

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of An Investigation to)
Determine the Assessment Rate and the)
Affordable Local Service Rate for Rate-) Docket No. 19-GIMT-056-GIT
of-Return Regulated Carriers for the)
Twenty-Third Year of the Kansas)
Universal Service Fund, Effective)
March 1, 2019.

**APPLICATION OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF
USE OF TRAFFIC STUDIES FOR
KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORTING**

COMES NOW Midcontinent Communications, a South Dakota general partnership, (hereafter "Midco") and requests approval of the use by Midco, effective January 1, 2020, of the intrastate usage percentage derived by Midco's traffic study to determine the intrastate revenues for its Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF") assessment. In support, Midco shows the Commission as follows:

1. On January 24, 2019, The Commission approved Midco's traffic study factors for the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.
2. On April 2, 2019, The Commission approved Midco's traffic study factors to be applied to billing for the period beginning April 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019.
3. On June 4, 2019, The Commission approved Midco's traffic study factors to be applied to billing for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2019.
3. On September 19, 2019, The Commission approved Midco's traffic study factors to be applied to billing for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.
4. Pursuant to KCC requirements each time there is a change in the factors for the use of a traffic study in determining intrastate retail revenues, a carrier must file

a copy of its traffic study with the KCC. See Attached Confidential Exhibit "A." The results of the study are based on the most recent three months of actual intrastate usage and will be used by Midco to report intrastate revenue for the quarter beginning January 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2020.

5. With this application Midco submits the verification of Patrick J. Mastel, Vice President and General Counsel for Midco, as to the matters asserted herein.

WHEREFORE Midco respectfully requests the Commission approve its company-specific traffic study and its use from that study for KUSF reporting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

Patrick J. Mastel, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath states:

He is the Vice President and General Counsel for Midcontinent Communications,
that he has read the above and foregoing Application, and upon information and belief,
states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct.



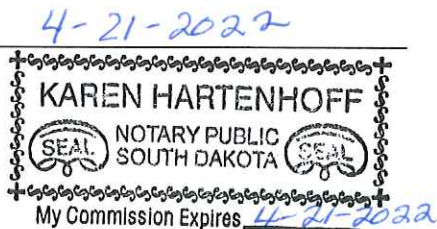
Patrick J. Mastel

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4th day of December, 2019.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was emailed, on this 4th day of December, 2019 to the following as shown on the Commission's service list for the docket as of this date:

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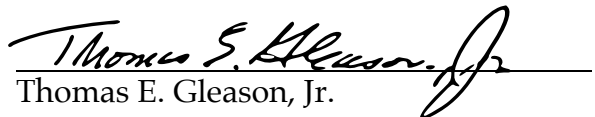
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