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Daktel Communications, LLC

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RE: Case No. PU-2294-00-245
Daktel Communications, LLC
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Dear Mr. Noack:

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the August 16, 2000 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2294-00-245.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Gloria Geiger
Administrative Assistant
701-328-2401
Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

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Motion and Statement for costs incurred

by Public Service Commission

08/16/2000

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MOTION

August 16, 2000

Daktel Communications, LLC
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

PU-2294-00-245

I move the Commission bill: Daktel Communications, LLC in the total amount of \$149.81 for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2294-00-245, Daktel Communications, LLC, Local Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity.

Advertising Services

\$149.81

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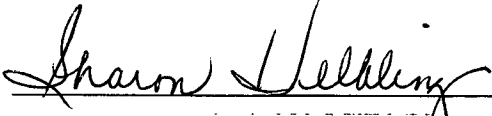
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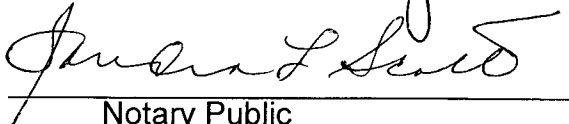
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August 3, 2000

Keith Larson
Daktel Communications LLC
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Dear Mr. Larson:

On August 2, 2000, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4509 to Daktel Communications, LLC to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2294-00-245. The certificate is enclosed.

The Commission maintains a mailing list of telecommunications companies to which we mail notices relating to telecommunications issues. These notices are also published on the web site for your review ([HTTP://PC6.PSC.STATE.ND.US](http://PC6.PSC.STATE.ND.US) or [HTTP://WWW.STATE.ND.US](http://WWW.STATE.ND.US) (under "North Dakota State Government)).

In an effort to cut down on printing and mailing costs, I will **not** add this company to that list unless you request that I do so. You can contact me at 701-328-4076, FAX 701-328-2410, E-Mail msmail.sdh@oracle.psc.state.nd.us, or write.

Sincerely,

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division

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Enclosure

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Public Service Commission
Letter re approval

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APPROVED:

DATE: 8-2-00
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MOTION

August 2, 2000

**Daktel Communications, LLC
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-2294-00-245

I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the application of Daktel Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2294-00-245.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daktel Communications, LLC
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2294-00-245

ORDER

August 2, 2000

On May 19, 2000, Daktel Communications, LLC (Daktel) filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange service throughout North Dakota.

On June 8, 2000, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until July 11th for receiving comments or hearing requests. No requests for hearing were received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

On June 19, 2000 the Rural Telephone Company Group filed comments requesting that any order approving the application include language preserving the "rural safeguard" rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. 251(f). In this Case, as in other cases in which statewide authority was requested, the Commission will adhere to the precedent established in the AT&T certificate case, Case No. PU-453-96-83. In AT&T, the Commission held that its determination of the public interest with regard to the service territories of rural telephone companies is subject to any future proceedings under Section 251(f)(1) or (2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) or (2)). The Commission also held that granting the certificate on a statewide basis is not a ruling that affects the rights of specific rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. §251(f).

On July 3, 2000, the Public Service Commission's Director of Accounting filed a memorandum indicating that Daktel has the financial ability to provide telecommunications service.

Daktel is a North Dakota Limited Liability Company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative. Daktel indicates that its

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management and key personnel are the same as those of Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and that they have extensive telecommunications operational experience and technical expertise. The Commission finds Daktel is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service.

Daktel plans initially to focus on Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) and other advanced data services for business customers. Daktel may later provide other local and resold long distance services to commercial customers in conjunction with its advanced service offerings. Residential services may be provided, where requested, to employees of commercial customers for work-at home applications and to individuals subscribing to services offered by internet service providers who use Daktel's data services. In the future, Daktel may develop applications or services for marketing directly to residential customers.

Daktel intends to provide service using its own facilities, which may include DSL access multiplexers or other switching equipment used in conjunction with unbundled network elements. Daktel also intends to offer service through resale of bundled ILEC and long distance carrier services. The Commission finds that Daktel's proposed service is adequate.

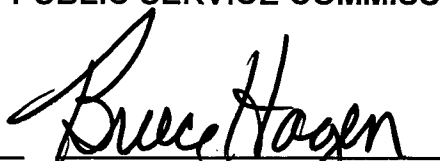
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The Commission Orders:

1. The application of Daktel Communications, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide competitive facilities-based local exchange services throughout North Dakota is GRANTED.
2. Granting Daktel a certificate on a statewide basis does not affect the rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. §251(f).
3. Daktel's certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be conditioned on securing such approval from local governing entities as required by state and federal law prior to providing service in any local territory.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4509

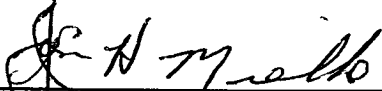
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Daktel Communications, LLC, a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2294-00-245 and is conditioned upon Daktel Communications, LLC securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated August 2, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, August 2, 2000

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

INFORMAL AGENDA

July 19, 2000

PU-2294-00-245	Daktel Communications, LLC Local Exchange Public Convenience and Necessity
PU-2201-00-264	DIECA Communications, Inc. Local Exchange/Interexchange Public Convenience and Necessity

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Affidavit of Publication

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Laurie Thiel, being duly sworn, state as follows:

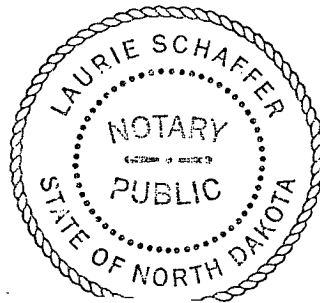
1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
Dakota/DIECA, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: Laurie Thiel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June A.D. 2000.

Laurie Schaffer

LAURIE SCHAFFER
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My Commission Expires DEC. 1, 2005



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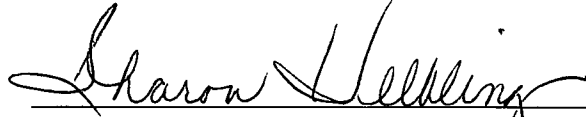
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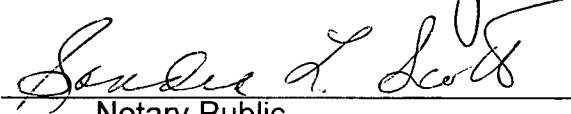
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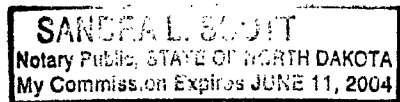
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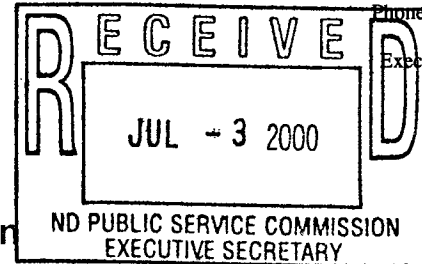
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To: Jon Mielke
From: Mike Diller *Mike Diller*
Date: July 3, 2000
Re: **Daktel Communications, LLC**
Local Exchange PC&N Application
Case No. PU-2294-00-245



Executive Secretary
Jon H. Mielke

The following is written to provide the commission with a very limited review of this case regarding the Applicant's financial ability to serve.

Daktel Communications, LLC (Daktel) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (Dakota Central) located in Carrington, ND. Because the financial wherewithal of Daktel is ultimately backed by Dakota Central, staff reviewed the financial statements provided by the applicant for Dakota Central for the year ended 1999.

Based on its review, staff concludes that Daktel has access to sufficient equity to provide service in North Dakota.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 established a national policy to create a competitive environment for telephone service. Daktel is one of many companies responding to the act.

Staff sees no reason to deny this application.

In accordance with the Commission's wishes, staff will serve this document on the applicant.



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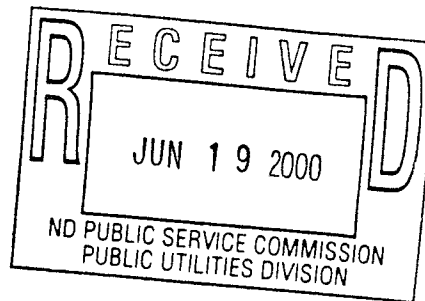
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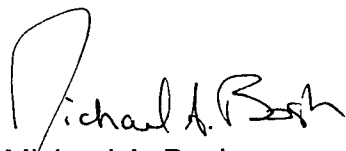


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DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC - CASE NO. PU-2294-00-245
DIECA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - CASE NO. PU-2201-00-264
PC&N APPLICATIONS

On behalf of the "Rural Telephone Company Group," we file the enclosed Comments (original plus seven copies) regarding Daktel Communications, LLC and DIECA Communications, Inc.'s applications for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local telecommunications services "throughout North Dakota."

Very truly yours,


Michael A. Bosh
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.

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Rural Telephone Company Group by Michael Bc
Cover letter re comments

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Case No. PU-2201-00-264

COMMENTS
OF
RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY GROUP

The Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) is a group of telecommunications carriers, each of which is an "incumbent local exchange carrier" and a "rural telephone company" under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) and each has legal interests in this case under the Act.

The Rural Telephone Company Group includes:

BEK Communications Cooperative and BEK Communications I Inc.
Consolidated Telcom
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Inter-Community Telephone Company and Inter-Community Telephone Company II
Midstate Telephone Company and Midstate Communications, Inc.
North Dakota Telephone Company
Northwest Communications Cooperative
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation and Polar Telecommunications, Inc.
Red River Rural Telephone Association and Red River Telecom, Inc.
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
SRT Communications, Inc.
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Turtle Mountain Communications
West River Telecommunications Cooperative

In PSC Case No. PU-453-96-83, AT&T applied for and was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local telecommunications service throughout the State of North Dakota, subject to limitations in the Commission's Order:

"8. Public convenience and necessity requires the granting of a statewide certificate to AT&T to provide local service. However, the Commission's determination of the public interest with regard to the service territories of rural telephone companies is subject to any future proceedings under §251(f)(1) or (2) of the Act.

9. Granting AT&T's application for a statewide certificate is not a ruling that affects the rights of specific rural telephone company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)."

In PSC Case No. PU-987-96-390, Sprint applied for and was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local telecommunications service throughout the State of North Dakota, subject to limitations based on the precedent established in the AT&T case:

"One issue which has been addressed in other Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity cases was raised by the intervener, NDATC. This issue concerns rural telephone companies and what effect the grant of a certificate would have on them. NDATC identified its interest in this proceeding, and the interests of its members, as a concern that the grant of a certificate of public convenience and necessity not defeat the rural protections provided by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Commission agrees with NDATC that the question is important and must be addressed. This issue will apply to all certificate requests affecting any service area of any rural telephone company in North Dakota. It is the opinion of the Commission that in all such cases, any determination of public interest is subject to future proceedings regarding rural protections or exemptions.

In the instant case the Commission will adhere to the precedent established in the AT&T certificate case, Docket No. PU-453-96-83, on this issue. In AT&T, the Commission held that its determination of the public interest with regard to the service territories of rural telephone companies is subject to any future proceedings under Section 251(f)(1) or (2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) or (2)). The Commission also held that granting the certificate on a statewide basis is not a ruling that affects the rights of specific rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. §251(f). Both Sprint and NDATC agree that the qualifications

expressed in the AT&T case appropriately apply to Sprint's request for a statewide certificate of public convenience and necessity. The inclusion of these conditions satisfies NDATC's concerns, and is not objectionable to Sprint."

The AT&T precedent has been cited at least one time following the Sprint case, in Case No. PU-1693-97-269, where a statewide certificate was granted to Eclipse Communications Corp (a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation), subject to the rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. 251(f).

In reliance on the precedent established by the Commission in the AT&T, Sprint and Eclipse/Western Wireless cases, the RTCG does not request intervention and does not request a hearing on the pending application. The RTCG does request that any order issued to grant the pending application should include limitations substantially the same as those in the AT&T, Sprint and Eclipse/Western Wireless cases, to preserve the "rural safeguard" rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. 251(f).

Dated this 16th day of June, 2000.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

By


Michael A. Bosh (ND #5313)

Attorneys for RTCG

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments of Rural Telephone Company Group was, on the 16th day of June, 2000, mailed to:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **9th day of June, 2000**.

Sharon Hedding

Sandra L Scott

Notary Public

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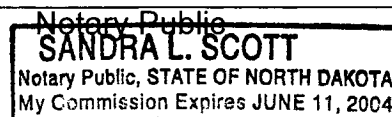
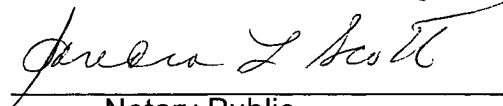
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Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing published as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill directly to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-4076.

Thank you.

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Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-2294-00-245

**DIECA Communications, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-2201-00-264

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the above applications of Daktel Communications, LLC and DIECA Communications, Inc. for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case Nos. PU-2294-00-245 and PU-2301-00-264.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

June 8, 2000

On May 19, 2000, Daktel Communications, LLC filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

On May 22, 2000, DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

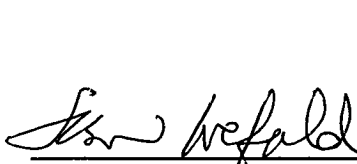
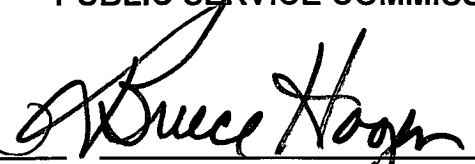

The issues to be considered in these matters are:

1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on these applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **July 11, 2000**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine these matters without hearings.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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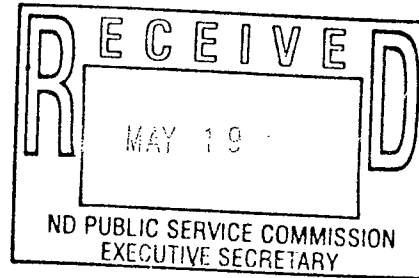
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Dear Mr. Mielke,

Enclosed are the following:

1. Application for Certification of Registration for Daktel Communications, LLC as a Long Distance and Local Service Reseller.
2. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Daktel Communications, LLC as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) providing telecommunications service in North Dakota.

We have provided an original and seven copies of the filings. Please contact me if you have any questions at (701) 652-6105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith A. Larson'.

Keith A. Larson, CPA
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Daktel Communications, LLC for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Provide Local)
Telecommunications Services)

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Application is hereby made to the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota (the "Commission") by Daktel Communications, LLC ("Applicant" or "Daktel") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications service in the State of North Dakota, pursuant to NDCC Sections 49-03.01 et seq. and 69-02-04 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Daktel proposes to offer facility-based local telecommunications services throughout the state in conjunction with other local and long distance services offered on a resale basis. Applicant has filed previously, an Application for Certificate of Registration as a local and long distance reseller pursuant to NDCC Sections 49-03.01 et seq. and 69-09-05-04 of the Commission's Rules for Resale of Telecommunication Services. In support of its Application for facility-based authority, Daktel submits the following information:

1. The name and address of the Applicant is as follows:

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2. Daktel Communications, LLC is a Limited Liability Company ("LLC") organized under the laws of the State of North Dakota as of April 11, 2000. Copies of the Applicant's Articles of Organization are provided in Exhibit I to this Application.

3. All correspondence, notices, inquiries and other communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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Ongoing correspondence regarding regulatory matters affecting the Applicant should be addressed to Keith Larson, CFO, of Daktel Communications, LLC at the above address.

4. Applicant requests authority to offer local and interexchange services to business and residential customers throughout the State of North Dakota. Daktel intends to provide service using its own facilities, which may include without limitation, Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers (DSLAMS) or other switching equipment used in conjunction with the unbundled local loops and other network elements obtained from the incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECS"). However, Applicant has also requested resale authority in a separate registration to allow Daktel to offer service through the resale of bundled ILEC and long distance carrier services, where required due to economic considerations or to meet customer needs not anticipated by the Company's own facility-based services.

Applicant plans initially, to focus on the provision of digital subscriber line ("DSL") and other advanced data services to business customers. Applicant's initial intent is to concentrate on the provision of highspeed data capability for Internet access and other broadband commercial Applications if it can efficiently and economically provide such services on a stand-alone basis. Depending on market requirements, local network characteristics, availability of adequate

resources and appropriate staffing, Applicant may also provide local dialtone, switched access, and other local and long distance services to commercial customers in conjunction with its advanced service offerings.

Residential service will be provided where requested, to employees of commercial customers for work-at-home Applications. Residential service may also be provided to individuals subscribing to services offered by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who utilize Daktel's data services as an alternative form of access to their Internet and email Applications. In the future, Daktel may develop Applications or services which it will market directly to the residential customer.

Applicant will provide customers of any local dial tone services with access to E911 emergency services where available, and will cooperate with existing telecommunications companies, and other affected agencies or organizations, to arrange for the necessary interconnections to enable efficient completion of these calls.

5. Daktel proposes to provide service, subject to economic and market conditions throughout the state. A map showing Daktel's proposed service area is attached to Exhibit II. Also included in Exhibit II is a list of other local exchange carriers operating within the state.
6. Upon granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and approval of appropriate interconnection/resale agreements, Applicant will file a tariff with the Commission containing descriptions and rates for its facility-based services.
7. As a new start up company, Applicant does not yet have detailed financial statements. In lieu of such statements, Daktel submits a summary of its financial position, and plans as Exhibit III to this Application. Applicant will provide supplemental information, if needed, upon request.

8. Applicant is technically and managerially qualified to provide the proposed competitive services. Daktel intends to provide service as both a facility-based and resale carrier and has assembled a management team with the necessary expertise. The Applicant's specific information on the Technical and Managerial competencies of Daktel's key management personnel are show in Exhibit IV.
9. The Commission has the authority to grant this Application pursuant to Sections 49-03.01 et seq. of NDCC and 69-02-02-04 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
10. Authorizing Daktel Communications, LLC to provide facility-based telecommunications services within North Dakota will accelerate the deployment of advanced data services within the state and increase the level of competition in the telecommunications industry within North Dakota. Additionally, granting of this Application will increase the diversity and availability of existing and future telecommunications services for North Dakota consumers. Granting of this Application will serve the public interest by providing North Dakota citizens the benefits resulting from competition, such as customer choice of providers, more efficient and diverse communications infrastructure, higher service quality, new and innovative services, and competitive prices.

WHEREFORE, Daktel Communications, LLC respectfully requests that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued following the appropriate notice. Applicant further requests that the Certificate be issued without hearing, if appropriate, according to the laws and regulations of the State of North Dakota.

Date this 28 of April, 2000

By: Robert A. Hill

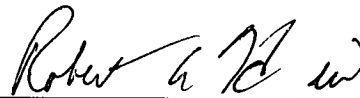
Robert A. Hill
CEO
Daktel Communications, LLC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF FOSTER

Robert A. Hill, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the Chief Executive Officer for Daktel Communications, LLC the Applicant in the foregoing Application; that he has read the foregoing Application, knows the content thereof and is authorized to verify the accuracy of same; and that the statements contained in the Application are true to his best knowledge, information and belief.



Robert A. Hill
CEO
Daktel Communications, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of April, 2000.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

KEITH A. LARSON
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires OCT 9, 2004

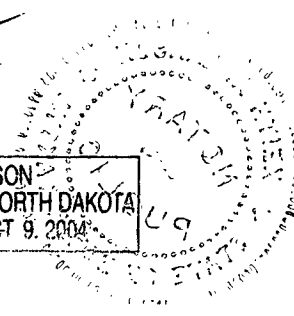


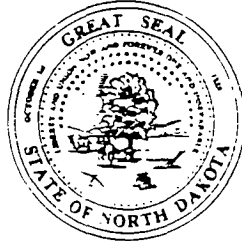
EXHIBIT I

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
AND NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE AUTHORITY

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

OF

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that Articles of Organization for

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

duly signed and executed pursuant to the provisions governing a North Dakota Limited Liability Company, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Organization to

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Effective date of organization: April 11, 2000

Issued: April 11, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, a North Dakota LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, was issued a certificate of organization which was effective on April 11, 2000 and, according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Issued: May 12, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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The undersigned organizer, who is a natural person and who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, in order to form a limited liability company under the North Dakota Limited Liability Company Act (N.D.C.C. Chapter 10-32), does hereby adopt the following Articles of Organization:

Article 1. The name of the Company shall be Daktel Communications, LLC.

Article 2. Unless dissolved earlier according to law, this Company shall exist for a period of fifty (50) years from and after the date these Articles of Organization are filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Article 3. With respect to membership units:

- a. The membership interests of the Company shall be represented by (and shall be known as) membership units which shall be issued by the Board upon the receipt of the agreed upon contribution.
- b. All ordinary membership units shall have both financial rights and governance rights and, within the class, shall have equal rights and preferences in all matters not otherwise provided by the Board.
- c. Upon the acceptance of a new contribution:
 - (1) The method for the restatement of value of previous contributions as set forth in N.D.C.C. Section 10-32-57 shall not be used.
 - (2) Instead, the Board shall, by resolution, establish the value to be accorded to the new contribution and the number of membership units to be issued upon receipt of the contribution.
 - (3) The members shall then, as of the effective date of the acceptance of the contribution, execute and place in the member control agreement and statement of contributions accepted and in the other required records of the Company, a statement of contributions as provided in N.D.C.C. Section 10-32-51.

Article 4. This Company shall not be dissolved and is not required to be wound up by reason of any event that terminates the continued membership of a member if the existence and business of this Company is continued by the consent of the holders of the remaining membership units entitled to vote no later than ninety (90) days after the termination of the continued membership.

The members shall not be authorized to give dissolution avoidance consent prior to the occurrence of any event which terminates the continued membership of a member. However, the members shall be authorized to give dissolution avoidance consent after the occurrence of an event which terminates the continued membership of a member.

Article 5. The members of the Company shall not have the power to enter into a business continuation agreement prior to the occurrence of an event of dissolution. However, after the Company has incurred an event of dissolution, the members may enter into a business continuation agreement.

Article 6. With regard to the preemptive right to acquire unissued membership units of the Company, each member of the Company shall have the preemptive rights set forth in N.D.C.C. Section 10-32-37.

Article 7. Cumulative voting shall be allowed as provided in N.D.C.C. Section 10-32-76.

Article 8. Provisions for the internal regulation of the Company are as follows:

- a. Each manager and governor, past or present of the Company, and each person who serves or may have served at the request of the Company as director, officer, governor, manager, employee or agent of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, and their respective heirs and legal representatives, shall be indemnified by the Company in accordance with, and to the fullest extent permissible under, the provisions of N.D.C.C. Chapter 10-32, as it may be from time to time amended. Whenever the applicable provisions of N.D.C.C. Chapter 10-32 make indemnification permissible upon the finding that certain standards are met, such indemnification shall be mandatory by the Company.
- b. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Governors of this Company, not needing approval by the members, may be taken by written action signed by the number of governors that would be required to take such action at a meeting of the Board of Governors at which all governors are present.
- c. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members of this Company may be taken by a written action signed by the members who own voting power equal to the voting power that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the members at which all members were present.
- d. Any assignment of governance rights to a person who is not already a member of the Company at the time of the assignment shall require the written consent of the owners of a majority of the other ordinary membership units.

Article 9. No governor of the Company shall be personally liable to the Company nor to its members for any monetary damages or breach of fiduciary duty as a governor. However, this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a governor:

- a. For any breach of the governor's duty of loyalty to the limited liability company or to its members;
- b. For acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- c. For any distributions from the Company which are determined to be illegal under N.D.C.C. Section 10-32-66;
- d. For any transaction from which the governor derived an improper personal benefit; or,
- e. For any act or omission occurring before the date when the provision in the Articles of Organization eliminating or limiting liability becomes effective.

Article 10. With respect to the registered office, registered agent and principal executive office of the Company:

- a. The name, business telephone number and Social Security Number of the registered agent of the Company is:
 - (1) Robert A. Hill
 - (2) 701.652.3184
 - (3) Social Security No. 501-52-2459
- b. The address of the Company's registered office is 630 5th Street North, PO Box 299, Carrington, North Dakota, 58421-0299.
- c. The address of the Company's principal executive office is 630 5th Street North, PO Box 299, Carrington, North Dakota, 58421-0299.

Article 11. The number of Governors constituting the initial Board of the Company is Nine (9). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Governors until the first annual meeting of Members or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

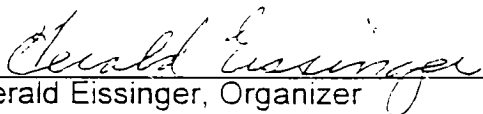
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Gerald Eissinger	3227 57 th Avenue SE Medina ND 58467-9524
Gordon Kunz	5567 3 rd Street SE Sykeston ND 58486-9506

Doug Wede	645 Highway 281 SE Carrington ND 58421-9002
Royce Topp	1244 85 th Avenue Grace City ND 58445-9109
Gary Heintz	19 1 st Avenue NW Chaseley ND 58423-0085
Craig Headland	4950 92 nd Avenue SE Montpelier ND 58472-9629
Mitch Schulz	851 49 th Avenue SE Woodworth ND 58496-9782
Rodney Suko	6725 45 th Street SE Cleveland ND 58424-9713
Kathleen McCracken	7971 7 th Street NE Grace City ND 58445-9610

Article 13. Gerald Eissinger, whose address is 3227 57th Avenue SE, Medina, North Dakota, 58467-9524, is the sole organizer of the Company.

I, the above named organizer, have read the foregoing Articles of Organization, know the contents and believe the statements made therein to be true.



Dated this 23rd day of March, 2000.



Gerald Eissinger, Organizer

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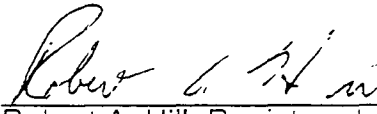
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STATEMENT OF CONSENT TO SERVE AS REGISTERED AGENT
FOR
DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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I, Robert A. Hill, an individual North Dakota resident, whose social security number is 501-52-2459, hereby consent to serve as registered agent for Daktel Communications, LLC until I am removed or I resign according to law.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2000.



Robert A. Hill, Registered Agent

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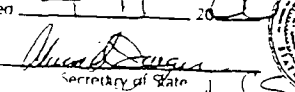

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EXHIBIT II

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

SERVICE AREA MAP

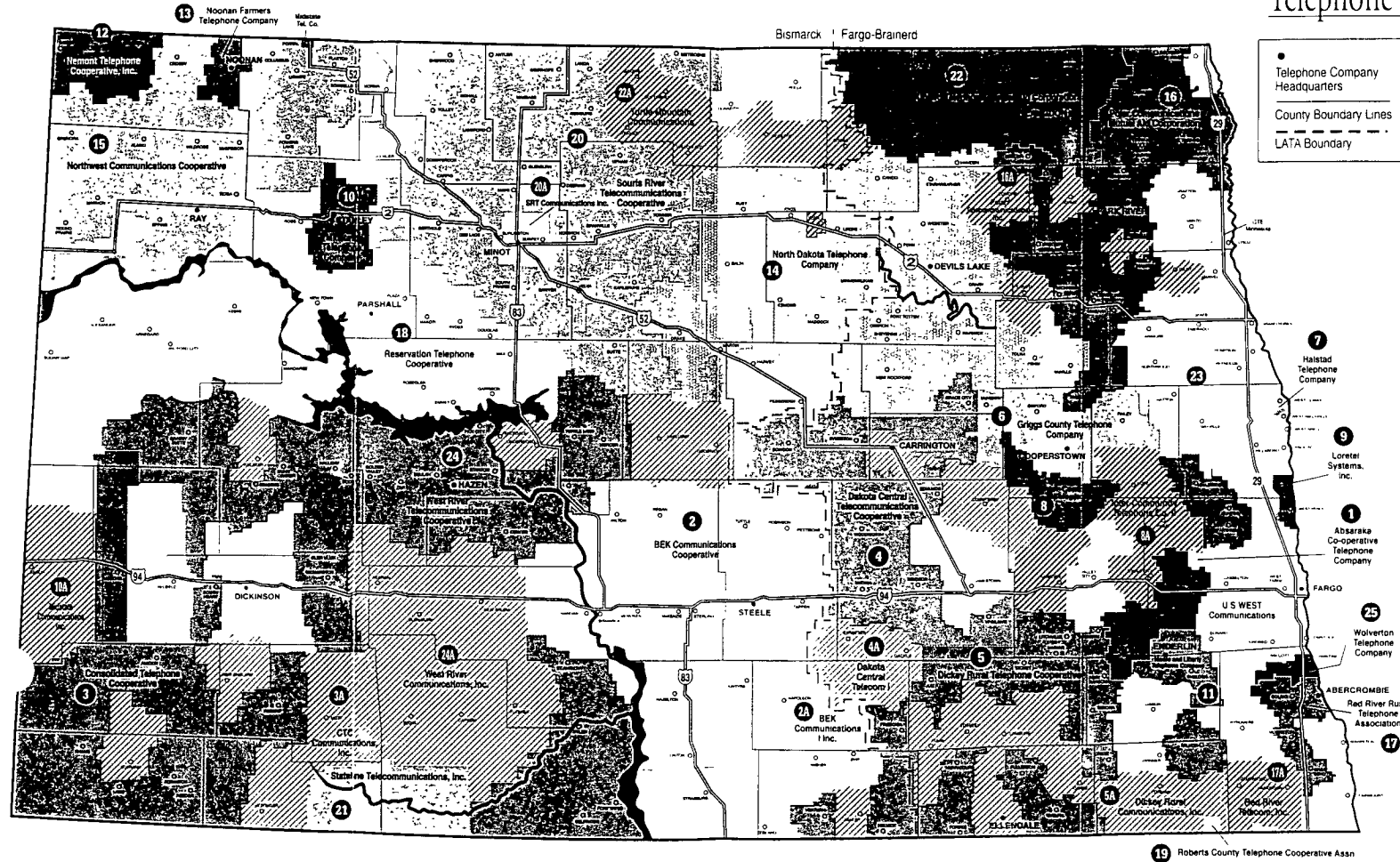
Daktel Communications, LLC seeks statewide authority to offer its services.

AND

CARRIERS OFFERING SIMILIAR SERVICES

To the best of the Applicant's knowledge and information, the list of other public utilities providing similar service in the State of North Dakota coincides with the list of competitive local exchange carriers which are registered with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, plus incumbent local exchange carriers serving the state (e.g., US West Communications, Inc.) A list of CLECS and ILECS registered with the Commission as of April 12, 2000 is provided in this exhibit.

Telephone Companies Service Area



Local Exchange Companies		
1	Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company	(701) 896-3404
2	BEK Communications Cooperative	(701) 475-2361
2A	BEK Communications I Inc	
3	Consolidated Telephone Cooperative	(701) 225-6061
3A	CTC Communications Inc	
4	Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 652-3184
4A	Dakota Central Telecom I	
5	Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	(701) 349-3687
5A	Dickey Rural Communications, Inc	
6	Griggs County Telephone Company	(701) 797-3301
7	Halstad Telephone Company	(218) 456-2125
8	Inter-Community Telephone Company	(701) 924-6815
8A	Inter-Community Telephone Co II	
9	Lorelei Systems, Inc	(218) 784-7171
10	Midstate Telephone Company	(701) 628-2522
10A	Midstate Communications Inc	
11	Moore and Liberty Telephone Company	(701) 437-3300
12	Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc	(406) 783-5654
13	Noonan Farmers Telephone Company	(701) 925-5717
14	North Dakota Telephone Company	(701) 662-1700
15	Northwest Communications Cooperative	(701) 568-3331
16	Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation	(701) 284-7221
16A	Polar Telecommunications Inc	
17	Red River Rural Telephone Association	(701) 553-6309
17A	Red River Telecom Inc	
18	Reservation Telephone Cooperative	(701) 862-3115
19	Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Assn	(605) 637-5211
20	Sours River Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 858-1200
20A	SRT Communications Inc	
21	Stairline Telecommunications, Inc	(605) 244-5236
22	United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	(701) 256-5156
22A	Turtle Mountain Communications	
23	U S WEST Communications	(701) 241-3491
24	West River Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 748-2211
24A	West River Communications Inc	
25	Wolverton Telephone Company	(218) 995-2900

**LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS
REGISTERED WITH THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
(As of April 12, 2000)**

ILEC (ETC) - Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
CLEC - Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
F - Facilities Based

R - Reseller
STS - Shared Tenant Service
ETC - Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc. Absaraka, ND 701/896-3404	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Accent Communications, Inc. Groton SD 605-397-2315	ILEC	(F) 9-10-97 (ETC) 12-17-97
BEK Communications Cooperative Steele, ND 701/475-2361	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
BEK Communications I, Inc. Steele, ND 701/4752361	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Consolidated Telcom, Inc. Dickinson ND 701/225-6061	ILEC	(F) 2-10-99 (ETC) 12-17-97
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative Dickinson, ND 701/225-6061	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dakota Central Communications Cooperative Carrington, ND 701/652-3184	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. Carrington, ND 701/652-3184	ILEC	(ETC) 12-17-97
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Ellendale ND 701/349-3687	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. Ellendale ND 701/349-3687	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
GTE Service Corporation St Paul MN 651-224-3546	ILEC	(F)
Griggs County Telephone Co Cooperstown, ND 701/797-3301	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
Halstad Telephone Company Halstad, MN 218/456-2125	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Inter-Community Telephone Company Nome ND 701/924-8815	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Inter-Community Telephone Company II Nome ND 701/924-8815	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Loretel Systems, Inc. Ada MN 218/784-7171	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Circle MT 406/485-3301	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Midstate Communications Incorporated Stanley ND 701/628-2522	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Midstate Telephone Company Stanley, ND 701/628-2522	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Moore and Liberty Telephone Company Enderlin ND 701/437-3300	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Scobey MT 406/783-5654	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Noonan Farmers Telephone Company Noonan ND 701/925-5713	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
North Dakota Telephone Company Devils Lake ND 701/662-1700	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association Ray ND 701/568-3331	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation Park River ND 701/284-7221	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Polar Telecommunications, Inc. Park River ND 701/284-7221	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
RC Communications, Inc. New Effington SD 605-637-5212; 888-668-0877	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
Red River Rural Telephone Association Abercrombie, ND 701/553-8309	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Red River Telecom, Inc. Abercrombie, ND 701/553-8309	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Reservation Telephone Cooperative Parshall, ND 701/862-3115	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota New Effington, SD 605/637-5211	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
SRT Communications, Inc. Minot ND 701/858-5231	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative Minot ND 701/852-1151	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. Bison SD 57620	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. Langdon, ND 701/256-5156	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
U S WEST Communications, Inc. Bismarck, ND 701/222-6952	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation Langdon, ND 701/256-5156	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Venture Communications, Inc. Highmore SD 605-852-2224; 1-800-824-7282	ILEC (ETC) CLEC (F)	(F) 2-17-99 (ETC) 12-17-97
West River Communications, Inc Hazen ND 701/748-2211	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
West River Telecommunications Cooperative Hazen ND 701/748-2211	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Wolverton Telephone Company Wolverton, MN 218/995-2900	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
1-800-RECONEX, INC. Hubbard OR 503-982-5572	CLEC	(R) 3-15-00
@link Networks, Inc. Waukesha WI	CLEC	(F) 9-22-99
AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Minneapolis MN 612/376-6766, FAX 612-376-6769	CLEC	(R) 3-20-96 (F) 9-25-96
Adelphia Business Solutions Operations, Inc. Coudersport PA 814-274-9863	CLEC	(R) 4-12-00
Altru Health System Grand Forks ND 701-780-5000	CLEC	(R) 7-28-99
AmeriTel Pay Phones, Inc. Lee's Summit MO 816/525-4151; 800-779-2112	CLEC	(R) 2-8-95
ATLAS COMMUNICATIONS, LTD. Blue Bell PA 610-940-9040	CLEC	(R) 4-2-97
AUTOMATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. Corporate Name: NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Wilsonville OR 503-570-8140	CLEC	(R) 9-25-96
Bethany Management Services, Inc. d/b/a Bethany Communication Services Fargo, ND 701/239-3000	CLEC	(STS) 3-17-89
CI2, Inc. Atlanta GA 770-425-2267; 888-657-3278	CLEC	(R) 10-20-99
Choctaw Communications, Inc. Houston TX 713-779-0692	CLEC	(R) 9-8-99
Concert Communications Sales LLC Reston VA 703-707-4000	CLEC	(R) 5-12-99
Connect!LD, Inc. Little Rock AR 501-401-7700; 877-200-5022	CLEC	(R) 12-1-99
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. Dickinson ND 701/225-6061	CLEC	(R) 2-19-97 (F) 5-28-97/1-26-00
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative Dickinson, ND 701/225-6061	CLEC	(F) 12-31-96

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
DCN, LLC	CLEC	(F) 3-15-00
DSLnet Communications, LLC New Haven CT 203-772-1000	CLEC	(R) 7-28-99
EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, INC. Richfield OH 330-659-6700; 800-222-8122	CLEC	(R) 8-6-98
Eclipse Communications Corporation Issaquah WA 425-313-5200	CLEC	(F) 10-22-97
Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Dallas, TX 214/863-8700, 800-875-9235, FAX 214-863-8721	CLEC	(R) 6-26-96
FIRSTEL, INC. Dallas TX 972-392-4601; FAX 972-392-0654	CLEC	(R) 6-11-96
Framco, Inc. Fargo ND 701-581-0254	CLEC	(R) 5-5-98 (F) 8-6-98
GE CAPITAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES CORPORATION Atlanta GA 770-644-7774	CLEC	(R) 7-16-97
GROUP LONG DISTANCE, INC. Ft Lauderdale FL 954-771-9696	CLEC	(R) 9-25-97
HTC Services, Inc. Halstad MN 218-456-2125	CLEC	(F) 2-23-00
HJN Telecom, Inc. Duluth GA 770-291-2121; 800-345-2214	CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
ICG Telecom Group, Inc. Englewood CO 303-414-5000	CLEC	(R) 8-19-98
IdeaOne Telecom Group LLC Kindred ND	CLEC	(F) 1-27-99
InfoTelCom, LLC Corporate Name InfoTel Communications, LLC Baxter MN 218/825-7880	CLEC	(R) 3-19-97 (F) 2-24-98
Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc. Baxter MN 612-447-2000; 800-820-7880	CLEC	(R) 12-1-99 (F) 1-26-00
JATO Operating Two Corp. Denver CO	CLEC	(F) 11-17-99

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
LCI International Telecom Corp. McLean VA 703-610-4836; 800-860-2255	CLEC	(R) 6-25-97
LDM SYSTEMS INC. New City NY 800-547-0090	CLEC	(R) 10-22-97
Level 3 Communications, LLC Louisville CO 303-926-3000; 402-342-2052	CLEC	(R) 4-14-99
MCI Worldcom Communications, Inc. Clinton MS 800-444-3333; 601-460-8600	CLEC	(R) 9-22-99
MVX.Com Communications, Inc. Novato, CA 415-893-7180	CLEC	(R) 10-20-99
MVX Communications, LLC Novato CA 415-893-7180	CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC Vienna VA 703/918-6000	CLEC	(R) 8-6-98
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Cedar Rapids IA 319/364-0000; FAX 319/298-7901	CLEC	(R) 2-12-97
Maxcess, Inc., 407-513-7700; 888-609-9399	CLEC	(R) 3-29-00
Midcontinent Communications Corporate Name: Midco Communications, Inc. Sioux Falls SD 605-334-1200	CLEC	(R) 6-17-98 (F) 8-11-99
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Circle MT 406-485-3301	CLEC	(R) 1-27-99 (F) 4-14-99
Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation Plymouth MN 612/542-4100	CLEC	(F) 3-24-92
Nentel, Inc. Corporate Name: Northwest Communications, Inc. Wilsonville OR 503/570-8140, FAX 503-570-8119	CLEC	(R) 1-29-97
NET-tel Corporation Washington D C 202-295-6600	CLEC	(R) 5-26-99
New Edge Network Inc. Vancouver WA 360-693-9009	CLEC	(R) 2-9-00 (F) 3-29-00
Nextel West Corp. Reston VA 703-394-3000	CLEC	(R) 8-27-97

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PAMCOMM Sioux Falls SD 605-336-1788	CLEC	(R) 8-13-97
Pathnet, Inc. Washington D C 202-625-7284	CLEC	(R) 2-23-00 (F) 3-29-00
Polar Telcom, Inc. Park River ND 701-284-7221; FAX 701-284-7277	CLEC	(R) 3-25-98 (ETC)
PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC. Irving TX 214/753-1378, FAX 214/756-6015	CLEC	(R) 4-30-96
Quintelco, Inc. Pearl River NY 914-620-1212	CLEC	(R) 7-16-97
Security Telecom Corporation Grand Prairie TX 972-606-1168	CLEC	(R) 2-24-93
Skyland Technologies, Inc. Helena MT 406-443-1940	CLEC	(F) 5-5-98 (R) 5-20-98
Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative Minot ND 701/852-1151	CLEC	(F)
Sprint Communications Company L. P. d/b/a US Sprint Communications Limited Partnership Kansas City MO 913/624-4222	CLEC	(R, F) 7-21-92
T-Netix, Inc. Englewood CO 303-790-9111	CLEC	(R) 6-25-97
Talk.com Holding Corp. New Hope PA 215-862-1803	CLEC	(R) 9-8-99
TARGET TELECOM INCORPORATED Wayne NJ 201/256-1600	CLEC	(R) 4-26-95
Telco Holdings, Inc. Chantilly VA 703-633-2634; 703-802-5373	CLEC	(R) 8-6-98
Touch America, Inc. Butte MT 406-496-5100	CLEC	(R) 4-12-00
U.S. Link, Inc. Pequot Lakes MN 218-568-4000	CLEC	(F) 2-24-98 (R) 4-8-98
U S WEST Interprise America, Inc. Denver CO 303/293-6326	CLEC	(R) 3-5-97
Universal Access, Inc. Chicago IL 312-660-5000	CLEC	(R) 1-12-00

Name of Company	Type of Service	Date Registered
University of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND 701/777-3756	CLEC	(STS)
VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. d/b/a 702 Communications Perham MN 218-346-8555	CLEC	(F) 8-11-99 & 1-26-00 (R) 4-12-00
Valley Communications, Inc. Nome ND 701-924-8815	CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
VoCall Communications Corp Mountainside NJ 908-301-0090	CLEC	(R) 12-31-97
Voice Telephone Company Westlake Village CA 805/449-2080, FAX 805/449-2081	CLEC	(R) 9-11-96
WorldCom Technologies, Inc. Jackson MS 601-360-8600	CLEC	(R) 8-27-97
Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Tampa FL 813-273-6261	CLEC	(R) 4-14-99

EXHIBIT III

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Daktel Communications, LLC expects to begin operations in North Dakota upon receipt of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Daktel Communications has begun reviewing various interconnection agreements currently in place with US West Communications. More than likely, Daktel Communications will elect to opt under one of the current interconnection agreements in the very near future.

Current Funding

Daktel Communications, LLC is a 100% owned subsidiary of Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative located in Carrington, ND. The Cooperative will make the equity contributions to Daktel Communications, LLC as necessary for its operations.

Long Term Financing

Debt Financing will be sought from either CoBank, Rural Finance Corporation or Rural Utility Services. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative has an established long-term relationship with both CoBank and Rural Utility Services. The Cooperative is also a member of Rural Telephone Finance Corporation. The timing and amounts financed will depend on the network requirements as a result of market demand and success in penetrating the market.

**NORTH DAKOTA 521 DAKOTA
 DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,515,713	\$ 4,101,526
Telecommunications accounts receivable, (less accumulated provision for uncollectibles, 1999 - \$5,734; 1998 - \$5,635)	217,081	212,740
Other accounts receivable, (less accumulated provision for uncollectibles, \$16 both years)	1,153,795	856,057
Interest receivable	12,039	10,827
Materials and supplies	122,255	138,114
Prepayments	150,050	44,279
	<u>6,170,933</u>	<u>5,363,543</u>
Total current assets		
INVESTMENTS AND NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Investment in affiliated companies	4,347,259	2,494,580
Nonregulated investments		
Central Dakota TV plant - net	323,169	396,357
Customer premise equipment - net	165,257	135,184
Other nonregulated assets	147,965	165,147
Investment in marketable securities	368,554	330,242
Other investments	409,556	445,169
Deferred charges	21,213	36,187
	<u>5,782,973</u>	<u>4,002,866</u>
Total investments and noncurrent assets		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT		
In service	26,008,744	24,981,774
Plant adjustment	1,885,339	1,885,339
Goodwill	887,263	887,263
Under construction	4,071,925	107,402
	<u>32,853,271</u>	<u>27,861,778</u>
Total investment in plant		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	15,863,675	14,014,152
	<u>16,989,596</u>	<u>13,847,626</u>
Net telecommunications plant	<u>\$ 28,943,502</u>	<u>\$ 23,214,035</u>

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	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 964,950	\$ 913,000
Current maturities of post-retirement obligation	600	600
Accounts payable	3,352,440	345,928
Advance billings and payments	22,623	12,931
Customer deposits	24,390	26,029
Other tax accrued	86,040	84,809
Other current and accrued liabilities	181,146	192,822
Total current liabilities	<u>4,632,189</u>	<u>1,576,119</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT, NET OF CURRENT MATURITIES	<u>14,727,175</u>	<u>14,930,553</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Deferred income taxes	450,383	324,142
Accumulated provision for pension and benefits, net of current maturities	14,023	12,399
Total deferred credits	<u>464,406</u>	<u>336,541</u>
EQUITIES		
Patronage capital	5,270,617	4,770,741
Retained earnings of subsidiaries	1,192,546	598,976
Other equities	2,518,146	862,682
Accumulated other comprehensive income	138,423	138,423
Total equities	<u>9,119,732</u>	<u>6,370,822</u>
	<u>\$ 28,943,502</u>	<u>\$ 23,214,035</u>

**NORTH DAKOTA 521 DAKOTA
 DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

	1999	1998
OPERATING REVENUES		
Local network services	\$ 1,251,414	\$ 1,197,553
Network access services	4,791,504	4,530,157
Long distance network services	37,674	42,501
Billing and collection	160,295	162,822
MCI lease revenue	103,488	103,488
Cellular Inc., lease revenue	25,573	73,691
Miscellaneous	305,166	273,987
Less uncollectible revenue	<u>(3,820)</u>	<u>(2,400)</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>6,671,294</u>	<u>6,381,799</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Plant specific operations	1,191,603	1,096,592
Plant nonspecific operations	219,152	213,809
Depreciation	1,775,579	1,793,211
Customer operations	458,787	501,848
Corporate operations	969,610	958,343
Operating income taxes	106,862	144,301
Operating taxes - other	<u>34,157</u>	<u>32,549</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,755,750</u>	<u>4,740,653</u>
OPERATING MARGIN	<u>1,915,544</u>	<u>1,641,146</u>
NONOPERATING INCOME (CHARGES)		
Dividend income	24,375	6,458
Allowance for funds used during construction	19,437	36,920
Interest income	204,487	203,683
Nonoperating income tax refund (provision)	7,057	(48,660)
Gain on sale of investments	11,806	193,066
Special charges	(20,436)	(22,336)
Amortization of plant adjustment	(125,689)	(125,689)
Amortization of goodwill	(59,151)	(59,151)
Income (loss) from affiliates		
Central Dakota TV as a subsidiary	(16,641)	(29,708)
DCN LLC	(182,635)	(122,383)
DCN Building LLC	8,446	10,682
North Dakota Long Distance LLC	80,002	(24,554)
North Dakota Telecom LLC	(192,517)	(16,519)
The Phone Company (TPC)	376,464	
Income from nonregulated investments	<u>207,520</u>	<u>97,946</u>
Total nonoperating margins	<u>342,525</u>	<u>99,755</u>
MARGINS BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE	<u>2,258,069</u>	<u>1,740,901</u>
INTEREST EXPENSE	<u>827,860</u>	<u>846,951</u>
NET MARGINS	<u>\$ 1,430,209</u>	<u>\$ 893,950</u>

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EXHIBIT IV

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Robert A. Hill, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Robert A. Hill is Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative. Robert is responsible for all of Dakota Central's design, development, and bringing to market new technology that our members are demanding; for example, Internet, DSL, Wireless TV and Long Distance services.

Robert has thirty-five years of experience in the telecommunications industry in engineering, designing and developing procedures in the maintenance and operation of an Independent Telephone Company. Robert has been involved with all aspects of the system from maintenance to the development of a fiber network with digital switching technology for the entire Dakota Central system. Robert also is involved with the engineering and deployment of a wireless TV system for the rural area and building an outstanding Internet Service Provider and deploying these businesses in different communities throughout our surrounding area.

Robert joined Dakota Central Telecommunications in 1965 as a combination technician. He was named Plant Manager in 1980 and was promoted to CEO/General Manager in 1989. Robert also oversees the development of rate structures and tariff filings, and ensures that all company financial operations comply with FCC, RUS, NECA, and other federal/state requirements. He also evaluates new business opportunities and recommends new services. Robert is highly supportive and uses the strategic planning session to help develop projects that will help build Dakota Central's technology and to help build and design the engineering process.

Robert was involved with the purchase of GTE and US West exchanges to provide a stronger customer base for Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative. He is a member of various boards, including RICA, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Information Technology Council of North Dakota and Information Technology in Carrington. He participated in the founding of Dakota Carrier Network in 1998 which operates a 100-percent fiber optic communications network linking all regions of the state, including all of the major population centers. Robert participated in forming a long distance service called North Dakota Long Distance in 1996 and served on the board of directors and was promoted President in 1998. In 1998, Robert participated in the founding of IdeaOne to offer telecommunication service in the Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding communities. Robert was elected to participate on the North Dakota Telephone Association board and he was promoted to Vice President of the association in January of 2000.

Keith A. Larson, Chief Financial Officer

Keith has over 20 years experience in the telecommunications industry. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative has employed him since 1979. During his employment, he has served as the Office Manager and the Chief Financial Officer of the Cooperative. In addition, North Dakota Telephone Company has contracted him since 1994 as their Accounting Manager and most recently as their Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Larson has been involved in the creation, implementation and operation of a number of subsidiaries of the Cooperative including Central Dakota TV, a wireless and Cable TV company and Dakota Central Telecom I, a subsidiary used to purchase telephone property from US West.

Keith Larson, Chief Financial Officer (Cont'd)

He also was a key member of the team creating, implementing and operating joint ventures of the Cooperative including, North Dakota Long Distance, a long distance reseller; ND Telcom, a company formed to provide special access provisioning services to the TPC group of companies and IdeaOne Telecom Group, a CLEC based in Fargo, ND. He has provided financial analysis, budgeting, strategic planning and rate-making expertise to these groups.

Mr. Larson graduated Cum Laude from the University of North Dakota in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and was licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in 1985.

Doug Smith, Construction Supervisor

Doug has over fifteen years of telecommunications experience and ten years in the cable television operations for Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative. He is a graduate from Wadena Vocational Technical Institute of Minnesota. Doug is also a board member for the Apprenticeship, Training, and Safety program for the state of North Dakota. He has been responsible for a variety of projects, such as system engineering and designing projects as they relate to the telephone industry.

John Cunningham, Network Foreman

John has worked in the computer and telecommunications industry for the past 7 years. In 1993, he graduated from Wadena Northwest Technical College with an Electronics Technician Degree. He then worked for EMD Technologies, a subcontractor for IBM, building hard drive units. In 1994, John joined the Dakota Central team where he gained a solid background in wireless microwave TV, telecommunications and internetworking.

Currently as Network Foreman at Dakota Central Telecom, he oversees Central Office and Internet projects. On the telecommunications side, John works with fiber optic equipment, special circuits, and wireless TV gear. On the Internet side, John works with Cisco routers, DSL, high speed wireless, and a host of other related equipment.

