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Kate Whitney  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620-2601

RE: Cable & Communications Corporation dba Mid-Rivers Cellular  
Seventh Quarterly Report as Required  
By Final Order 6518a  
Docket No. D2003.8.105

Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of Cable & Communications Corporation dba Mid-Rivers Cellular's Seventh Quarterly Report as Required by Final Order 6518a in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a disk with an electronic (pdf/Adobe Acrobat) copy of the document.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

  
Gerry Anderson  
General Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF         | ) | UTILITY DIVISION       |
| CABLE & COMMUNICATIONS                   | ) |                        |
| CORPORATION, dba MID-RIVERS              | ) | DOCKET NO. D2003.8.105 |
| CELLULAR, for Designation as an Eligible | ) |                        |
| Telecommunications Carrier               | ) |                        |

CABLE & COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,  
dba MID-RIVERS CELLULAR'S  
SEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT  
AS REQUIRED BY FINAL ORDER DATED MARCH 29, 2005  
(PSC Order No. 6518a)

Service Date: March 19, 2007

## SEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT

- I. Unsatisfied Requests – December 16, 2006, through March 15, 2007:
  - a. By location in each of the two study areas:
    - i. Mid-Rivers Study Area: zero (0).
    - ii. Range Study Area: zero (0).
  - b. Detailed description of why customer requests for service could not be satisfied: there were no unsatisfied requests.
  
- II. Customer Complaints – December 16, 2006, through March 15, 2007:
  - a. Number and nature of complaints: see Attachment A hereto.
  - b. Remedy employed to address complaints: see Attachment A hereto.
  - c. Location of complaints by Study Area:
    - i. Mid-Rivers: see Attachment A hereto.
    - ii. Range: see Attachment A hereto.
  - d. Number of repeat complaints: see Attachment A hereto.
  
- III. Federal Universal Service Funds, including Lifeline and Link Up Funds received – December 16, 2006, through March 15, 2007:
  - a. Funds received:
    - i. Interstate Common Line Support:
      - 1. \$31,421.00 received in January 2007 for November 2006.
      - 2. \$31,421.00 received in February 2007 for December 2006.
      - 3. \$31,238.00 received in March 2007 for January 2007.

ii. High Cost Loop Support:

1. \$45,118.00 received in January 2007 for November 2006.
2. \$45,118.00 received in February 2007 for December 2006.
3. \$46,518.00 received in March 2007 for January 2007.

iii. Local Switching Support:

1. \$9,627.00 received in January 2007 for November 2006.
2. \$9,627.00 received in February 2007 for December 2006.
3. \$9,154.00 received in March 2007 for January 2007.

iv. Lifeline and Link Up Funds:

1. \$0 received to date.

NOTE:

- (a) Included as Attachment B hereto is a page from the January/February 2007 issue of Mid-Rivers' *411* magazine providing information on the availability of "Lifeline, Link-Up".

**RATE PLAN**

IV. The Final Order requires that Mid-Rivers Cellular must have on file with the Montana Public Service Commission (MTPSC) a copy of each rate plan that it offers for which it may receive FUSF support, including rates, terms and conditions of service: Attachment C hereto is the updated rate plan as of February 20, 2007.

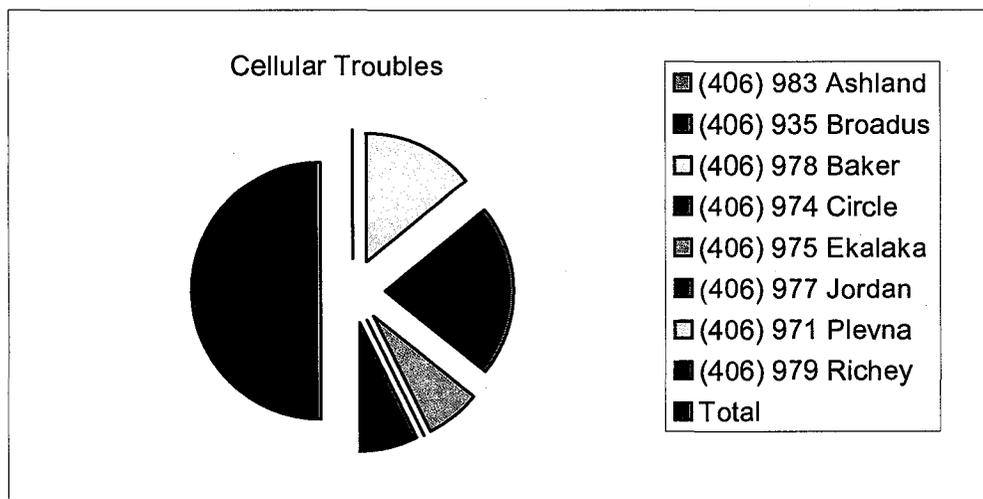
Attachment A

## Mid-Rivers Cellular Quarterly Trouble Report

December 16, 2006 - March 15, 2007

- 11 - Total Cellular inquiries/troubles logged
- 4 - Alarms and troubles reported by other carrier's customer
- 7 - Troubles reported by Mid-Rivers Cellular Customers

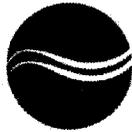
| Cellular Exchanges         | Cellular Troubles | Out of Service | Repeat Troubles |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Range Study Area</i>    |                   |                |                 |
| (406) 983 Ashland          | 0                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 935 Broadus          | 0                 | 0              | 0               |
| <i>C&amp;CC Study Area</i> |                   |                |                 |
| (406) 978 Baker            | 2                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 974 Circle           | 3                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 975 Ekalaka          | 1                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 977 Jordan           | 0                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 971 Plevna           | 0                 | 0              | 0               |
| (406) 979 Richey           | 1                 | 0              | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>7</b>          | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        |



| Repair Time for Cellular Troubles | 24 hours | 48 hours | 72 hours |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Number of troubles repaired       | 5        | 2        | N/A      |
| Total in Percentages              | 71%      | 100%     | N/A      |

100% of troubles were dispatched and repaired within 48 hours.

**2,443 - Total Mid-Rivers Cellular Customers**  
**29.% Trouble Index for Mid-River's Cellular Customers (per 100 customers)**



A newsletter for Mid-Rivers' members & customers.

## Plevna Wins Montana Chamber High School Business Challenge

525-3577

# 411

The Plevna High School Business Challenge team of Josh Nemitz, Cassandra Klos and Taryl Walker, led by their advisor, Tom McPhee, won the Montana Chamber of Commerce High School Business Challenge for the Fall 2006 competition against 108 other teams from around the state. Melstone High School took third place.



State Winners

Pictured below are (from) Josh Nemitz, a senior who is joining the U.S. Army, Cassandra Klos, a senior who will be attending Concordia in Moorhead, Minn., including in international business and German and Taryl Walker, a junior who is undecided on higher education goals. (back) advisor Tom McPhee, the librarian, English and economics teacher at Plevna.  
Photo by the Plevna High School.

"We competed against private schools, class AA, class A, class B, class C and even class negative C schools like us," explained Cassandra. "Toward the end of the competition, I was nervous about how close we were to the second-place team."

In an eight-week period, the competition involves making business operation decisions each week that are then fed into a computer which, in turn, crunches the numbers and gives each team the price of their simulated company's stock. The final stock price is based on total profits, profit trends, return on sales, stock price and dividends and good corporate citizen mini-cases. Each week of classroom time represents a business quarter, so the eight-week competition represents two years in their business.

The team with the highest stock price at the end wins. All teams started with stock priced at \$40.00. Plevna's stock reached \$149.95, just 57 cents above Heritage Christian, a private school from Bozeman, who took second place.

"We sold a lot of players," said Josh, who coined the name of the Plevna team's company - "Slayer Players." Each High School Business Challenge team ran an imaginary company that manufactured and sold compact personal DVD players.

Decisions made by High School Business Challenge team members included research and development, marketing and advertising, production and inventory, pricing and ethics.

"We spent every week arguing the points until we came to an agreement," explained Mr. McPhee. "We watched the numbers and made sure we added

Pictured above is the winning Montana Chamber High School Business Challenge team from Plevna High School at the January 4th Montana Chamber Legislative Banquet. They include Josh Nemitz (not pictured), Cassandra Klos (second from the right) and Taryl Walker (middle), Tom McPhee (second from the left) is the team advisor. Also pictured are Plevna School Superintendent Julie Walker (left) and Chairman of the Montana Chamber Board of Directors Russ Spitz (right) from Lewistown.  
Photo by Kerry Scheafer, Montana Chamber of Commerce.



Plevna High School Business Challenge team

them correctly. We also made sure we would have enough product."

"I was always the conservative person," added Josh, resulting in a laugh from his team members.

Mr. McPhee said one interesting mini-case of the competition involved making employee hiring and firing decisions because of drugs in the work place. The Plevna team elected not to fire, but to assist company employees with drug rehab.

Cassandra said a stock market crash in the sixth week dropped company stock prices for all teams. She attributes a steady eye by the team on spreadsheet numbers as their method of weathering the market crash.

"It was challenging, but rewarding," said Cassandra of the High School Business Challenge experience. Their first-place result earned them a trip to a free banquet, where on January 4, 2007, in front of Montana Chamber members and state legislators in the Helena Civic Center, the team received a traveling trophy. Individual team members also received plaques, gifts, a \$100 check and a \$500 scholarship to the college of their choice. "This sure has created a lot of interest in this

school for the spring competition of High School Business Challenge," admitted Mr. McPhee. "We want to thank Tim Alzheimer and his wife, Stacy, who administer the program in Bozeman. We want to also thank Kerry Scheafer, who works for the Montana Chamber of Commerce."

Mid-Rivers Communications is a sponsor of High School Business Challenge. Mid-Rivers also sponsors 12 teams in the Montana Academic Challenge, constructed a new generation high-speed Internet Protocol (IP) distance learning interactive television (ITV) system involving 18 educational sites and annually awards 12 Mid-Rivers Higher Education Scholarships to area students attending colleges, universities, and technical schools.



Third Place

Pictured above are the Melstone High School Business Challenge team members. They are Heidi Peppendorf, Kevin Pinkerton, Brian Nygren, Eric Greve, and Chris, Lindsay Walker. Walker is a daughter from Lewistown during the Spring 2006 competition. Photo by Kerry Scheafer, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

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## Lifeline, Link-Up & Toll Blocking

Mid-Rivers Communications offers two low-income telephone assistance programs known as Lifeline and Link-Up. Lifeline provides Federal Universal Service support to reduce monthly service charges paid by qualifying low-income customers. Link-Up provides Federal Universal Service support to reduce service connection and line extension charges paid by qualifying low-

income customers. Mid-Rivers also offers toll blocking. Toll blocking is a service that prevents long distance calling from your telephone. Please contact your nearest Mid-Rivers customer service office or call Mid-Rivers at 1-800-452-2288 for further information.

511 for Road Information



Dial 511 from your landline or cellular telephone for road reports and weather conditions before traveling.

Page 1 - Pictured at the top of the front page is a sunset silhouette of a tractor, taken by Donna Faber of Miles City.  
Page 4 - Pictured at the top of this page is a photo of Dave Harris flying his crop dusting airplane, taken by Erin Switzer of Riskey.

# Mid-Rivers NEW Cellular Plans

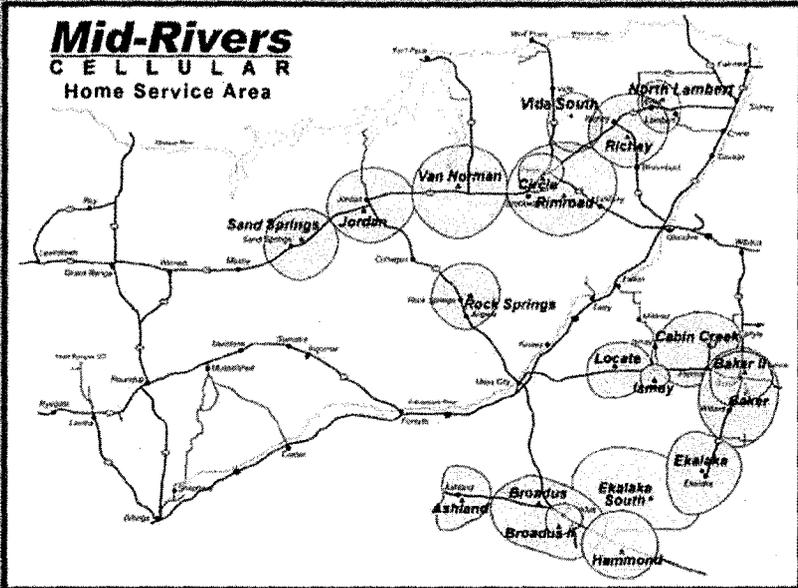


## **Mid-Rivers**

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website at [www.midrivers.com](http://www.midrivers.com)

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to fit  
your  
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**Additional Phone Plateaus**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| <b>A *</b>        |         |
| Total of 4 Phones | \$9.95  |
| 5-19 Phones       | \$8.95  |
| 20-29 Phones      | \$7.95  |
| 30 and over       | \$4.95  |
| <b>B **</b>       |         |
| Total of 5 Phones | \$9.95  |
| 6 or more Phones  | \$20.00 |

**Freedom West Plan:**  
Freedom West allows the customer to call from a Mid-Rivers cellular tower to Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming toll free. Airtime minutes still are used.

**Text Messaging**

|             |                    |                           |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| \$2.99/mo.  | 50 messages        | Total incoming & outgoing |
| \$4.99/mo.  | 200 messages       | Total incoming & outgoing |
| \$9.99/mo.  | 1000 messages      | Total incoming & outgoing |
| \$19.99/mo. | Unlimited messages | Both incoming & outgoing  |

Pay-per use messaging is \$0.07 per message for incoming & outgoing. Text messaging must be activated on digital cell phones.

**Mobile Internet**

**Plans:**

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$6.99/mo.  | 2-Meg of data (\$0.02/KB over 2-Meg) |
| \$59.99/mo. | Unlimited                            |

**Start-Up Promo of \$49.99/mo.**  
**\$15 Activation Fee waived during Start-Up Promo**

**Equipment:**

\$99.99 with 2-yr contract or \$219.99 with 1-yr contract on Kyocera Data Card. OR  
\$59.99 with 1-yr contract for Data Kit connecting laptop while using cell phone as a modem.

| Cellular Value Plans | Monthly Charge | Additional Phone Plateau * | Anywhere Minutes | Airtime Overage Per Minute | Nation Wide Long Distance on Home Tower | Long Distance Roaming Rate | Freedom West | Calling Features | Caller ID | Voice Mail |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Security             | \$19.95        | A                          | 100              | 0.35                       | 0.15/min                                | Charges Vary               | FREE         | 3.95             | 3.00      | 3.95       |
| Family               | \$29.95        | A                          | 250              | 0.35                       | 0.15/min                                | Charges Vary               | FREE         | 3.95             | 3.00      | 3.95       |
| Plainsman            | \$36.95        | A                          | 350              | 0.35                       | 0.15/min                                | Charges Vary               | FREE         | 3.95             | 3.00      | 3.95       |

| Cellular Value Added Plans | Monthly Charge | Anywhere Roaming Minutes | Roaming Airtime Overage Per Minute | Anytime Home Minutes | Additional Phone Plateau ** | Nation Wide Long Distance on Home Tower | Nation Wide Roaming Long Distance           | Long Distance Roaming Rate | Calling Features and Caller ID | Voice Mail |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Rancher                    | \$44.95        | 400                      | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 100 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |
| Pioneer                    | \$69.95        | 600                      | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 125 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |
| Powder River               | \$89.95        | 800                      | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 150 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |
| Traveler                   | \$109.95       | 1000                     | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 175 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |
| Badlands                   | \$139.95       | 1300                     | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 200 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |
| Yellowstone                | \$159.95       | 1500                     | 0.35                               | Unlimited            | B                           | Unlimited                               | 225 FREE minutes - overage charges may vary | Charges Vary               | Free                           | 3.95       |

To update your digital cellular phone's roaming software (Preferred Roaming List or PRL) dial \*228 and follow the directions. Revised 02/20/07

ATTACHMENT C  
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