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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
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PU-1680-01-198

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience & Nece  
Filed 4/23/2001

Closed 7/13/2001

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## DESCRIPTION

PU-1680-01-198

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

John Beece  
 John Stamulakis  
 6315 Seabrook Rd  
 Seabrook Md 20706

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

PS Form 3811, July 1999

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-00-M-0952

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

7/20/99

C. Signature

X *J. Rhoads*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type

Certified Mail  Express Mail

Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise

Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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 John Stamulakis  
 6315 Seabrook Rd  
 Seabrook Md 20706

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Domestic Return Receipt

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

6-26-01

C. Signature

X *Jerrett Rhoads*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type

Certified Mail  Express Mail

Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise

Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

John Becci  
 John Staurulakis  
 6315 Seabrook Rd  
 Seabrook Md 20706

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7000 0520 0022 8655 4992

PS Form 3811, July 1999

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-00-M-0952

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly)

B. Date of Delivery  
7-25-01

C. Signature

X *Garnette Rhoads*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail  Express Mail
- Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise
- Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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John Becci  
 John Staurulakis  
 6315 Seabrook Rd  
 Seabrook Md 20706

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7000 0520 0022 8655 3971

PS Form 3811, July 1999

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-99-M-1789

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

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B. Date of Delivery  
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C. Signature

X *Garnette Rhoads*  Agent  Addressee

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If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

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- Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise
- Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-1680-01-198

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **26th day of July, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Corrected Order**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

John Becci  
John Staurulakis  
6315 Seabrook Rd  
Seabrook MD 20706  
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 3537

Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **26th day of July, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Jerome Tishmack  
BEK Communications I Inc  
P O Box 230  
Steele ND 58482-0230

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **26th day of July, 2001**.

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*Sharon Helbling*  
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*Jandra L. Scott*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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Affidavit of Service

by Public Service Commission

07/26/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry



# Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

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July 26, 2001

John Becci  
John Staurulakis  
6315 Seabrook Rd  
Seabrook MD 20706

Dear Mr. Becci:

On July 22, 2001, the Commission issued an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Nos. 4718 through 4744 to BEK Communications I Inc. to provide interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, and to provide local exchange telecommunications services in all exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation in North Dakota, Case No. PU-1680-01-198.

Recently we discovered the Order issued at that time was incorrect and did not order certificates be issued. On July 25, 2001, the Commission issued a Corrected Order, and issued the certificates as noted in the Corrected Order. Those new certificates are enclosed. Please destroy the certificates previously mailed to you.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Helbling".

Sharon Helbling  
Public Utilities Division

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Enclosure

**APPROVED**

**MOTION**

DATE: 7-25-01  
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**July 25, 2001**

**BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

I move the Commission rescind its Motion passed July 11, 2001 in this proceeding, adopt the Corrected Order and issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to BEK Communications I Inc. to provide facilities-based local exchange services in all exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation and facilities-based interexchange services throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-1680-01-198.

JRL/sdh

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7-25-01 Motion

by Public Service Commission

07/25/2001

CC: Comm Legal Illona Jerry.

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

**CORRECTED ORDER**

**July 25, 2001**

On April 23, 2001, BEK Communications I Inc. (BEK I) filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by Qwest Corporation, and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

On May 9, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until June 12, 2001 for receiving comments or hearing requests. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The Notice indicated the following issues to be considered in this matter:

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 20, 2001, the Public Service Commission's Director of Accounting filed a memorandum indicating that BEK I has the financial ability to provide telecommunications service. The application was discussed at the Commission's informal hearing on June 27, 2001.

On July 11, 2001, the Commission passed a motion to adopt an Order intended to grant BEK I's application. However, a clerical error resulted in the adoption of a document that was not such an Order. Therefore, the Commission rescinds its July 11<sup>th</sup> motion and will issue the certificates with this Order.

BEK I is a North Dakota Corporation with headquarters in Steele, ND. BEK I plans to become operational in August, 2001. BEK I will contract with BEK Communications Cooperative (BEK) for manpower requirements and has provided biographical information indicating that BEK management and key personnel have extensive telecommunications operational experience and technical expertise. The


Commission finds BEK I is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service.


BEK intends to provide a full range of switched and non-switched local and interexchange services, including flat rated and measured local services, vertical services, Direct Inward and Outward Dialed trunks, carrier access, centrex or centrex like services, DSL, ISDN, frame-relay, 911, directory assistance and other ancillary services. The Commission finds BEK I's proposed service adequate.

### Order

The Commission Orders the application of BEK Communications I, Inc. for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange services in all exchanges currently served by Qwest and interexchange services throughout North Dakota is GRANTED.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Anthony T. Clark  
Commissioner

  
Susan E. Wefald  
President

  
Leo M. Reinbold  
Commissioner

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4718

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide interexchange (toll) telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4719


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Belfield, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4720


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Bismarck, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4721

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Casselton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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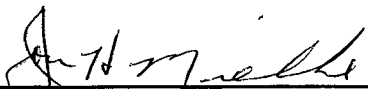
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Dickinson, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4723


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Emerado, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

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## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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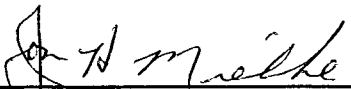
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Fargo, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4725

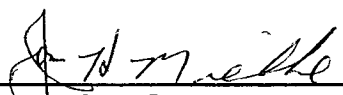
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Gardner, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4726

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grafton, North Dakota local exchange area.*


*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4727


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grand Forks, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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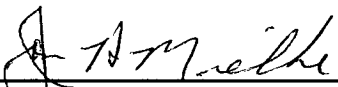
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Hatton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4729


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Hillsboro, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4730

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Jamestown, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4731

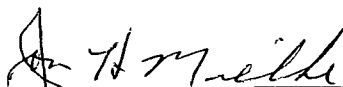
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Kindred, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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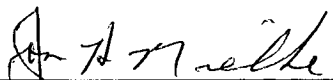
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Larimore, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4733


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Leonard, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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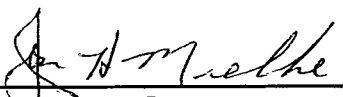
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mandan, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4735


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Marvel, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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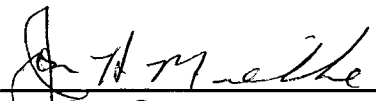
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mayville, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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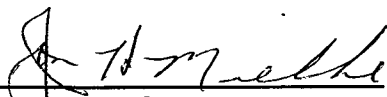
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Minto, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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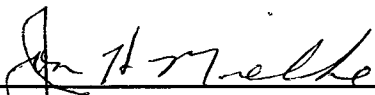
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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4739

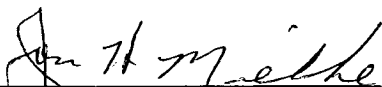
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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4740

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Thompson, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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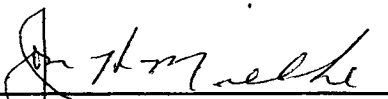
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Valley City, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4742

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Wahpeton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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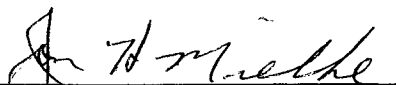
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the rural territory near Sidney, Montana, part of the Sidney local exchange area, but located in North Dakota and served from the Sidney, Montana local central office.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4744

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the suburban territory near Fairview, Montana, part of the Fairview local exchange area, but located in North Dakota and served from the Fairview, Montana local central office.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 25, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-1680-01-198

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **12th day of July, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Order**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

John Becci  
John Staurulakis  
6315 Seabrook Rd  
Seabrook MD 20706  
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 4992**

Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **12th day of July, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Jerome Tishmack  
BEK Communications I Inc  
P O Box 230  
Steele ND 58482-0230

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **12th day of July, 2001**.

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*Sharon Helbling*  
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*Sandra L. Scott*  
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Notary Public



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July 12, 2001

John Becci  
John Staurulakis  
6315 Seabrook Rd  
Seabrook MD 20706

Dear Mr. Becci:

On July 11, 2001, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Nos. 4718 through 4744 to BEK Communications I Inc. to provide interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, and to provide local exchange telecommunications services in all exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation in North Dakota, Case No. PU-1680-01-198. The original certificates are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Sharon Helbling  
Public Utilities Division

sdh

Enclosure

**APPROVED**

**MOTION**

DATE: 7-11-01  
KMF

**July 11, 2001**

**BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to BEK Communications I Inc. to provide interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all North Dakota exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation, Case No. PU-1680-01-198.

JRL/sdh

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-1680-01-198

ORDER

July 11, 2001

On April 23, 2001, BEK Communications I Inc. filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by Qwest Corporation, and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.


The issues to be considered in this matter are:

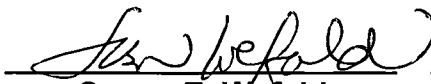
1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on this application 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 **June 12, 2000**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without hearing.

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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President

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Leo M. Reinbold  
Commissioner

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4718

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide interexchange (toll) telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota.*

*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-1680-01-198 and is conditioned upon BEK Communications I Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Executive Secretary

  
Commissioner

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4719

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Belfield, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4720

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Bismarck, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4721

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Casselton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4722

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Dickinson, North Dakota local exchange area.*

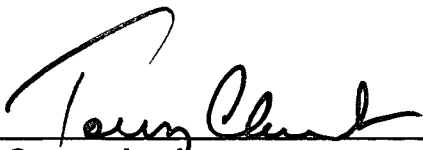
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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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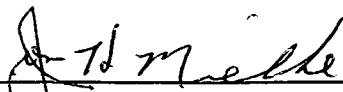
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Emerado, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4724


*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Fargo, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

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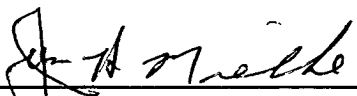
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Gardner, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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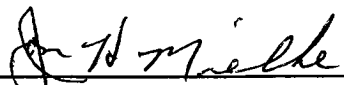
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grafton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4727

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grand Forks, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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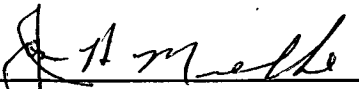
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Hatton, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

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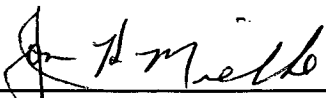
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Hillsboro, North Dakota local exchange area.*


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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4730

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Jamestown, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4731

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Kindred, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4732

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Larimore, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

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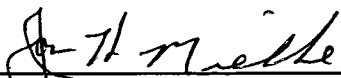
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Leonard, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4734

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mandan, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4735

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Manvel, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4736

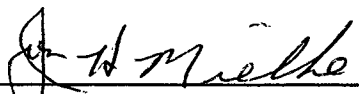
*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mayville, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4737

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for BEK Communications I Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Minto, North Dakota local exchange area.*

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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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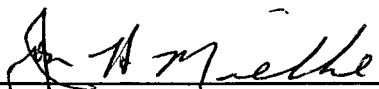
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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Executive Secretary

  
Commissioner

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4739

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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

### Certificate Number 4740

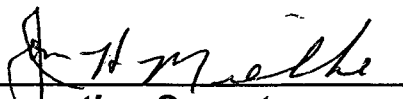
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*Bismarck, North Dakota, July 11, 2001.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Executive Secretary

  
Commissioner

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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## Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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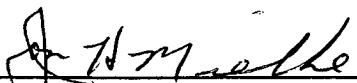
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**ATTEST:**

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**Scott, Sandi L.**

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**From:** Bauske, Shelly A.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2001 2:02 PM  
**To:** Scott, Sandi L.  
**Subject:** FW: Money Received.....

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**From:** Geiger, Gloria A.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2001 1:52 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Money Received.....

All apply backs

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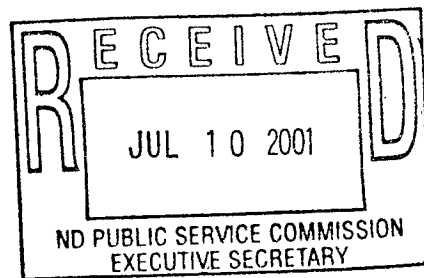


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phone: 301-459-7590, fax: 301-577-5575  
internet: www.jsitel.com, e-mail: jsitel@jsitel.com

July 9, 2001

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Jon H. Mielke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismark, North Dakota 58505-0480



RE: Case No. PU-1680-01-198

Dear Mr. Mielke:

On behalf of BEK Communications I Inc., please find enclosed an original and six (6) copies of the Affidavit of BEK I Inc. to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Service in North Dakota.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-459-7590.

Sincerely,

John Becci  
Manager – Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Jerome Tishmack, BEK Communications I Inc.

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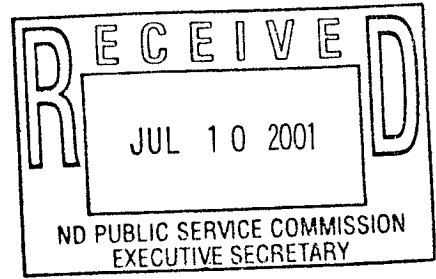
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Affidavit of BEK Communications I Inc.

by BEK Communications I Inc.

07/10/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry



**Before the  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480**

In re Application of	)	
	)	
<b>BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.</b>	)	<b>Case No. PU-1680-01-198</b>
	)	
For authorization to provide	)	
Competitive Local Exchange Service	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC. TO PROVIDE  
COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

The applicant, BEK Communications I Inc. ("BEK I"), does hereby represent and show the Commission as follows:

1. On April 20, 2001, BEK I filed an application for certification to provide competitive local exchange (CLEC) service in North Dakota with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

2. On June 27, 2001, BEK I participated in an informal hearing with the North Dakota Public Service Commission about BEK I's application for certification to provide competitive local exchange service in North Dakota. In attendance at the hearing were the North Dakota Public Service Commissioners: Susan Wefald (President), Leo Reinbold, and Tony Clark. Jerry Lien, Public Utility Analyst, of the North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff was also in attendance. In addition, Jerome Tishmack of BEK I, the entire BEK I Board of Directors and John Becci from John Staurulakis, Inc. representing BEK I were joined into the informal hearing via conference call.

3. BEK I is a financially stable company as evidenced by Mike Diller's (North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff) June 20, 2001 memo to John Mielke (North Dakota Public Service Commission Executive Secretary). Please refer to Exhibit I for a copy of Mike Diller's June 20, 2001 memo.

4. BEK I has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide the indicated services. BEK I will contract with BEK Communications Cooperative ("BEK") for manpower requirements to operate the CLEC operation on a day to day basis for maintenance purposes, for marketing purposes, for operational purposes, for accounting purposes and overall management services.

BEK has been in operation for 49 years. BEK has a highly trained group of employees that would be available to assist BEK I. BEK has a total of 45 employees available to perform the various tasks and operations necessary to operate a telecommunications company. BEK is structured with three distinct departments: a plant department, a business department and a financial department. The General Manager of BEK oversees all of these departments

Jerome Tishmack is the General Manager of BEK. The Cooperative serves about 7,200 lines (18 exchanges) in rural Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, Logan, McLean and McIntosh Counties. Mr. Tishmack manages the provisioning of telephone service to customers in a six county area. He is also responsible for providing dial up and high speed Internet service, ATM service and contract management for the construction of outside plant and central office equipment.

Mr. Tishmack began working at BEK in May of 1966 as an accountant. In 1974 he was promoted to office Manager and in November of 1978, the Board of Directors selected him as the General Manager of BEK.

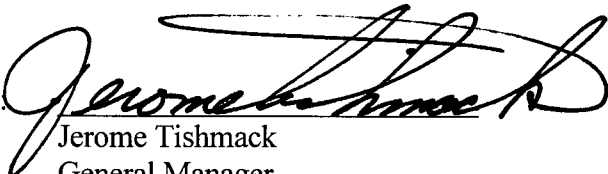
The BEK Plant Manager is Chad Olson. He has served in this capacity 14 years and has 25 employees reporting to him. His department is responsible for outside plant operations, cable burial operations, installation of wiring in homes and business places, and also the installation and operation of central office equipment in the various dial offices throughout the service area.

Roxi Pflieger manages the BEK Business Department. She has served in the position three years and has seven (7) employees reporting to her. Her department responsibility consists of interacting with the public in all facets of operation. Telephone service requests, special telecommunications add on services, Internet services, video services, high-speed data, and circuitry requirements fall under her responsibility.

Dean Priebe manages the BEK Financial Department. He has served in that capacity 11 years and has eight (8) employees reporting to him. The Financial Department's responsibility includes all customer billings for requested services, all the accounting necessary to maintain records as required by the Federal Communications Commission, and the State of North Dakota. The Financial Department is also responsible for the accumulation and allocation of expenses by department and activity.

All three departments would be well qualified to serve the various needs of BEK I's operation.

I, Jerome Tishmack, certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

By:   
Jerome Tishmack  
General Manager  
BEK Communications I, Inc.  
200 East Broadway  
Steele, North Dakota 58482

Dated this 3rd of July, 2001.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3 day of July, 2001.

Thomas Steinolfson My Commission Expires  
(NOTARY PUBLIC) 1-15-2005



***EXHIBIT I***

Mike Diller's June 20, 2001 Memo to John Mielke



Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota

EXHIBIT I

COMMISSIONERS

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Memo

**To:** Jon Mielke  
**From:** Mike Diller *Mike Diller*  
**Date:** June 20, 2001  
**Re:** **BEK Communications 1, Inc.**  
**Local Exchange/Interexchange PC&N**  
**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

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

I see no reason to deny the applicant's request.

In accordance with the Commission's wishes, I have served this document on the applicant.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
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Case No. PU-1680-01-198

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Sharon Helbling** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **21st day of June, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**PSC Staff Financial Analysis**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

John Becci  
John Staurulakis  
6315 Seabrook Rd  
Seabrook MD 20706  
**Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 2837**

**Sharon Helbling** further deposes and says that on the **21st day of June, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Jerome Tishmack  
BEK Communications I Inc  
P O Box 230  
Steele ND 58482-0230

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **21st day of June, 2001**.

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Notary Public

SEAL

## INFORMAL AGENDA

June 27, 2001

PU-401-01-237

Otter Tail Power Company  
Outdoor Lighting Tariff Amendment  
Approval

PU-1680-01-198

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity

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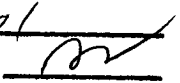
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**APPROVED**

DATE: 6/27/01 

MOTION

June 27, 2001

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
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Case No. PU-1680-01-198

I move the Commission bill BEK Communications I Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-1680-01-198, BEK Communications I Inc., Local Exchange/Interexchange, Public Convenience & Necessity.



# Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

## COMMISSIONERS

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RE: Case No. PU-1680-01-198  
BEK Communications I Inc.  
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the June 27, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-1680-01-198.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria Geiger".

Gloria Geiger  
Admin Staff Officer  
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Jerome Tishmack  
BEK Communications I Inc  
PO Box 230  
Steele ND 58482-0230

## **Billing Statement**

**June 27, 2001**

BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-1680-01-198

### **Expenses Incurred to Date:**

Advertising Costs	\$258.13
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### **Amount Due:**

BEK Communications I Inc.	\$258.13
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### **Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:**

Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

**Federal Tax ID 45-0309764**

## ***PLEASE NOTE***

In order for the Commission to close its books at the end of the biennium, **WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 16, 2001.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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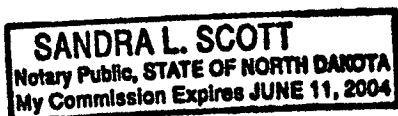
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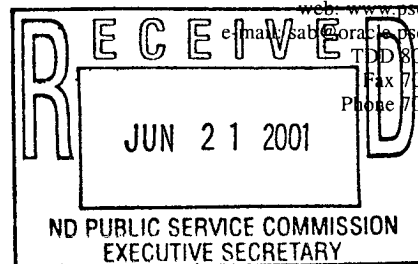
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JON H. MIELKE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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JUN - 5 2001

NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 01053PP2

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Dickinson Press	BEK Comm H 05/16/2001	50.00 SPR2	0.52	26.00
Fargo, The Forum	BEK Comm H 05/21/2001	37.00 SPR2	0.73	27.01
Grand Forks Herald	BEK Comm H 05/16/2001	45.00 SPR2	0.61	27.45
Jamestown Sun	BEK Comm H 05/15/2001	51.00 SPR2	0.50	25.50
Minot Daily News	BEK Comm H 05/16/2001	53.00 SPR2	0.42	22.26
Valley City Times-Record	BEK Comm H 05/16/2001	50.00 SPR2	0.52	26.00
Wahpeton Daily News	BEK Comm H 05/17/2001	50.00 SPR2	0.52	26.00
Williston Herald	BEK Comm H 05/16/2001	47.00 SPR2	0.54	25.38
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*** TOTAL DUE				258.13

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Affidavit of Publication

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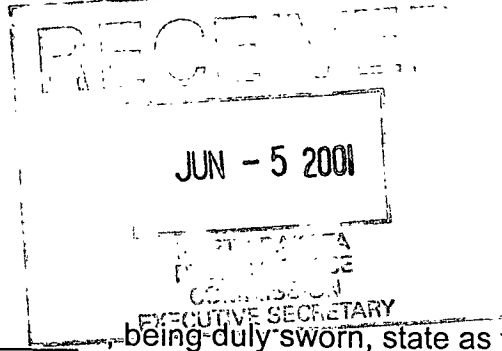
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Total unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Please pay from this invoice - No statement will be sent. Return duplicate with remittance to North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

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County of Burleigh )



Laurie Thiel

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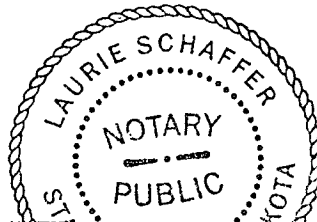
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2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:  
BEIC Comm. Hearing , 1 time(s)  
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer

LAURIE SCHAFFER  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires DEC. 1, 2005



Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing  
May 9, 2001

Case No. PU-1680-01-198

Bismarck	5-16
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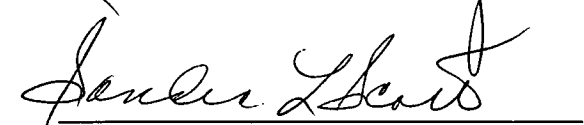
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Case No. PU-1680-01-198

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she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **10th day of May, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of:

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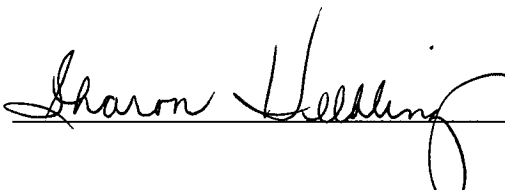
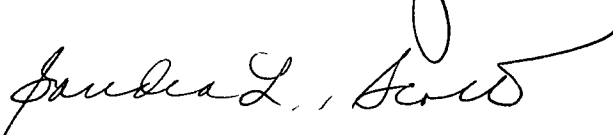
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2001 8:45 AM  
**To:** ndna (E-mail)  
**Subject:** Attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

Colleen,

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, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Please send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 328-4076.

Thank you.

Sharon Helbling  
Public Utilities Division



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DATE: 5-9-01  
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**May 9, 2001**

**BEK Communications I, Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in BEK Communications I, Inc.'s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-1680-01-198.

JRL/sdh

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BEK Communications I Inc.  
Local Exchange/Interexchange  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-1680-01-198**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**May 9, 2001**

On April 23, 2001, BEK Communications I Inc. filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by Qwest Corporation, and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.


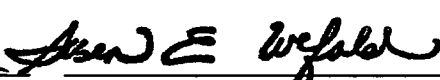

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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 this application 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 **June 12, 2000**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without hearing.

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.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

 <b>Anthony T. Clark</b> Commissioner	 <b>Susan E. Wefald</b> President	 <b>Leo M. Reinbold</b> Commissioner
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6315 Seabrook Road, Seabrook, Maryland 20706  
phone: 301-459-7590, fax: 301-577-5575  
internet: www.jsitel.com, e-mail: jsi@jsitel.com

April 20, 2001

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Jon H. Mielke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismark, North Dakota 58505-0480



Dear Mr. Mielke:

On behalf of BEK Communications I Inc., please find enclosed an original and six (6) copies of an application for certification to provide competitive local exchange service in North Dakota.

The required tariff for CLEC local exchange service will be submitted prior to the start of business which is anticipated in August, 2001.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-459-7590.

Sincerely,

John Becci  
Manager – Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Jerome Tishmack, BEK Communications I Inc.



**Before the  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480**

In re Application of )  
 )  
**BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.** )  
 )  
For authorization to provide )  
Competitive Local Exchange Service )

The applicant, BEK Communications I Inc. ("BEK I"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota with its principal place of business at 200 East Broadway, Steele, North Dakota, does hereby represent and show the Commission as follows:

1. BEK Communications I Inc. was organized as a North Dakota corporation to engage in the business of offering local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in the State of North Dakota.
2. By this application, BEK I requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services at all locations throughout the State of North Dakota that are currently served by Qwest.

3. The following exhibits are attached to this application and incorporated herein by this reference:

Exhibit 1: Certificate of Good Standing

Exhibit 2: Certificate of Incorporation

Exhibit 3: Articles of Incorporation

Exhibit 4: Service Area Map

Exhibit 5: Funding Letter

At this time, BEK I is not an operational company. Therefore, BEK I has no financial statements.

Exhibit 6: Manpower Requirements Letter

4. All correspondence and notices regarding this application should be directed to John Becci of John Staurulakis, Inc., 6315 Seabrook Road, Seabrook, Maryland 20706, phone (301) 459-7590, fax (301) 577-5755.

5. The rate structure for providing local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services is intended to be Competitive with the rates charged by the incumbent provider(s).

6. BEK I is financially stable and has the experience and ability to provide the local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services for which authority is sought herein. BEK I intends to provide all forms of intrastate service including:

- A. Local Exchange Services that will enable customers to originate and terminate local calls in the local calling area served by other LEC's.
- B. Switched local exchange services such as flat-rated and measure-rated local services; vertical services, Direct Inward and Outward Dialed trunks, carrier access, and any other switched local services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- C. Non-switched local services (e.g., private line) that currently exist or will exist in the future.

- D. Centrex and/or Centrex-like services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- E. Digital subscriber line, ISDN, frame-relay, and other high capacity line services.
- F. Ancillary Services (911, directory listing, directory assistance, etc.).
- G. Interexchange (switched and dedicated services): 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing; 800 type toll-free inbound dialing; Directory Assistance; and Frame Relay and other data services.

7. BEK I has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide the indicated services.

8. By enacting the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress has established a national public policy of opening the local exchange to competition and increasing the level of competition in all other areas of telecommunications services. Congress perceived a need for such competition, and BEK I hopes to meet this need to the ultimate benefit of North Dakota consumers.

9. Since BEK I intends to provide local exchange telecommunications services in those geographic areas in North Dakota currently served by Qwest as illustrated in the exchange area maps, as currently exist, or as modified in the future, Applicant hereby requests a waiver of the requirement that it file a map of the area to be served.

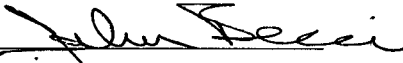
10. The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for the State of North Dakota has Authority to grant this application under the provision of Chapter 49-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

WHEREFORE, BEK I respectfully requests that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued for the services sought herein following appropriate notice; and further, BEK I respectfully requests that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued without hearing, if appropriate, according to the applicable statutes and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2001.

BEK Communications I Inc.

By:

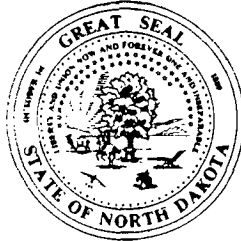
  
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John Becci  
Manager – Regulatory Affairs  
John Staurulakis, Inc.  
6315 Seabrook Road  
Seabrook, Maryland 20706

***EXHIBIT 1***

**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

# *State of North Dakota*

## SECRETARY OF STATE



### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC., a North Dakota BUSINESS CORPORATION, was incorporated in this office on January 11, 1995 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 BUSINESS CORPORATION.

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

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.

Issued: April 12, 2001

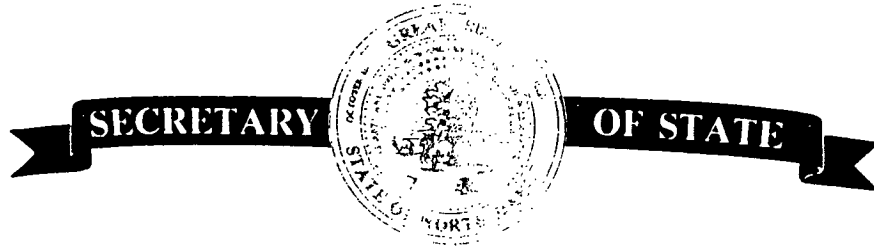
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

*EXHIBIT 2*

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

# State of North Dakota



## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.

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

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.

duly signed and verified pursuant to the North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota business corporation, 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 Incorporation to

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC.

Dated: January 11, 1995

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

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

*EXHIBIT 3*

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**



ON FARMING CORPORATION  
NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE  
SFN 16812 (6-89)

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Validation #

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SEC. OF STATE

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We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation organized under North Dakota Business Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for a Corporation:

Article 1. The name of said Corporation shall be: BEK Communications I Inc.

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Article 2. The period of its duration is perpetual. \_\_\_\_\_

Article 3. The purpose for which the Corporation is organized are general business purposes.

Article 4.

A. Aggregate number of shares the corporation has authority to issue Ten Thousand		
B. Par value per share authorized by corporation None - Shares are to be without par value.		
C. If shares are divided into classes, they are identified as follows:		
CLASS	NO. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE PER SHARE
N/A		

Article 5.

A. Name of Registered Agent Jerome Tishmack			
B. Social Security or Federal ID # of Registered Agent 503-46-5044			
C. Address of Registered Office 200 East Broadway	City Steele	State ND	Zip Code 58482
D. Address of Executive Office (if different than "C") Same	City	State	Zip Code
E. The articles of incorporation are accompanied by a signed consent of the registered agent with a filing fee of \$10.			

Article 6. Other provisions by which this corporation shall be governed: (If none, insert "none")

None

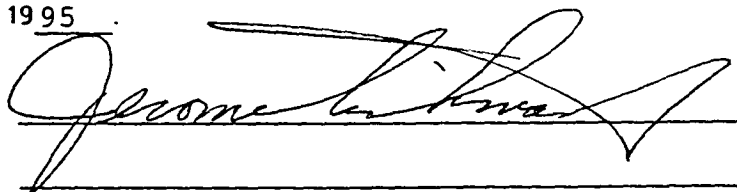
Article 7. A. The name, social security number, and address of each incorporator

NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Jerome Tishmack	503-46-5044	200 East Broadway	Steele	ND	58482

B. SIGNATURES

I (We), the above named incorporator(s), have read the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, know the contents, and believe the statements made therein to be true.

Dated January 9, 1995



8. FEES:

Filing .....	\$30.00
Consent of Registered Agent .....	\$10.00
Minimum License Fee .....	\$50.00
Additional License Fees .....	
(Equal to \$10.00 for every additional \$10,000 in excess of \$50,000)	
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OFFICE USE ONLY

Certificate No.	
Date Filed	1-11-95
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**REGISTERED AGENT  
 CONSENT TO SERVE  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 SFN 7974 (8-94)**

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**1. FILING FEE: \$10.00**

2. Name of the Corporation or Limited Liability Company for Which the Registered Agent is to Serve

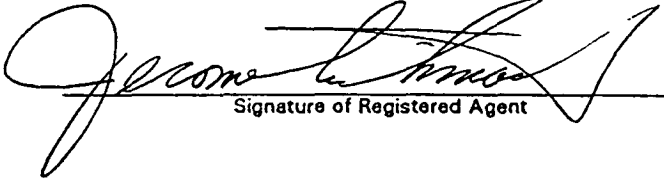
BEK Communications I Inc.

3. Name of the Registered Agent

Jerome Tishmack

A. Registered Agent is (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Individual North Dakota Resident <input type="checkbox"/> A Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> A Limited Liability Company	B. Social Security/Federal ID # of Registered Agent  503-46-5044
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4. The designated registered agent hereby consents to act in that capacity for the above named corporation or limited liability company until removed or resignation is submitted in accordance with North Dakota statutes.

  
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 Signature of Registered Agent

January 9, 1995  
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 Date

BY-LAWS

OF

BEK COMMUNICATIONS I INC

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ARTICLE I. OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation in the State of North Dakota shall be located in the City of Steele, County of Kidder. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of North Dakota, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE II. SHAREHOLDERS

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held at such time during the month of June in each year, as shall be designated by the Board of Directors, beginning with the year 1995, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting of the shareholders, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the shareholders as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the President at the request of the holders of not less than seventy-five per cent of all the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote at the meeting.

SECTION 3. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of North Dakota unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors or the President. A waiver of notice signed by all shareholders entitled to vote at a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the State of North Dakota, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place for the holding of such meeting. If no designation is made, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the corporation in the State of North Dakota.

SECTION 4. Notice of Meeting. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of any shareholder meeting and, in case of special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall unless otherwise prescribed by statute, be delivered not less than 5 nor more than 30 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the persons calling the meeting, to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at his address as it appears on the stock transfer books of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

SECTION 5. Closing of Transfer Books or Fixing of Record Date. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of shareholders or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purpose, the date on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the date on which the resolution of the Board of Directors declaring such dividend is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for such determination of

shareholders. When a determination of shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders has been made as provided in this section, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

SECTION 6. Voting Lists. The officer or agent having charge of the stock transfer books for shares of the corporation shall make a complete list of the shareholders entitled to vote at each meeting of shareholders or any adjournment thereof, arranged in alphabetical order, with the address of and the number of shares held by each. Such list shall be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting and shall be subject to the inspection of any shareholder during the whole time of the meeting for the purposes thereof.

SECTION 7. Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders.

SECTION 8. Proxies. At all meetings of shareholders, a shareholder may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney in fact. Such proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the corporation before or at the time of the meeting. No proxy shall be valid after two months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

SECTION 9. Voting of Shares. Each outstanding share entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of shareholders.

SECTION 10. Voting of Shares by Certain Holders. Shares standing in the name of another corporation may be voted by such officer, agent or proxy as the by-laws of such corporation may prescribe, or , in the absence of such provision, as the board of directors of such

corporation may determine.

Shares held by an administrator, executor, guardian or conservator may be voted by him, either in person or by proxy, without a transfer of such shares into his name. Shares standing in the name of a trustee may be voted by him, either in person or by proxy, but no trustee shall be entitled to vote shares held by him without a transfer of such shares into his name.

Shares standing in the name of a receiver may be voted by such receiver and shares held by or under the control of a receiver may be voted by such receiver without the transfer thereof into his name if authority so to do be contained in an appropriate order of the court by which such receiver was appointed.

A shareholder whose shares are pledged shall be entitled to vote such shares until the shares have been transferred into the name of a pledgee, and thereafter the pledgee shall be entitled to vote the shares so transferred.

Shares of its own stock belonging to the corporation shall not be voted, directly or indirectly, at any meeting, and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

### ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors of the corporation shall be nine. Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the corporation unless they shall be a director of BEK

Communications Cooperative. Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

SECTION 3. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this by-law immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of shareholders. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

SECTION 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

SECTION 5. Notice. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least 3 days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each director at his business address. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 6. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors fixed by Section 2 of this Article III shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the directors present at a

meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided by law. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors may be filled by election by the Board of Directors for a term of office continuing only until the next election of Directors by the shareholders.

SECTION 9. Compensation. By resolution of the Board of Directors, each Director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

SECTION 10. Presumption of Assent. A director of the corporation who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary-Treasurer of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

#### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Number. The officers of the corporation shall be a President , a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, each of who shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation to be elected by the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the shareholders. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. Removal. Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of any officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights.

SECTION 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 5. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors , shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall, when present , preside at all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or

any other proper officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, certificates for shares of the corporation, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

SECTION 6. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, personally or by delegation, (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized; (d) keep a register of the postoffice address of each shareholder which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such shareholder; (e) sign with the President, certificates for shares of the corporation, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the Board

of Directors; (f) have general charge of the stock transfer books of the corporation; and (g) in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall, personally or by delegation, (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of these By-Laws; and (c) in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary-Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 8. Salaries. The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V. CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

SECTION 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no

evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 3. Checks, drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Deposits. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

#### ARTICLE VI. CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFER

SECTION 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of the corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the President and by the Secretary-Treasurer or by such other officers authorized by law and by the Board of Directors so to do, and sealed with the corporate seal. All certificates for shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares represented thereby are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the corporation. All certificates surrendered to the corporation for transfer shall be canceled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and canceled, except that in case of a lost, destroyed or mutilated certificate a new one may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Shares. Transfer of shares of the corporation shall be made

only on the stock transfer books of the corporation by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of authority to transfer, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary of the corporation, and on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares stand on the books of the corporation shall be deemed by the corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

#### ARTICLE VII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December in each year.

#### ARTICLE VIII. DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors may from time to time declare, and the corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by law and its articles of incorporation.

#### ARTICLE IX. CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation and the words, "Corporate Seal".

#### ARTICLE X. WAIVER OF NOTICE

Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any shareholder or director of the corporation under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or under the provisions of the Business Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether

before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

**CERTIFICATE OF BYLAWS**

I, Albert Dronen, the Secretary-Treasurer of BEK Communications I Inc. of Steele, North Dakota, a North Dakota corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing bylaws, consisting of twelve pages, is a true, correct, and complete copy of the bylaws of said corporation as adopted on July 26, 1995. The bylaws in effect at present are the same as those adopted on such date by BEK Communications I Inc.

Dated July 26, 1995.

(SEAL)

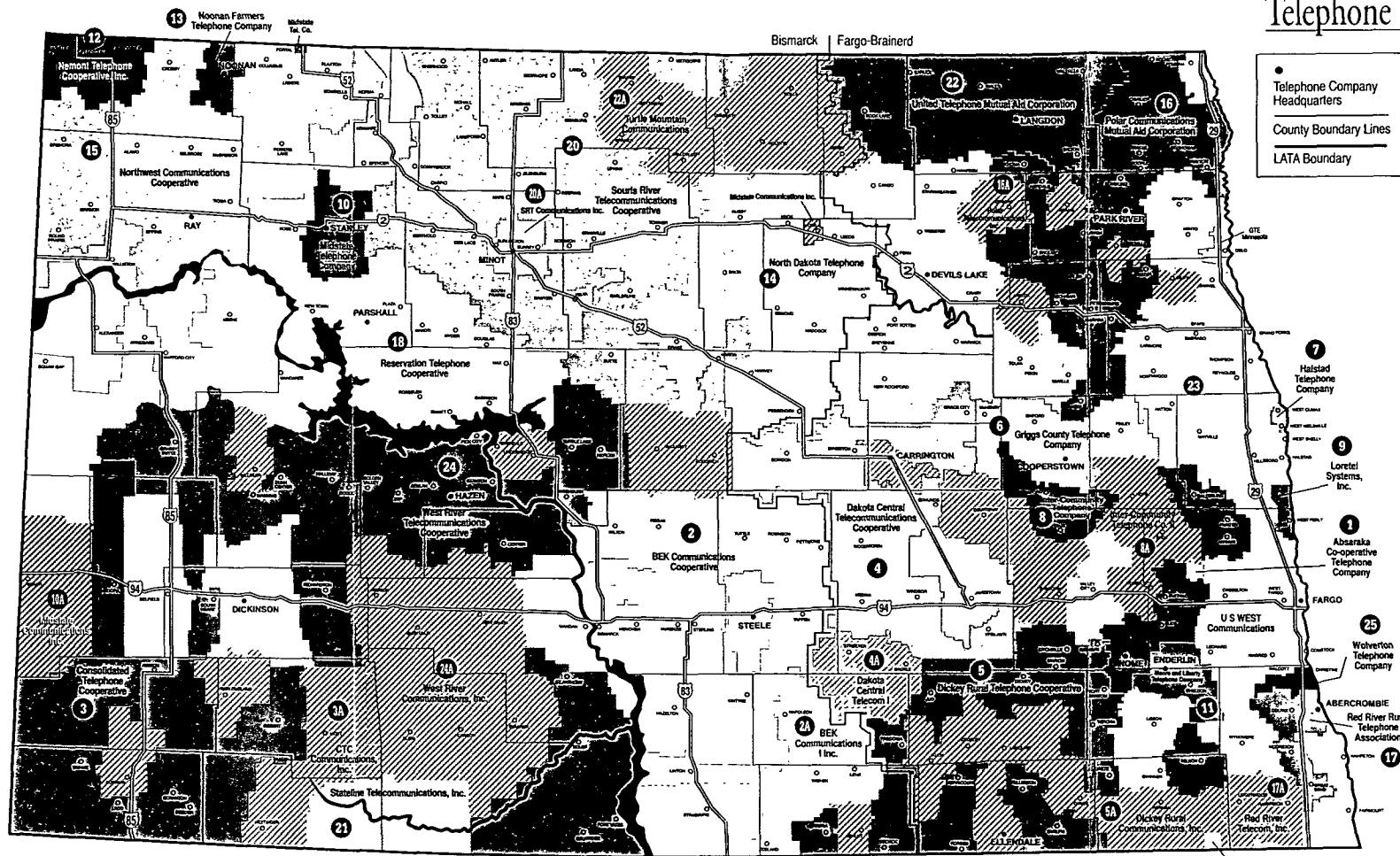
BEK Communications I Inc.

By: Albert Dronen  
Secretary-Treasurer

*EXHIBIT 4*

**SERVICE AREA MAP**

# Telephone Companies Service Area



15 Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Assn.

## 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) 924-8815 |
| 8A.  | Inter-Community Telephone Co. II              |                     |
| 9.   | Loretel Systems, Inc.                         | .....(218) 784-7171 |
| 10.  | Midstate Telephone Company                    | .....(701) 522-9522 |
| 10A. | Midstate Communications Inc.                  |                     |
| 11.  | Moore and Liberty Telephone Company           | .....(701) 300-3300 |
| 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) 553-8309 |
| 17A. | Red River Telecom, Inc.                       |                     |
| 18.  | Reservation Telephone Cooperative             | .....(701) 862-3115 |
| 19.  | Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Assn.    | .....(605) 637-5211 |
| 20.  | Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative   | .....(701) 658-1200 |
| 20A. | SRT Communications Inc.                       |                     |
| 21.  | StateLine 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                   | .....(701) 748-2211 |

*EXHIBIT 5*

**FUNDING LETTER**



200 EAST BROADWAY  
P.O. BOX 230 \* STEELE, ND 58482-0230  
701/475-2361 \* FAX: 701-867-2314

April 5, 2001

BEK Communications I Inc.  
PO Box 200  
Steele, ND 58482

Gentlemen:

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001, the Board of Directors of BEK Communications Cooperative met at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting. At this meeting the Board of Directors discussed the CLEC operations that your company would be undertaking at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.

BEK Communications Cooperative will provide \$1,800,000 in a direct cash investment in the CLEC operation to be conducted under the name of BEK Communications I Inc. We are providing you with \$100,000 today. Additional funds will be transferred to you upon completion of your feasibility studies and the determination of total capital requirements and operating cash necessary to begin the business. I understand that within the next 30 days you should be in a position to provide us with the necessary information to determine the total capital necessary for your CLEC operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerome Tishmack", is written over a horizontal line.

Jerome Tishmack, General Manager  
BEK Communications Cooperative

*EXHIBIT 6*

**MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS LETTER**



200 EAST BROADWAY  
P.O. BOX 230 \* STEELE, ND 58482-0230  
701/475-2361 \* FAX: 701-867-2314

April 5, 2001

BEK Communications I Inc.  
PO Box 200  
Steele, ND 58482-0200

Gentlemen:

Part of your feasibility study indicates that you wish to contract with BEK Communications Cooperative for manpower requirements to operate the CLEC operation on a day to day basis for maintenance purposes, for marketing purposes, for operational purposes, for accounting purposes and overall management services.

BEK Communications Cooperative has been in operation for 49 years. We have a highly trained group of employees that would be available to assist you. As General Manager, I have been with BEK Communications Cooperative since 1966 and serving in the General Management capacity since November of 1978. I have a total of 45 employees available to perform the various tasks and operations necessary to operate a telecommunications company. Our company is structured with three distinct departments. A plant department, a business department and a financial department.

The Plant Manager is Chad Olson. He has been in that capacity 14 years and has 25 employees reporting to him. His department is responsible for outside plant operations, cable burial operations, installation of wiring in homes and business places, and also the installation and operation of central office equipment in the various dial offices throughout the service area.

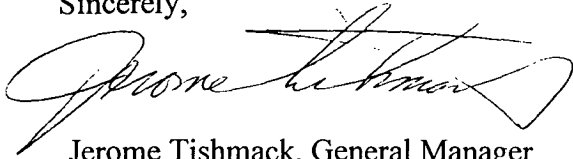
The Business Department is managed by Roxi Pfliiger. She's been in the position three years and has seven (7) employees reporting to her. Her department responsibility consists of interacting with the public in all facets of operation. Telephone service requests, special telecommunications add on services, Internet services, video services, high speed data, and circuitry requirements fall under her jurisdiction.

The Financial Department is managed by Dean Priebe. He's been in that capacity 11 years and has eight (8) employees reporting to him. The Financial Department's responsibility includes all customer billings for the services they have requested, all the accounting necessary to maintain records as required by the Federal Communications

Commission, and the State of ND. The Financial Department is also responsible for the accumulation and allocation of expenses by department and activity.

All three departments would be well qualified to serve the various needs of the CLEC operation. We look forward to assisting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerome Tishmack". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jerome Tishmack, General Manager  
BEK Communications Cooperative