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Ikechuku Chinwah, Secretary  
Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.  
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Chicago Heights, IL 60411

RE: Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.  
Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Case No. 2006-00159

Dear Mr. Chinwah:

Enclosed, please find the original of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("MTI") Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, dated April 10, 2006 (the "Application"). The Application is signed by yourself as Secretary on behalf of MTI. As you may be aware, Kentucky law prohibits corporations from practicing law. Kentucky State Bar Association v. First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. of Covington, Ky. 342 S.W.2d 397 (1961). The practice of law is broadly defined in Kentucky Supreme Court Rule 3.020 which states:

The practice of law is any service rendered involving legal knowledge or legal advice, whether of representation, counsel or advocacy in or out of court, rendered in respect to the rights, duties, obligations, liabilities or business relations of one requiring the services....

Seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier is a service involving the practice of law within the context of the rule. It will therefore be necessary for MTI to obtain counsel to represent it in this matter.

Additionally, in Administrative Case No. 249, Practice Before the Commission by Attorneys Non-Licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Ky. P.S.C. Jun. 15, 1981), the Commission acknowledged Supreme Court Rule 3.030 which requires counsel who are not licensed to practice law in Kentucky to engage a member of the Kentucky Bar Association as co-counsel. Said co-counsel must appear with the non-licensed attorney in any proceeding before the Commission.

The Commission is therefore unable to accept MTI's Application for filing or action thereon at this time. MTI may of course have competent counsel submit the Application on its behalf. In the meantime, we are returning the Request and accompanying information as invalidly filed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our General Counsel, David S. Samford, at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,



Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director

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