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Via ECFS and Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Investigation of Certain 2012 Annual Access Tariffs
WC Docket No. 12-233, WCB/Pricing No. 12-09**

Dear Secretary Dortch,

On behalf of Mankato Citizens Telephone Company, Mid-Communications, Inc. and Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, Inc. (collectively d/b/a HickoryTech), enclosed for filing are two (2) copies of the **public** version of HickoryTech’s Direct Case in response to the Wireline Competition Bureau’s Order Designating Issues for Investigation.¹

In accordance with the *Protective Order* issued in this proceeding,² pages of this filing are marked “**REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**”.

Please date-stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this transmittal.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

¹ In the Matter of Investigation of Certain 2012 Annual Access Tariffs, *Order Designating Issues for Investigation*, DA 12-1430, released August 31, 2012 (“Designation Order”).

² In the Matter of Investigation of Certain 2012 Annual Access Tariffs, *Protective Order*, DA 12-1518, released September 21, 2012 (“Protective Order”).

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