring	ICB				(M)

C. End Office Local Switching

<u>Per Access Minute</u>			
Local Switching Terminating		\$0.000000	(R)
End Office Port Terminating		\$0.000000	
Local Switching Originating:			
MN, ND, SD:		\$0.001974	
KS:		\$0.002563	
End Office Port Originating			
MN, ND, SD:		0.000747	
KS:		\$0.0009	

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**3.9 Recurring Charges (cont'd)**

**D. 8XX Data Base Access Service Queries**

Per Query \$0.004053

**E. Special Construction**

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**SECTION 8 – LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILTY (cont'd)**

**8.9.1 LNP End User Surcharge Rates**

The rates and charges associated with LNP End User Surcharge will be billed monthly.

	<b>Basic, per line per month</b>	<b>ISDN-PRI per T1 per month</b>	<b>PBX, per trunk per month</b>	
<b>MN</b>	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	
<b>ND</b>	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	
<b>SD</b>	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	
<b>KS</b>	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	(N)

**8.9.2 BNA Rates**

- Per BNA Order	\$ 50.94	(M)
- Per BNA Record	\$ 0.33	
- Optional Magnetic Tape Charge – Per Magnetic Tape	\$ 91.44	
- Optional Format Programming Charge - Per each half hour Or fraction thereof		(M)

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**SECTION 9 – Telecommunications Services Priority**

**9.1 Description**

The Telecommunications Service Priority Service (TSP) is a service developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government that provides the regulatory, administrative and operational framework for the priority installation and/or restoration of National Security Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications services.

The TSP System applies only to NS/EP telecommunications services, and requires and authorizes priority action by the Company providing such services.

NS/EP services are defined as those telecommunications services, which are used to maintain a state of readiness or respond to and manage any event or crisis, which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage or loss to property, or degrades or threatens the NS/EP posture of the United States.

TSP is available for Midcontinent Communications fiber solution services only.

It will be the responsibility of the Customer requesting TSP service to obtain approval for the appropriate Restoration Priority Level from the TSP Program Office as administered by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) as a prerequisite for obtaining TSP service from the Company.

In obtaining the TSP System service, the Customer acknowledges and consents to the provision of certain Customer service record information by the Company to the DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) in order for the OEC to maintain and administer its overall TSP System. This Customer service record information will include only TSP Authorization Code and Company Circuit/Service ID.

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**9.1.2 Service Provisioning**

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Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) shall be provided in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the following:

- National Communications System (NCS) Manual 3-1-1
- Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service User Manual
- National Communications System (NCS) Handbook 3-1-2
- Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook

In addition, priority installation and/or restoration of NSEP telecommunications services shall be provided in accordance with Part 64.401, Appendix A, of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rules and Regulations (47 C.F.R.).

TSP System Service will be provided to any Customer upon receipt of written confirmation that the proper Priority System Authorization Number (PSAN), as provided by the Federal Government, has been duly authorized and that authorization has subsequently been confirmed by the Company.

**9.2.3 Application of Rates**

Certain activities associated with the TSP System performed by the Company in Compliance with Part 64.401, Appendix A of the FCC's Rules and Regulations are included in the following rate elements:

- Priority Installation (Provision) – The act of supplying Telecommunications service to a Customer in a period of time shorter than standard order intervals would allow. One charge applies per circuit/line per request.

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9.2.3 Application of Rates (cont'd)

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- Priority Restoration Level Implementation (Assignment) – The act of designating the priority level for the restoration of a particular NSEP telecommunication service. One charge applies for the initial service installation. Once charge applies for each subsequent request to add circuit/line locations to an existing service.
- Priority Restoration Level Change (Revision) – The act of changing the priority level assignment for an NSEP telecommunication service. This includes any extension of an existing priority level assignment to an expanded NSEP service. One nonrecurring charge applies per circuit per request.
- Priority Restoration Administration and Maintenance – The act of administering and maintaining the TSP system in such a manner that it corresponds to the National Communications System database. The monthly charge applies per circuit.

When TSP is revoked, or discontinued, and the associated service is continued in service, no charge applies for such a discontinuance.

9.2.4 Rates and Charges

The following rates and charges are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable to the associated service provided.

<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
Priority Installation	\$0.00	\$650.00
Priority Implementation	\$0.00	\$130.00
Priority Restoration Change	\$0.00	\$25.00
Administration and Maintenance	\$5.00	\$0.00

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