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**AZ CORP COMM
Director - Utilities**

Re: Staff's First Set of Data Requests to Midvale Telephone Company, Inc.
Docket No. T-20741A-15-0136

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Enclosed please find Midvale Telephone Company's responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests in the above referenced docket.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Snell & Wilmer

Timothy J. Sabo

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STAFF'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO
MIDVALE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. ("MIDVALE" OR "COMPANY")
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STF 1.1 Please provide the number of residential customers and the number of business customers Midvale serves in Arizona as of June 30, 2015.

RESPONSE: 1175 Residential lines and 99 Business lines

RESPONDENT: John Stuart

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STF 1.2 Has the Company communicated its proposed local calling area and rates to Waste Management in the requested CC&N extension area? If yes, please specify how this information was communicated to Waste Management. If no, please explain why not.

RESPONSE: Yes, this information was communicated via email.

RESPONDENT: Dennis Farrington

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STF 1.3 Please indicate the approximate distance from the Company's existing facilities to
Waste Management's prospective service address.

RESPONSE: 7.20 Miles

RESPONDENT: Dennis Farrington

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STF 1.4 Should the Company's application be approved, how soon after a Commission Decision would the company be able to provide service to Waste Management?

RESPONSE: Waste Management is currently in the process of gathering bids for this project. Their scheduled start date for construction is November 1st 2015 with a currently unknown end date sometime in 2016. As soon as the project is complete MTE will install the fiber in the duct and turn up service.

RESPONDENT: Dennis Farrington

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STF 1.5

In regards to Section II of the Application, it states "Service to the Waste Management site will be extended by a fiber optic cable, with service provided from Midvale's existing Millsite exchange. ... The cable will be laid in a joint trench with a power cable from Arizona Public Service. Waste Management is paying the cost of the joint trench, while Midvale will pay for the fiber optic cable." Please explain in detail the manner in which the Company believes it would construct or extend its existing facilities in the requested CC&N extension area. (If constructing facilities, please specify the sequence of sections and accompanying timeframes for start of construction, construction completion and available to be placed in service to accommodate Waste Management's service request.)

RESPONSE: Waste Management is currently soliciting bids from contractors for this project. The formal Pre-Bid meeting was held July 9th 2015 and all bids must be submitted by July 31st. The bid will be awarded by Oct 1st 2015 and construction is planned to commence by November 1st 2015. As stated this is a joint use trench shared with APS. Waste Management is the Project Owner and whomever they choose as the winning bidder will construct a trench along the State Hwy 169 corridor in compliance with ADOT, ADEQ, and The Prescott National Forest requirements. Waste Management has obtained all the required clearances from ADOT and the Prescott National Forest. The contractor will place the duct and pull boxes for fiber optic cable per Midvale's specifications. At the time being, Waste Management does not yet have a target completion date, as that will depend on the timeline the contractors provide in their bids. Waste Management expects the project to be complete in 2016. When the project is complete and all duct is placed, Midvale's crew will install the fiber optic cable in the duct and perform all the necessary work to provision service over the fiber. This work will take less than a month to complete.

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STF 1.6 Should the Company's Application be granted, and facilities constructed in accordance with the Company's response to STF 1.5 above, how does the Company believe its receipt of funds from the federal universal service fund will be impacted for the first three years during which construction occurs?

RESPONSE: The investment related to this project will increase the universal service funding received by the company as the increased investment will increase the overall company Study Area Cost per Loop. The facilities that are constructed related to this project along with the depreciation and future maintenance costs are all included in the calculation of the Company's High Cost Loop Support algorithm and subject to Interstate Common Line Support.

RESPONDENT: Aaron Sedler

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STF 1.7 Please identify any FCC licenses, franchises or other such approvals the Company would need to acquire in order to provide service in the requested CC&N extension area. Also identify the anticipated time frames it would take to receive each of them.

RESPONSE: No additional approvals required

RESPONDENT: John Stuart

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STF 1.8 Due to the time zone differences between the Company's customer service office and its Arizona customers during that portion of the year daylight savings time is in effect, has the Company considered, or would the Company be willing, to extend its customer service hours of availability to coincide with normal business hours in Arizona? Please explain the Company's response.

RESPONSE: Midvale has provided service in Arizona for the past 22 years and has dealt with this time zone issue by assigning after hours dispatch personnel who route calls to a customer service representative or the appropriate service technician. To MTE's knowledge our customers have not been negatively impacted by this practice. If this were to become an issue and extending our customer service hours would address the needs of our customers, we would certainly be open to the solution that would address the situation.

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STF 1.9 Is the Company aware of any other service provider (ILEC, CLEC, cable company, etc.) delivering either voice or data services to any structure within the requested CC&N extension area? If yes, please identify the company, the types of services being delivered and within what sections.

RESPONSE: No

RESPONDENT: Dennis Farrington

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STF 1.10 Please describe the impact of adding Waste Management as a customer would have on the existing Millsite exchange switch and central office. For example, would a building addition be required, would the switch require replacement, would the existing switch , DC power plant or other equipment require major additions, etc.

RESPONSE: No additional facilities would be required. MTE has sufficient switching capacity and the fiber electronics to extend service to this area.

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STF 1.11 Please discuss the Company's ability to effectively handle expansion into the proposed CC&N extension area while also continuing its existing construction and maintenance activities.

RESPONSE: MTE's construction crew handles our major construction projects while our service technicians handle the maintenance and service of the plant. Our plant maintenance and customer service will not be impacted by this project.

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STF 1.12 Please explain with specificity why a grant of the Company's Application to serve Waste Management is in the public interest.

RESPONSE: Waste Management is the landfill operator for Yavapai County. They operate their plant at this remote site without utility services which is impacting their operations, and why they have embarked on this project. If Midvale is granted the application, it will enhance Waste Management's ability to do business as the main landfill operator in Yavapai County, which given the nature of their business could be deemed in the public's interest.

RESPONDENT: Dennis Farrington