

## Exhibit A

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MID-CAROLINA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 10¼% FIRST MORTGAGE BOND, SERIES A,  
 DUE MAY 1, 1995

MID-CAROLINA TELEPHONE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to , or registered assigns, on May 1, 1995, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, and to pay interest on said principal sum from and after the date hereof at the rate of 10¼% per annum, semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, until the Company's obligation with respect to the payment of said principal sum shall be discharged.

Both principal of and interest on this Bond will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America at the corporate trust office of the Trustee, hereinafter designated, in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

This Bond is one of a duly authorized issue of Bonds of the Company (herein referred to as the "Bonds") of a series designated as its 10¼% First Mortgage Bonds, Series A, due May 1, 1995, limited to the aggregate principal amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000), all issued or to be issued under and pursuant to an indenture dated as of May 31, 1974 (herein referred to as the "Indenture"), duly executed and delivered by the Company to The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, Trustee (herein referred to as the "Trustee"), under which Indenture John C. Ruetty has been appointed Co-Trustee (the Trustee and Co-Trustee being herein referred to as the "Trustees"), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a description of the property mortgaged and pledged as security for the Bonds and the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustees, the Company and the holders of the Bonds. Under the terms of the Indenture, the Company may execute an indenture or indentures supplemental to the Indenture authorizing the issuance thereunder of additional Bonds if the tests set forth in the Indenture for the issuance of additional Bonds are met. Any additional Bonds to be issued shall be entitled to be secured equally