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Federal Communications Commission  
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Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: Notification of Discontinuance of Common-Carriage Tariffed Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) and Initiation of Provision on a Permissive Detariffed Common-Carriage Basis by:**

**Mankato Citizens Telephone Company – SAC 361427/FRN 0003713930**

**and**

**Mid-Communications, Inc – SAC 361375/FRN 0003713955**

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Mankato Citizens Telephone Company and Mid-Communications, Inc. respectfully file the attached notice pursuant to *Wireline Broadband Order* of the intent of the Companies to discontinue their Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service (WBIAS) offerings under ICORE Tariff F.C.C No. 2 effective June 1, 2011.

Upon discontinuance of the tariffed offerings, the Company will provide WBIAS on a common-carriage non-tariff basis. See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Red 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to me at P.O. Box 3248, Mankato, MN 56002 or phone at 507-387-1886 or by email at [bill.vandersluis@hickorytech.com](mailto:bill.vandersluis@hickorytech.com)

Sincerely,

William VanderSluis  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc (attachment only):

Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Office of Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
ICORE, Inc

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**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service  
Effective June 1, 2011  
CC Docket No. 02-33  
May 2, 2011**

Mankato Citizens Telephone Company and Mid-Communications Inc. ("Company") hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of wireline broadband Internet access service (WBIAS) on a tariff basis effective June 1, 2011 at which time it plans to offer permissive detariffed WBIAS on a Title II common-carriage basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*. The Company currently offers WBIAS through Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line ("ADSL") Access Service under ICORE Tariff FCC No. 2.

In order to effect the permissive detariffing, ICORE will make a tariff filing with the Federal Communications Commission on May 17, 2011 on 15 days notice to remove the Company from its Tariff F.C.C No. 2 ADSL Access Services (hereinafter "WBIAS") under the tariff effective June 1, 2011.

**Impact on Customers**

All customers have been notified of this change by a message on their April 2011 invoices.

**Serving Area**

The Company's provision of WBIAS is limited to its ILEC serving area in south central Minnesota. Its Study Area Codes are 361427 and 361375.

**Future Availability of WBIAS on a Permissive-Detariffed Common Carriage Basis**

The Company will continue to make WBIAS available on a common-carriage basis. Rates, terms and conditions of service will be available at the Company's business office located at 221 East Hickory Street, Mankato, MN 56001 and by telephone at (507-387-1151). The Company will also display the appropriate information on their website at [www.hickorytech.com](http://www.hickorytech.com). As required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), the Company will continue to make available to its existing customer rates, terms and conditions consistent with the current tariffed rates on a grandfathered basis pursuant to the aforementioned Federal Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was serviced this 2nd day of May 2011, by sending via certified first class mail return receipt requested true and direct copies of, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Office of the Governor  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
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