



FCC Form 525  
High Cost Support Mechanism  
Competitive Carrier Line Count Report

HIGH COST MODEL (HCM) LINE COUNT WORKSHEET

(2) USAC Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN):	143001179		Do not write in this Area: For Administrator's Use Only
(3) Company Study Area Code:	399005		
(4) Study Area Name:	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS		
(13) Lines Reported as of:	Dec 31, 2010		
(14) Type of Filing:	Original		

Complete one row for each Wire Center.

(33) Incumbent Carrier Name	(34) Incumbent Carrier SAC	(35) ETC Designation	(36) Wire Center CLLI Code	(37) Wire Center Name	(38) Total Lines
OWEST CORP-MN	365142	Y	ORVLMNOR	ORTONVILLE	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	ABRSDCO	ABERDEEN	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	BLFRSDCO	BELLE FOURCHE	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	BLHKSDCE	BLACK HAWK	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	CNTNSDCO	CANTON	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	DDWSDCO	DEADWOOD	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	FTPRSDCE	FORT PIERRE	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	HRBGSDCO	HARRISBURG	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	HURNSDCO	HURON	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	LEADSDCO	LEAD	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	MDSNSDCE	MADISON	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	MLBNSDCO	MILBANK	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	MLLRSDCO	MILLER	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	MTCHSDCO	MITCHELL	
OWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	PIRRSDCO	PIERRE	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	RDFSDCO	REDFIELD	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	RPCYSDCO	RAPID CITY	
QWEST CORP-SD	395145	Y	SPRFSDCO	SPEARFISH	





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**UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS REPORTING**

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Complete one worksheet for each study area of a Path 1 rural incumbent carrier in which the competitive carrier is reporting lines and uses unbundled network elements ("UNEs") to serve the reported lines. The competitive carrier must separately identify the number of UNE loops; UNE price per loop; any port and vertical services costs included in the UNE loop price; number of loops receiving UNE switching service; the UNE switching price per minute and number of switching minutes.

(51) Incumbent Carrier Name:	
(52) Incumbent Carrier Study Area Code:	

Please provide the following information for Path 1 Rural Incumbent Carrier Study Area:

(53) UNE Zone	Loops w/o Port Cost		Loops w/Ports		Vertical Services		Switching		
	(54) No. of Loops	(55) Price per loop	(56) No. of ports	(57) Price/port	(58) No. of loops w/Vertical Services	(59) Price for vertical services on each loop	(60) No. of loops with switching	(61) No. of switching minutes	(62) Price/minute
Zone 1									
Zone 2									
Zone 3									
Zone 4									
Zone 5									

Complete one worksheet for each study area for a Path 2 or Path 3 rural incumbent carrier in which the competitive carrier is reporting lines and uses unbundled network elements ("UNEs") to serve the reported lines. For each incumbent study area, list the name of each disaggregation zone. If disaggregation zone includes more than one UNE zone, please report the lines in each UNE zone per aggregation zone on a separate row. The competitive carrier must separately identify the number of UNE loops; UNE price per loop; any port and vertical services costs included in the UNE loop price; number of loops receiving UNE switching service; the UNE switching price per minute and number of switching minutes.

Please provide the following information for Path 2 and Path 3 rural incumbent carrier study areas:

(63) UNE Zone Name	(64) Disaggregation Zone Name	(65) UNE type	(66) Quantity	(67) Price	(68) Minutes
		Loops without port costs			
		Ports			
		No. of loops w/Vertical Services			
		No. of loops w/switching			
		Loops without port costs			
		Ports			
		No. of loops w/Vertical Services			
		No. of loops w/switching			
		Loops without port costs			
		Ports			
		No. of loops w/Vertical Services			
		No. of loops w/switching			
		Loops without port costs			
		Ports			
		No. of loops w/Vertical Services			
		No. of loops w/switching			

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING FCC FORM 525 ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer or Employee to Authorize an Agent to File FCC Form 525, Line Count Report for Competitive Carriers, on Behalf of Reporting Carrier			
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on FCC Form 525 on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer or employee of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual line count data provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the actual line count data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.			
Name of Authorized Agent:			
Name of Reporting Carrier:			
Service Provider Identification Number:			
Signature of authorized officer or employee:			Date:
Printed name of authorized officer or employee:			
Title or position of authorized officer or employee:			
Telephone number of authorized officer or employee: (        )        -        ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting CETC		Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.			

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File FCC Form 525, Line Count Report for Competitive Carriers, on Behalf of Reporting Carrier				
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the information reported on FCC Form 525 on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the line count data reported herein based on actual line count data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. I also certify that I will provide copies of the line count filing to the reporting carrier within 15 days.				
Name of Reporting Carrier: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS				
Name of Authorized Agent: Nancy Vogel				
Signature of authorized agent or employee of agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE				Date 09/23/2011
Printed name of authorized agent or employee of agent: Nancy Vogel				
Title or position of authorized agent or employee of agent: Director				
Telephone number of authorized agent: (605) 357-5485 ext.				
Study Area Code of Reporting CETC	399005		Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	06/30/2011
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.				

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Exhibit E  
Midcontinent Communications  
Petition for Waiver  
FCC Form 525  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986  
January 2005

NOTICE: Sections 54.307(b) and 54.802(a) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all competitive eligible telecommunications carriers to provide line count information to USAC, the universal service Administrator, in order to be eligible to receive support. Pursuant to Sections 54.307(c) and 54.802(a), this information must be submitted by support mechanism on a quarterly basis in accordance with the incumbent carrier's line count reporting schedule. This collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254. The data in the form will be used to calculate the amount of support, if any, that each reporting carrier is eligible to receive from the High Cost support mechanisms.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 5 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Washington, D.C. 20554, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0986). We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember – You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0986.

The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information that you provide to determine High Cost support amounts for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice, court, or other adjudicative body when (a) the Commission; (b) any employee of the Commission; or (c) the United States government, is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you do not provide the information we request on this form, you are not eligible to receive support under the High Cost support mechanisms, 47.C.F.R. §§ 54.307 and 54.802.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

# **EXHIBIT F**

**From:** Kristi Putnam  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 12:45 PM  
**To:** Nancy Vogel  
**Subject:** FW: Midcontinent Communications - HCM

Should I go ahead with the below.

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**From:** Christina Cunningham [email redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 12:37 PM  
**To:** Kristi Putnam; Marcel Numa  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

Kristi,

The options you found on our website and mentioned in your email are for the appeal of audit findings and/or audit recoveries, specifically. In order to waive a line count filing date a Request for Waiver needs to be submitted to the FCC. USAC cannot waive the line count filing deadline. This is due to the fact that the line count filing due dates are specified by FCC Rules. Below are a couple of helpful links, including an example request for waiver and the proper address for online submission of the waiver request.

Here is a request for waiver that was granted by the FCC last year:

<http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7020910993>

If you decide to request a waiver for the line count submission deadline, the document can be submitted through the FCC website under docket # 96-45.

<http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/display?z=3vI9z>.

Please let us know if you have an further questions that we can help you with.

Thanks,

Christina Cunningham

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**From:** Kristi Putnam [[mailto:Kristi\\_Putnam@mmi.net](mailto:Kristi_Putnam@mmi.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** Marcel Numa  
**Cc:** Christina Cunningham  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

So we shouldn't follow [option A](#), first?

There are two appeal options:

A. [Write a Letter of Appeal to USAC](#) explaining why you disagree with HCLI's decision and what outcome you request, **OR**

B. [Write an appeal directly to the Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#) - skipping Option A - explaining why you disagree with the HCLI's decision. While you may write directly to the FCC without first presenting your appeal to the HCLI, you are encouraged to write to USAC first. That way USAC has an opportunity to resolve your appeal and grant it, if appropriate.

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**From:** Marcel Numa [email redacted](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kristi Putnam  
**Cc:** Christina Cunningham  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

You need to apply for a waiver with the FCC for those lines to be reinstated and support to be paid out.

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**From:** Kristi Putnam [\[mailto:Kristi\\_Putnam@mmi.net\]](mailto:Kristi_Putnam@mmi.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 10:46 AM  
**To:** Marcel Numa  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

Is it a 3 month payment delay then?

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**From:** Marcel Numa [email redacted](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:45 AM  
**To:** Kristi Putnam  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

Kristi,

Indeed you are correct. HCM lines were not filed timely with the original submission; consequently, the revised HCM lines on subsequent filings were considered late.

Best,

**Marcel Numa**  
Program Manager of High Cost  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, N. W. Suite 200  
Washington, D. C. 20036

[Contact Information Redacted](#)

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**From:** Kristi Putnam [\[mailto:Kristi\\_Putnam@mmi.net\]](mailto:Kristi_Putnam@mmi.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:32 AM  
**To:** Marcel Numa  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

ND	143001179	389011	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$2,498	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2011	Oct
SD	143001179	399005	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	(\$54)	\$963	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2011	Oct

**Marcel, is the funding for the October dollars as is because of our late approval on-line?**

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**From:** Marcel Numa [email redacted](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2011 1:01 PM

**To:** Kristi Putnam  
**Subject:** RE: Midcontinent Communications

Kristi,

September is not true up month but October is and it will include 2Q11 true up amounts.  
In September, your payments were:  
SAC 389011: Current support: \$7,194 and Cap Adj: (\$3,374), Net Disb for Sept was \$3,820  
SAC 399005: Current support: \$1,068 and Cap Adj: (\$568), Net Disb for Sept was \$500

Hope this helps.

Best,

**Marcel Numa**  
Program Manager of High Cost  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, N. W. Suite 200  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Contact Information  
Redacted

**From:** Kristi Putnam [[mailto:Kristi\\_Putnam@mmi.net](mailto:Kristi_Putnam@mmi.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** Marcel Numa  
**Subject:** Midcontinent Communications

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Top of Form ND Bottom of Form	143001179	389011	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$3,820	2011	Sep
SD	143001179	399005	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$12,213	\$500	2011	Sep
ND	143001179	389011	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$7,606	2011	Aug
SD	143001179	399005	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$13,623	\$1,567	2011	Aug Bottom of Form

Marcel, is Sept 2011 true up month?

Midcontinent Communications - **Kristi Putnam**  
phone:(605) 357-5482 fax: (605) 357-5480

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