

**SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE**

**SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE** dated as of the 15th day of October, 1981, made and entered into by and among Mid-Carolina Telephone Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the "Company"), and BancOhio National Bank (formerly The Ohio National Bank of Columbus), a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, with its principal office in Columbus, Ohio and P. Joseph Sesler, as Trustees (BancOhio National Bank being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Trustee," P. Joseph Sesler as "Co-Trustee" and the Trustee and Co-Trustee collectively as "Trustees").

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of May 31, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Indenture" and the Original Indenture and all supplemental indentures thereto being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Indenture") to secure the Company's Notes and Bonds of all series at the time outstanding and all additional series of Bonds that may thereafter be issued under the Indenture, and has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustees a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 1, 1975 (hereinafter called the "First Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$1,250,000 principal amount of 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ % First Mortgage Bonds, Series A; a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 1979 (hereinafter called the "Second Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$4,725,000 principal amount of RTB First Mortgage Bonds, Series 1979; a Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 31, 1979 (hereinafter called the "Third Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$5,089,146.77 principal amount of REA First Mortgage Exchange Bonds, Series A, Series B and Series C; a Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 1, 1980 (hereinafter called the "Fourth Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$6,220,000 principal amount of First Mortgage Exchange Bonds, Series 1987, Series 1989, Series 1995, Series 1998 and Series 2001; a Fifth Supplemental Indenture dated as of April 1, 1981 (hereinafter called the "Fifth Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$6,525,750 principal amount of RTB First Mortgage Bonds, Series 1981-A; and a Sixth Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 1, 1981 (hereinafter called the "Sixth Supplemental Indenture") authorizing the issuance of \$22,658,000 principal amount of FFB First Mortgage Bonds, Series 1981-B; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the Original Indenture provides for the issuance of additional series of Bonds upon the execution and delivery to the Trustee of an indenture supplemental to the Original Indenture

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