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**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**

Kate Whitney  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
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RE: Cable & Communications Corporation dba Mid-Rivers Cellular  
Twenty-Fourth Quarterly Report and Twelfth Semi-Annual 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 Twenty-Fourth Quarterly and Twelfth Semi-Annual 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,

Bill Wade  
General Manager

Enclosures

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  
TWENTY-FOURTH QUARTERLY AND TWELFTH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
AS REQUIRED BY FINAL ORDER DATED MARCH 29, 2005  
(PSC Order No. 6518a)

Service Date: June 28, 2011

## **TWENTY-FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT**

- I. Unsatisfied Requests – March 16 through June 15, 2011:
  - 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 – March 16 through June 15, 2011:
  - 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 – March 16 through June 15, 2011:
  - a. Funds received:
    - i. Interstate Common Line Support:
      - 1. \$40,989.00 received in March 2011 for February 2011.
      - 2. \$43,633.00 received in April 2011 for March 2011.
      - 3. \$50,897.00 received in May 2011 for April 2011.

ii. High Cost Loop Support:

1. \$30,881.00 received in March 2011 for February 2011.
2. \$34,301.00 received in April 2011 for March 2011.
3. \$39,702.00 received in May 2011 for April 2011.

iii. Local Switching Support:

1. \$5,080.00 received in March 2011 for February 2011.
2. \$5,539.00 received in April 2011 for March 2011.
3. \$19,611.00 received in May 2011 for April 2011.

iv. Lifeline and Link Up Funds:

1. \$0 received to date.

It should be noted that, as detailed in this section and in previous quarterly and semi-annual reports, USF payment levels received by Mid-Rivers Cellular have been very volatile over the last several months. It is our understanding that this unpredictability is a result of the USF Interim Cap Order, and that a more recent FCC order related to the State's Interim Cap funding levels may introduce further instability to payment levels in the near future. This unpredictability of support affects the ability of Mid-Rivers Cellular to make additional long-term investments in new wireless site construction.

NOTE:

(a) Included as Attachment B hereto is an excerpt with a section entitled “Lifeline, Link-Up and Toll Blocking” from the Spring 2011 issue of the “411” newsletter published by Mid-Rivers Communications for its customers.

**RATE PLAN**

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: See Attachment C hereto.

## **TWELFTH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

IV. 5-Year Build-out Plan, updated for the period of December 16, 2010, through June 15, 2011: see Attachment D hereto.

a. Including expanded coverage in Northern Cheyenne Reservation, unless conflicting licenses, in which case an explanation of those conflicts must be provided:

- i. Representatives from Cable & Communications Corporation conducted an on-site meeting with Jace Killsback at the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council in Lame Deer, Montana, on February 17, 2006.
- ii. Letters addressed to Jace Killsback of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation dated May 15, 2006, and June 16, 2006, were filed with the Commission in Cable & Communications Corporation's Second Semi-Annual Report of June 27, 2006. No response has been received to date.
- iii. A letter addressed to Jace Killsback of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation dated March 20, 2007, was mailed via certified mail/return receipt requested and was signed in receipt on March 21, 2007. This letter was filed with the Commission in Cable & Communications Corporation's Eighth Quarterly and Fourth Semi-Annual Report of June 29, 2007.
- iv. Representatives from Cable & Communications Corporation conducted a meeting with Danny Sioux, Rosebud County

Commissioner and member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, in Miles City, Montana, on September 11, 2007.

- v. A letter addressed to Geri Small, President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, mailed March 31, 2008, documenting C&CC's continuing attempts to establish cellular services on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, was filed with the Commission in Cable & Communications Corporation's Twelfth Quarterly and Sixth Semi-Annual Report of June 17, 2008. No response has been received to date.
- vi. C&CC representatives attended a meeting with the Northern Cheyenne Economic Development Committee on July 8, 2008. C&CC offered at the meeting to conduct a propagation study at our own expense to determine the most advantageous site locations necessary to extend wireless service throughout Northern Cheyenne lands, and to share the findings of the study with President Small and the Economic Development Committee.
- vii. A letter dated August 8, 2008, was sent to Geri Small, President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, thanking the Northern Cheyenne Economic Development Committee for meeting with C&CC and again extending offers to conduct a propagation study at our expense and sharing with them the results of that study. This letter was filed with the Commission in C&CC's Fourteenth

Quarterly and Seventh Semi-Annual Report Dated December 26, 2008.

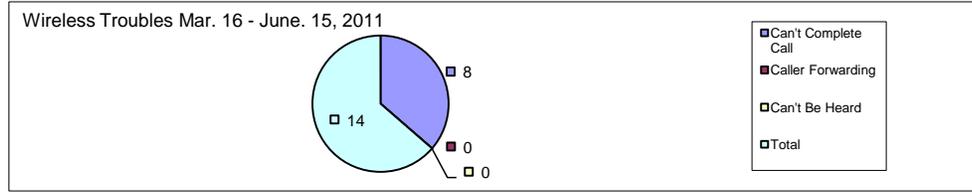
- viii. A letter addressed to LeRoy Spang, President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, was sent December 11, 2008, expressing C&CC's interest in working with the Council to establish wireless services throughout their lands. This letter was filed with C&CC's Fourteenth Quarterly and Seventh Semi-Annual Report to the Commission dated December 26, 2008. No response has been received to date.
- ix. Copies of previous C&CC correspondence to the Northern Cheyenne were faxed to Clara Canfield, Administrator to the Tribal Chairman, per her request on December 11, 2008. A copy of that fax was filed with the Commission in C&CC's Sixteenth Quarterly and Eighth Semi-Annual Report on June 29, 2009.
- x. Once approval is granted from the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council to investigate possible wireless site locations on their land, C&CC will then address licensing requirements necessary to provide the service.

ATTACHMENT A

WIRELESS ETC TROUBLE REPORT

Cellular Troubles Cleared 03/16/11 - 06/15/11

|   |                             |           |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Record of Complaint<br>(Trouble Category) | Can't Send or Receive Texts | 3         |
|   | Voicemail                   | 3         |
|   | Can't Complete Call         | 8         |
|   | Caller Forwarding           | 0         |
|   | Can't Be Heard              | 0         |
|   | <b>Total</b>                | <b>14</b> |



| Nature of the Complaint:    | Study Area | Date      | Remedy for Complaint or Trouble                       | Location of Trouble                        |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|---|--|
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 913  | 4/19/2011 | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | 1600 3rd St W #13; Roundup, MT 59072       |
| Voicemail Issues            | (406) 913  | 4/9/2011  | No Trouble Found.                                     | 1600 3rd St W #13; Roundup, MT 59072       |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 928  | 5/16/2011 | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | 48108 US Highway 19; Grass Range, MT 59032 |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 935  | 6/12/2011 | OK on Test.   | HC 71 Box 1104; Ashland, MT 59003          |
| Voicemail Issues            | (406) 951  | 4/8/2011  | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | P.O. Box 66; Miles City, MT 59301          |
| Voicemail Issues            | (406) 954  | 5/13/2011 | OK on Test.   | P.O. Box 142; Roy, MT 59471                |
| Can't Send or Receive Texts | (406) 954  | 4/8/2011  | Connecting Company Issue.                             | P.O. Box 485; Malta, MT 59538              |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 971  | 4/18/2011 | OK on Test.   | 921 Cap Rock Rd; Baker, MT 59313           |
| Can't Send or Receive Texts | (406) 974  | 5/24/2011 | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | P.O. Box 104; Circle, MT 59215             |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 974  | 5/6/2011  | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | P.O. Box 513; Circle, MT 59215             |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 975  | 5/25/2011 | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | P.O. Box 318; Ekalaka, MT 59324            |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 979  | 6/8/2011  | Repaired equipment that provides service to customer. | P.O. Box 234; Richey, MT 59259             |
| Can't Complete Call         | (406) 979  | 5/17/2011 | OK on Test.   | 431 Road 518; Bloomfield, MT 59315         |
| Can't Send or Receive Texts | (406) 979  | 4/8/2011  | Connecting Company Issue.                             | 225 Johnson St; Wolf Point, MT 59201       |

\* Repeat Troubles

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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, a service that prevents long distance calling from your telephone. Please contact your nearest Mid-Rivers customer service office, call Mid-Rivers at 1-800-452-2288, or visit <http://www.midrivers.com/low-income-assistance/> for more information.

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# Cellular Plans

|            | Monthly Charge | Additional Phones | Anywhere Minutes | Airtime Overage | Nationwide Long Distance<br>(on Home Tower) | Long Distance Roaming Rate | Freedom West<br>(see below) | Calling Features* | Caller ID | Voice Mail |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Value Plan | \$19.95        | \$9.95            | 100              | \$0.35/min      | \$0.15/min                                  | Charges Vary               | FREE                        | \$3.95            | \$3.00    | \$3.50     |

| Value Added Plans | Monthly Charge | Additional Phones<br>(Limit 4**) | Airtime & Long Distance from a Home Tower | Anywhere Roaming & Long Distance | Airtime Overage | Calling Features*,<br>Caller ID & Voice Mail |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Rancher           | \$44.95        | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 400                              | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |
| Pioneer           | \$69.95        | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 600                              | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |
| Powder River      | \$89.95        | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 800                              | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |
| Traveler          | \$109.95       | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 1000                             | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |
| Badlands          | \$139.95       | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 1300                             | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |
| Yellowstone       | \$159.95       | \$9.95                           | UNLIMITED                                 | 1500                             | \$0.50/min      | FREE   |

## Freedom West Plan

Freedom West allows the customer to call from a Mid-Rivers or Nemont cellular tower to Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming toll free. Airtime minutes still apply.

## \*Calling Features

Calling Features include:  
Call Waiting  
Call Forwarding  
Three-Way Calling

## \*\*Additional Phones

Add a 5th or more additional phone(s) to any of the Mid-Rivers Value Added Plans for \$20.00 per month per phone.

## Text Messaging

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 50 Messages (total incoming & outgoing)   | \$2.99/mo |
| 200 Messages (total incoming & outgoing)  | \$4.99/mo |
| 1000 Messages (total incoming & outgoing) | \$9.99/mo |

Unlimited Messages (both incoming & outgoing) **\$19.99/mo**  
(First Phone)

Unlimited Messages (both incoming & outgoing) **\$14.99/mo**  
(Additional Phones)

Monthly pricing applies per cellular phone. Pay-per-use messaging/text messaging plan overage charge is \$.15/message for incoming & outgoing. Text messaging must be activated on digital cellular phones.

To update your digital cellular phone's roaming software (Preferred Roaming List or PRL) dial \*228 on a home tower and follow the voice prompts.

## Multimedia Plan

UNLIMITED Text Messaging  
Picture & Video Messaging  
Access to the Mobile Web:

Download Ringtones, Games & other content!  
Access sports, news, weather, social networking and more!

First Phone **\$24.99/mo**

Additional Phones **\$19.99/mo**

Plan includes 4MB of data. Data usage applies to Picture & Video Messaging and Mobile Web Access. Additional charges apply for megabytes sent or received over the monthly allowance. Overage charges will be billed at \$2.00/MB. Monthly usage is rounded up to the nearest whole megabyte. Additional charges apply for downloaded content (i.e. ringtones, wallpaper images, games, etc.)

Pay-per-use picture & video messaging charge is \$.25/message for incoming & outgoing. Picture & video messaging must be activated on digital cellular phones. Data charges will apply and will be billed at \$2.00/MB. Monthly usage is rounded up to the nearest whole megabyte.

## Mobile Internet

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| 25 MB of Data      | \$9.99/mo  |
| 250 MB of Data     | \$19.99/mo |
| 5GB Data (5120 MB) | \$29.99/mo |

Additional charges apply for megabytes sent or received over the monthly allowance. Monthly rates are rounded up to the nearest whole megabyte. Overage charges will be billed at \$2.00/MB. Additional charges apply for downloaded content (i.e. ringtones, wallpaper images, games, etc.)

## Equipment

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Smart Phones                 | Prices Vary |
| USB Modem with 2-yr Contract | \$49.95     |
| USB Modem with 1-yr Contract | \$79.95     |
| USB Modem with No Contract   | \$139.95    |

### Typical Data Usage

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| E-mail (1 text page without attachments) | 4 KB       |
| Check a Sports Score                     | 4 KB       |
| Check Weather Forecast                   | 4 KB       |
| Read a News Headline                     | 8 KB       |
| Download a Ringtone                      | 16 KB      |
| Download a Game                          | 120-150 KB |

## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **Updated 5-Year Build-Out Plan Cable & Communications Corporation d/b/a Mid-Rivers Cellular**

- a. **2005 Plan** (in addition to the Digital Upgrade, which was **completed on November 11, 2005**):
  - i. Hammond (45-12-13.4N / 104-55-33.1W)-**completed November 11, 2005**
  - ii. Baker II (46-22-5.4N / 104-16-30.2W)- **completed November 11, 2005**
  - iii. Broadus II (45-26-55N / 105-24-38W)- **completed January 26, 2006**
  - iv. Ismay (46-24-05.0N / 104-48-09.0W)- **completed January 26, 2006**
  
- b. **2006 Plan:**
  - i. Vida South (47-44-14.8N / 105-29-42.0W)- **completed December 22, 2006**
  - ii. North Lambert (47-47-52.9N / 104-38-13.0W) –**completed December 30, 2006**
  - iii. Richey (47-38-38.3N / 105-04-6.4W) –**completed January 23, 2007**
  
- c. **2007 Plan:**
  - i. Grass Range (47-01-37N / 108-48-12W) –**completed April 25, 2007**
  - ii. Roy (47-20-04.15N / 108-57-28.91W) –**completed April 25, 2007**
  - iii. Savage (47-27-10.6N / 104-20-19.7W) – **completed November 19, 2007**
  - iii. Alzada (45-03-29.8N / 104-27-9.2W) – **completed July 13, 2007**
  - iv. Volborg (45-57-15.97N / 105-38-22.98W) –**completed December 7, 2007**
  - v. Sheep Mountain (47-3-5.3N / 105-43-38.8W) –**completed December 7, 2007**
  - vi. Winnett (46-59-21.0N / 108-20-02.0W) -- **completed December 10, 2007**
  - vii. Rock Springs – **completed December 7, 2007**

- d. **2008 Plan:**
  - i. Plevna (46-27-12.9N / 104-30-42.6W) – **completed December 31, 2008**
  - ii. McGuire Creek (47-35-04.75N / 106-09-04.79W) – **completed November 19, 2008**
  - iii. North Cohagen (47-08-31.7N / 106-43-00.44W) – **completed December 19, 2008**
  - iv. Roy Site Move – **completed August 15, 2008**
  - v. Ismay Extender Upgrade to Full Site – **completed July 29, 2008**
  
- e. **2009 Plan:**
  - i. Lambert CO (47-40-53N/104-37-15W) – **completed June 30, 2009**
  - iii. Grass Range Site Move (to improve coverage) – (47-01-2.66N/108-46-25.70W) – **completed April 17, 2009**
  
- f. **Proposed Future Sites:**
  - i. Otter Creek (45-21-39.8N / 105-50-27.8W) – **coordinating with neighboring carrier on license extension agreement**
  - ii. Carlyle (46-41-21N / 104-19-44.8W) – **exploring site location; may require license extension agreement**
  - iii. Roundup (est. 46-27-2.39N / 108-33-26.39W) – **Completed December 31, 2010**
  - iv. Circle FST9 (47-18-57.46N / 105-56-28.19W) – **estimated completion in 2011**
  - v. Jordan FST9 (47-53-29.96N / 104-53-28.10W) – **estimated completion in 2011**
  - vi. Highway 201 West (47-41-01.02N / 104-37-13.05W) – **awaiting grant of FCC license**
  - vii. Ekalaka Ridgway (45-30-43.03N / 104-28-24.7W) – **coordinating with neighboring carrier on license extension agreement**
  - viii. Ashland West (45-37-38N / 106-30-23.2W) – **past attempts at establishing a working relationship with the Northern Cheyenne with no success to date.**

Though specific sites are currently scheduled as shown, circumstances such as land availability and licensing issues may cause scheduling changes.