

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

Mid America Computer Corporation)
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Petition for Expedited Interim Waiver of) CG Docket No. 02-386
Section 64.4002 of the Commission's Rules)

REPLY

Mid America Computer Corporation ("MACC"), on behalf of its client companies, hereby replies to the comments submitted by AT&T Inc. and Sprint Nextel Corporation in opposition to its petition for an expedited interim waiver of certain portions of Section 64.4002 of the Commission's customer account record exchange ("CARE") rules.¹

At the outset, MACC wishes to reassure the Commission and any affected IXCs that, while MACC worked to perfect its software solution, client companies were advised to continue the practice of manually providing the required CARE information to IXCs in accordance with Section 64.4002. Regrettably, MACC's petition for waiver did not emphasize such fact.

In its petition, MACC had requested, on behalf of its approximately 275 small rural telephone company clients, an interim waiver of certain of the Commission's CARE rules until September 1, 2006.² Since the petition was filed, however, the necessary programming changes have come about more quickly than expected, and MACC's software release is now imminent. Although MACC anticipates some additional time for

¹ See *Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer Account Record Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interexchange Carriers*, CG Docket No. 02-386, FCC 05-29, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (rel. February 25, 2005) (*CARE Order*), 70 Fed. Reg. 32258 (June 2, 2005) (Amending 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpt. CC).

² *Mid America Computer Corporation, Petition for Expedited Interim Waiver of Section 64.4002 of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 02-386 (filed December 2, 2005).

scheduling and testing of the software by client companies, all LEC clients who desire the software should have it much sooner than September 1, 2006.

Again, in the meantime, MACC's clients have been notified that they should continue with manual updates to the IXCs. MACC also wishes to point out, nonetheless, that it is not in a position to police any individual client company's use of the software. MACC will offer the software solution to its clients and repeat its advice concerning the importance of adhering to the Commission's CARE rules.

In its petition, MACC attempted to emphasize that it fully recognizes the importance of carriers exchanging the required CARE Order information. Further, MACC affirms that it has worked diligently to develop a suitable and cost-effective software solution for its clients. In conclusion, MACC reiterates that the release of its software solution is imminent and assures the Commission that its LEC clients have been advised to comply with the new Section 64.4002 by manually providing the CARE information to IXCs in the interim.

Respectfully submitted,

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