

DIVIDER

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SFN 2053 (4-2002)

PU-2576-01-362

West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Local Exchange

Public Convenience & Nece

Filed 7/5/2001

Closed 9/24/2001

01

DESCRIPTION

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 10:16 AM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 9:26 AM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 9:15 AM
To: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: Money Received.....

Case No. PU-2546-01-240
Citizens Communications
\$35.14
7700 8503 248 21240

Case No. PU-2576-01-362
West River Cooperative
\$296.31

7700 8503 248 21362

11 **PU-2546-01-240** Pages: 0
\$35.14 received
by Citizens Telecom. Company of North Dakota/Ionex
10/24/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

17 **PU-2576-01-362** Pages: 0
\$296.31 received
by West River Cooperative Telephone Company
10/24/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

APPROVED

DATE: 10-3-01
KME

MOTION

October 3, 2001

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

I move the Commission bill West River Cooperative Telephone Company for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2576-01-362, West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Local Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity.



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

COMMISSIONERS

Susan E. Wefald, President
Leo M. Reinbold
Anthony T. Clark

Executive Secretary
Jon H. Mielke

600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480
web: www.psc.state.nd.us
e-mail: sab@oracle.psc.state.nd.us
TDD 800-366-6888
Fax 701-328-2410
Phone 701-328-2400

October 3, 2001

Randall L Macy
Buckmaster and Macy LLP
PO Box 726
Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726

RE: Case No. PU-2576-01-362
West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the October 3, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2576-01-362.

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

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Sincerely,


Gloria Geiger
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

Billing Statement

October 3, 2001

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

Amount Due:

West River Cooperative Telephone Company \$296.31

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs \$296.31

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

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

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 **20th day of September, 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:


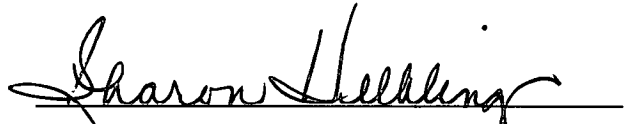
Order

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Randall L Macy
Buckmaster and Macy LLP
1501 5th Ave
Bell Fourche SD 57717-0726
Cert. No. 7099 3220 0002 8481 1800

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **20th day of September, 2001**.



Notary Public



SEAL



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

COMMISSIONERS

Susan E. Wefald, President
Leo M. Reinbold
Anthony T. Clark

Executive Secretary
Jon H. Mielke

600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480
web: www.psc.state.nd.us
e-mail: sab@oracle.psc.state.nd.us
TDD 800-366-6888
Fax 701-328-2410
Phone 701-328-2400

September 20, 2001

Randall L Macy
Buckmaster and Macy LLP
1501 5th Ave
Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726

Dear Mr. Macy:
19 5, 2001, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4777 to West River Cooperative Telephone Company to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in portions of Adams, Grant, and Sioux Counties in North Dakota which are served by the Lemmon South Dakota exchange, Case No. PU-2576-01-362. The original certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division

sdh

Enclosure

14 PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 1

Letter re approval

by Public Service Commission

09/20/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 9-19-01
KMF

September 19, 2001

**West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing West River Cooperative Telephone Company of Bison, South Dakota to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, and authorizing the abandonment of Stateline's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-2576-01-362.

JRL/sdh

13

PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 1

Motion

by Public Service Commission

09/19/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

ORDER

September 19, 2001

On July 5, 2001, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) of Bison, South Dakota, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services at all North Dakota locations currently served by its subsidiary, Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. (Stateline). West River is in the process of purchasing all assets of Stateline, which currently provides incumbent local exchange services from the Lemmon, South Dakota exchange to customers in portions of Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties of North Dakota.

On July 12, 2001 the Public Service Commission's Director of Accounting filed a memorandum indicating that the reorganization will not adversely affect the financial ability of West River to provide telecommunications service.

On July 25, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until August 31st for receiving comments or hearing requests. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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

On September 5, 2001, the Commission conducted an informal hearing of West River's application.

West River is a South Dakota Cooperative and has been in the telephone business for more than 45 years. West River provides management, technical and support staff to Stateline such that there would be no change in the personnel now serving Stateline customers in North Dakota. The Commission finds West River is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service.


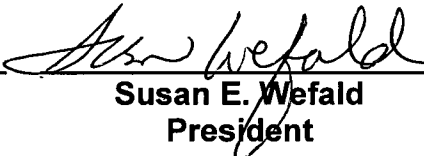

West River states that rates for local exchange service would remain the same and expects rates to remain stable for the foreseeable future. There would be no change in services provided. All Stateline subscribers would become cooperative members of West River with voting rights and capital credits accruing since January 1, 2001. The Commission finds West River's proposed service is adequate.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange services in portions of Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties currently served by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., is APPROVED.
2. Stateline is authorized to abandon and surrender its certificate of public convenience and necessity upon commencement of service by West River.

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 4777

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for West River Cooperative Telephone Company, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services in those portions of Adams, Grant, and Sioux Counties in North Dakota which are served by the Lemmon, South Dakota exchange.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2576-01-362 and is conditioned upon West River Cooperative Telephone Company securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 19, 2001.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner

BUCKMASTER AND MACY, LLP

LAW FIRM

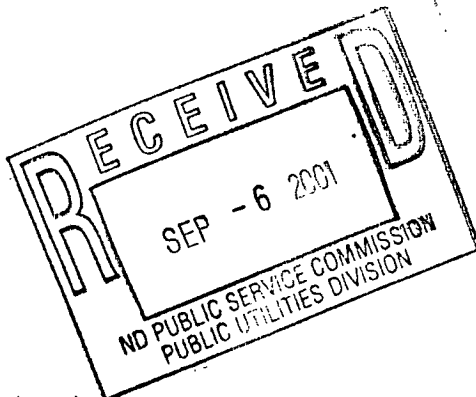
1501 5th Avenue • P.O. Box 726

BELLE FOURCHE, SD 57717-0726

WESLEY W. BUCKMASTER
RANDALL L. MACY

PHONE (605) 892-2623
FAX (605) 892-6337
e-mail: bmlaw@iname.com

September 4, 2001



John Mielke
Executive Secretary
ND Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Department 408
Bismark, ND 58505-0480

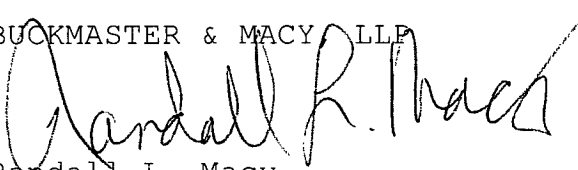
RE: West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit signed by Iver Heier, President of West River Cooperative Telephone Company in support of West River's Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Should you need anything further from either myself or West River, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BUCKMASTER & MACY, LLP


Randall L. Macy
Attorney at Law

RLM:mm
Enc.

10 PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 4

Affidavit of Iver Heier

by West River Cooperative Telephone Company

09/06/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)
of *WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE*)
COMPANY, for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Provide Telecommunications)
Service)

AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW, Iver Heier, after being first duly sworn states and deposes as follows:

1. That your Affiant is the President of the Board of Directors of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, and that this Affidavit is prepared in support of the application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Service within the State of North Dakota.

2. West River Cooperative Telephone Company, has been issued a Certificate of Authority for a Foreign Cooperative from the North Dakota Secretary of State.

3. West River Cooperative Telephone Company, is engaged in the business of providing local exchange service in the State of South Dakota.

4. West River Cooperative Telephone Company purchased from Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., the telephone exchange known as the Lemmon Telephone Exchange. Certain customers located within the Lemmon Telephone Exchange service area are located in Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties in the State of North Dakota. Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., has been providing local exchange telephone service to consumers located in the Lemmon Telephone Exchange in Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties in North Dakota since June 22, 1996.

5. Your Affiant further states that the rate structure of the consumers located in the Lemmon Telephone Exchange to be charged by West River Cooperative Telephone Company will remain the same as the rate structure charged by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc.

6. Your Affiant further states that Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, whose address is P.O. Box 39, Bison, SD 57620 and West River Cooperative Telephone Company has been in the telephone business for over forty-five (45) years. Your Affiant further states that West River Cooperative Telephone Company has the managerial, technical and staff support, to assure high quality telecommunication service for its North Dakota consumers.

7. Your Affiant further states that the following Exhibits which are attached to the Application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, and included in the application are true exhibits to the best of your Affiant's knowledge and belief:

Exhibit 1 - North Dakota Certificate of Good Standing of West River Cooperative Telephone Company;

Exhibit 2 - Certificate of Authority for Foreign Cooperative from North Dakota;

Exhibit 3 - Financial Statement of West River Cooperative Telephone Company;

Exhibit 4 - Map and description of the area to be served in North Dakota;

Exhibit 5 - List of all other public utilities providing similar service in the area;

Exhibit 6 - Management Agreement between Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. and West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

8. Your Affiant further states that to the best of your

Affiant's knowledge, information and belief, no objections have been filed concerning the Application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

WHEREFORE, your Affiant respectfully requests that based upon the Application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, all supporting documents, and this Affidavit, that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission to West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2001.

Iver J Heier
Iver Heier

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
: ss
COUNTY OF PERKINS)

IVER HEIER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Affiant named in the foregoing Affidavit; that he has read the said Affidavit and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

Iver J Heier
Iver Heier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 2001.

Randall L. Macy
South Dakota - Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
RANDALL L. MACY (SEAL)
Notary Public, Butte County, SD
My commission expires July 21, 2006

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)

SEP - 6 2001

Laura Thio, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
West River Co-op 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: Laura Thio

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer

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

Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing
July 25, 2001

Case No. 2576-01-362

Bismarck	8-1
Devils Lake	8-1
Dickinson	8-1
Fargo	8-6
Grand Forks	8-1
Jamestown	8-1
Minot	8-1
Valley City	8-1
Wahpeton	8-1
Williston	8-1

North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

1435 Interstate Loop • Bismarck, ND 58501-0567 • PHONE (701) 223-6397 • FAX (701) 223-8185 • www.ndna.com

INVOICE

SEP - 6 2001

Date: 09/05/2001

Page: 1

To:

JON H. MIELKE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE CAPITOL
BISMARCK ND 58505

P. O. #: PU-2576-01-362

Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 01081PP0

Newspaper	Date	Inches	Page#	Rate	Amount
Bismarck Tribune	West River 08/01/2001	49.00	SPR2	0.61	29.89
Devils Lake Daily Journal	West River 08/01/2001	52.00	SPR2	0.57	29.64
Dickinson Press	West River 08/01/2001	58.00	SPR2	0.52	30.16
Fargo, The Forum	West River 08/06/2001	48.00	SPR2	0.73	35.04
Grand Forks Herald	West River 08/01/2001	48.00	SPR2	0.61	29.28
Jamestown Sun	West River 08/01/2001	58.00	SPR2	0.50	29.00
Minot Daily News	West River 08/01/2001	58.00	SPR2	0.42	24.36
Valley City Times-Record	West River 08/01/2001	58.00	SPR2	0.52	30.16
Wahpeton Daily News	West River 08/01/2001	58.00	SPR2	0.52	30.16
Williston Herald	West River 08/01/2001	53.00	SPR2	0.54	28.62
*** ADVERTISING TOTAL					296.31
*** TOTAL DUE					296.31

9 PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 1

Affidavit of Publication

by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

09/06/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

This invoice is due and payable upon receipt. Unpaid items over 30 days from invoice date are subject to a finance charge. The finance charge is computed by a periodic rate of 1 3/4 percent per month (or a minimum charge of 50 cents for balances of under \$50), which is an annual percentage rate of 21 percent.

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.

INFORMAL AGENDA

September 5, 2001

PU-2576-01-362 West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

PU-399-01-466 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Dual Fuel Space Heating
Tariff

8 **PU-2576-01-362** Pages: 0
Informal hearing held
by Public Service Commission
09/05/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

4 **PU-399-01-466** Pages: 0
Informal hearing held
by Public Service Commission
09/05/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

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:

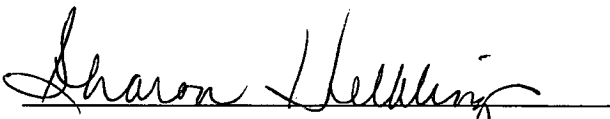
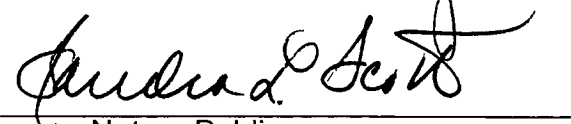
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Randall L Macy
Buckmaster and Macy LLP
1501 5th Ave
Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 3360

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**.



Notary Public

SEAL



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY ORDINARY MAIL OR E-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, envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of:


Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

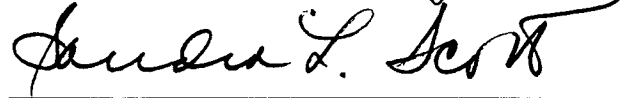
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

See Attached List

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

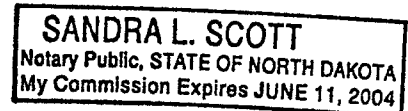
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **26th day of July, 2001**.





Notary Public

SEAL



bberkenpas@mcleodusa.com
Barb Berkenpas

wbrudvik@oh adlaw.com
William Brudvik

donlee@martin-associates.com
Don Lee

lisestrom@dwt.com
Lise Strom

mannawiz@pacbell.net
Larry Manna
Compuwiz
1012 Industrial Blvd
South Lake Tahoe CA 96150

hill@nccray.com
Bob Hill
Skyland Technologies

ruth.holder@teligent.com
Ruth Holder

eVulkan Inc
1 River Ct Apt 1408
Jersey City NJ 07310-2006

Local Telcom Holdings LLC
485 Madison Ave 15th Fl
New York NY 10022-5803

Global Telelink Services Inc
1455 Old Alabama Rd Ste 100
Roswell GA 30076-2134

nlarsen@nvc.net
Clint Hanson
Accent Communications Inc
235 E 1st Ave
Groton SD 57445

jlchapman@acomminc.com
Jerry Chapman
Acomm Inc
510 1st Ave N Ste 203
Minneapolis MN 55403-0343

John B Glicksman
Adelphia Business Solutions Operations
121 Champion Way
Canonsburg PA 15317

Advanced Telcom Inc
110 Stony Point Rd Ste 200
Santa Rosa CA 95401

Kevin Timpane
Arrival Communications Inc
601 Montgomery St Ste 675
San Francisco CA 94111-2662

smassey@bepc.com
Sheryl Massey
Basin Electric Power Coop
1717 E Interstate Ave
Bismarck ND 58501-0564

jtmgr@bektel.com
Jerome Tishmack
BEK Communications Cooperative
PO Box 230
Steele ND 58482-0230

jtmgr@bekte om
Jerome Tishmack
BEK Communications I Inc
PO Box 230
Steele ND 58482-0230

C12 Inc
200 Galleria Pkwy Ste 1550
Atlanta GA 30339

chamon@connect.com
Carole Hamon
CCCND Inc
124 W Capitol Ave Ste 250
Little Rock AR 72201

Citizens Telecomm Co of MN
3 High Ridge Park
Stamford CT 06905

Daniel L Barth
Comm South Companies Inc
2909 N Buckner Blvd Ste 800
Dallas TX 75228

ken@staff.ctctel.com
L Dan Wilhelmson
Consolidated Comm Networks Inc
PO Box 1077
Dickinson ND 58601-1077

Consolidated Telcom
507 S Main
Dickinson ND 58601

paul@consolidatedtelcom.com
Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Telcom Inc
PO Box 1077
Dickinson ND 58601-1077

ken@staff.ctctel.com
L Dan Wilhelmson
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative
PO Box 1077
Dickinson ND 58601-1077

Contact Communications
937 W Main St
Riverton WY 82501

Robert Hill
Daktel Communications LLC
P O Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

Dave Dircks
DCN LLC
P O Box 180
Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

Dickey Rural Services Inc
P O Box 69
Ellendale ND 58436

drtc@drtel.net
Darren Moser
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
PO Box 69
Ellendale ND 58436-0069

DIECA Communications Inc
2330 Central Exprswy
Santa Clara CA 95050

jkirby@excel.com
Jerry Kirby
eMeritus Communications Inc
8750 N Central Expswy Ste 2000
Dallas TX 75231

Essex Communications Inc
543 Main St
New Rochelle NY 10801-7214

Dave Waters
Fairpoint Communications Solutions
216 River St 4th Fl
Troy NY 21280

glenn.richards@shawpittman.com
Glenn Richards
Glenn Richards
ShawPittman
2300 N St NW

rlaqua@rrv.net
Ronald Laqua
Halstad Telephone Company
PO Box 55
Halstad MN 56548-0055

HTC Services Inc
P O Box 55
Halstad MN 56548

carl.billek@corp.idt.net
Carl Billek
IDT America, Corp.
520 Broad St 7th Fl
Newark NJ 07102

kander@ictc.com
Keith Anderson
Inter-Community Telephone Co
PO Box 8
Nome ND 58062-0008

Essential.com Inc
1 Burlington Woods
Burlington MA 01803-4503

jkirby@excel.com
Jerry Kirby
Excel Telecommunications Inc
8750 N Central Expswy Ste 2000
Dallas TX 75231

meredith.gifford@gecapital.com
Meredith Gifford
GE Capital Telemangement Services
Corp
6540 Powers Ferry Rd
Atlanta GA 30339

cooperstown@mlgc.com
Ray Brown
Griggs County Telephone Company
Cooperstown ND 58425

hold@texas.net
Dana Wilson
Home Owners Long Distance Inc
8647 Wurzbach Rd #M-1
San Antonio TX 78240-1245

Julia Waysdorf
ICG Telecom Group Inc
161 Inverness Dr W
Englewood CO 80112

Integra Telecom of North Dakota Inc
19545 Von Neumann Dr Ste 200
Beaverton OR 97006-6902

kander@ictc.com
Keith Anderson
Inter-Community Telephone Co. II
PO Box 8
Nome ND 58062-0008

itci@hcctel.net
Bruce Reuber
Interstate Telcom Consulting Inc
130 Birch Ave W
Hector MN 55342-0668

Neil Schmid
Ionex Communications North Inc
5710 LBJ Frwy Ste 215
Dallas TX 75240

IPVoice Communications Inc
7585 E Redfield Rd Ste 202
Scottsdale AZ 85260-6938

James Valley Coop Telephone Co
P O Box 69
Ellendale ND 58436-0069

anewell@jato.net
Andrew R Newell
JATO Operating Two Corp
6200 S Syracuse Way Ste 200
Greenwood Village CO 80111-4739

KMC Telecom V Inc
1545 Rt 206
Bedminster NJ 07921

Steven Katka
Loretel Systems Inc
13 E 4th Ave
Ada MN 56510

marcus.milam@attws-sf.com
Marcus Milam
Marcus Y Milam

dfranklin@maxcess.net
Doris Franklin
Maxcess Inc
315 S Calhoun St Ste 314
Tallahassee FL 32301

susan.a.travis@wcom.com
Susan Travis
MCI Worldcom
201 Spear St 9th Fl
San Francisco CA 94105

Michel Murray
MCI WorldCom Inc
707 17th St Ste 3600
Denver CO 80202

McKenzie Consolidated Telecom LLC
P O Box 1140
Watford City ND 58854-1140

skillebrew@deltacom.com
Sharon Killebrew
McLeodUSA

john_sullivan@cable.comcast.com
John Sullivan
McLeodUSA

wheaston@mcleodusa.com
William Heaston
McLeodUSA
P O Box 3177
Cedar Rapids IA 52406-3547

Amy Ibis
McLeodUSA
5100 S McLeod Ln
Sioux Falls SD 57108-2207

knations@mmfn.com
Karen Nations
Metromedia Fiber Network Services Inc
360 Hamilton Ave
White Plains NY 10601

gerrya@midrivers.com
Gerry Anderson
Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop Inc
PO Box 280
Circle MT 59215-0280

sbunn@mlgc.com
Shelie Bunn
Moore & Liberty Telephone Co
Enderlin ND 58027

hfuglest@ndarec.com
Harlan Fugelsten
ND Assn Rural Electric Coops
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

dhill@ndarec.com
Dennis Hill
ND Assn Rural Electric Coops
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

pschaner@ndarec.com
Patti Schaner
ND Assn Rural Electric Coops
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

info@newaccess.cc
Steven C Clay
New Access Communications LLC
120 S 6th St Ste 950
Minneapolis MN 55402-1838

New Edge Network Inc
3000 Columbia House Blvd Ste 106
Vancouver WA 98661

NewPath Holdings Inc
11260 Aurora Ave Bldg 12
Des Moines IA 50322-7905

lclemens@nft.net
Larry Clemens
Noonan Farmers Tele Co
Noonan ND 58765

rer@norlight.com
Robert E Rogers
NorLight Inc
275 N Corporate Dr
Brookfield WI 53045

pat@ndta.net
Patricia Gisinger
North Dakota Telephone Assoc
PO Box 2614
Bismarck ND 58502-2614

klund@nccray.com
Kenneth Lund
Northwest Communications Corp
PO Box 38
Ray ND 58849-0038

ddunning@polarcomm.com
David Dunning
Polar Commun Mut Aid Corp
PO Box 270
Park River ND 58270-0270

ddunning@polarcomm.com
David Dunning
Polar Telcom Inc
PO Box 270
Park River ND 58270-0270

ddunning@polarcomm.com
David Dunning
Polar Telecommunications Inc
PO Box T
Park River ND 58270

Jeff Walker
Preferred Carrier Services Inc
14681 Midway Rd Ste 105
Dallas TX 75244

Premiere Network Services Inc
1510 N Hampton Rd Ste 120
DeSoto TX 75115

mpbosh@minot.ndak.net
Mike Bosh
Pringle and Herigstad P C
PO Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

Scott Lee
Protel Advantage Inc
300 E Main St #300
Anoka MN 55303-2481

pam@tnics.com
Pamela Harrington
RC Communications Inc
PO Box 197
New Effington SD 57255-0197

ardondoran@rrt.net
Ardon Doran
Red River Rural Tele Assoc
PO Box 136
Abercrombie ND 58001

ardondoran@rrt.net
Ardon Doran
Red River Telecom Inc
PO Box 136
Abercrombie ND 58001-0136

royce@restel.net
Royce Aslakson
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Parshall ND 58770

jdbtbb@ndak.net
Jan Boschee
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Parshall ND 58770

mbrestel@ndak.net
Marcia Burckhard
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Parshall ND 58770

pam@tnics.com
Pamela Harrington
Roberts Cty Tele Coop Assoc
New Effington SD 57255

ServiSense.com Inc
180 Wells Ave Ste 450
Newton MA 02459-3302

warrenlh@srttel.com
Warren Hight
Souris River Tele Coop
PO Box 2027
Minot ND 58702-2027

SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702

suelh@srttel.com
Sue Hamilton
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

stevedl@srttel.com
Steve Lysne
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

christm@srttel.com
Chris Morsefield
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

janehp@srtt com
Jane Petersen
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

johnar@srttel.com
John Reiser
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

kimrw@srttel.com
Kim Weydahl
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

mdickers@state.nd.us
Marcy Dickerson
State Tax Department
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

sthomas@talk.com
Sharon Thomas
Talk America Inc
12001 Science Dr Ste 130
Orlando FL 32826

clarson@telegroup.com
Caroline Larson
Telegroup Inc
2098 Nutmeg Ave
Fairfield IA 52556

Telera Communications Inc
910 E Hamilton Ave Ste 200
Campbell CA 95008

Telergy Network Services Inc
1 Telergy Pkwy
East Syracuse NY 13057

Tom Carroll
TotalTel Inc
150 Clove Rd 8th Fl
Little Falls NJ 07424

bpipkin@touch1.com
Leigh Ann Wooten
Touch 1 Long Distance Inc
100 Brookwood Rd
Atmore AL 36502

Touch America Inc
40 E Bdwy
Butte MT 59701

maryg@uslink.net
Mary Goodman
U S Link Inc
P O Box 317
Pequot Lakes MN 56472-0327

lahall@usgs.gov
Lenora Hall
U S Geological Survey

kjvannin@usgs.gov
K Vannin
U S Geological Survey

kblicke@uswest.com
Kent Blickensderfer
U S WEST Communications Inc
PO Box 5508
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

smacint@uswest.com
Scott Macintosh
U S WEST Communications Inc
PO Box 5508
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

sschwan@uswest.com
Suzy Schwandt
U S WEST Communications Inc
P O Box 5508
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

jmunnn@uswest.com
John Munn
U S WEST Communications Inc
1801 California Rm 5100
Denver CO 80202

maneill@qwest.com
Mary Ann Neill
U S WEST Communications Inc
1801 California St Rm 4700
Denver CO 80202

saberry@uswest.com
Sharon Berry
U S WEST Communications Inc
409 1st Ave N
Fargo ND 58102-4802

johng@unidial.com
John Greive
UniDial Communications Inc
1901 Eastpoint Pkwy
Louisville KY 40223

United Communications HUB Inc
225 S Lake Ave Ste 705
Pasadena CA 91106

University of North Dakota
Box 8275 University Station
Grand Forks ND 58202

kander@ictc.com
Keith Anderson
Valley Communications Inc
P O Box 8
Nome ND 58062

bonniek@westriv.com
Bonnie Krause
West River Telecomm Coop
PO Box 467
Hazen ND 58545-0467

pihland@means.net
Paul Ihland
Wolverton Telephone Company
Wolverton MN 56594

Derrick Johnson
Lockheed Martin Global Telecomm
6560 Rock Spring Dr
Bethesda MD 20817

Jennifer Sikes
1-800 Reconex
2500 Industrial Ave
Hubbard OR 97032

ACN Communications Services Inc
32991 Hamilton Ct
Farmington Hills MI 48334

Arch Paging
11437 Valley View Rd
Eden Prairie MN 55344

Jack Medaris
Atlas Communications LTD
484 Norristown Rd Ste 123
Blue Bell PA 19422

Jennifer Whitley
Business Discount Plan Inc
3780 Kilroy Arpt Wy
Long Beach CA 90806

Scott Geston
Cable One of Fargo
P O Box 10624
Fargo ND 58106-0624

Robert Fallan
Coast International
14303 W 95th St
Lenexa KS 66215-5210

Molli Harper
Commnet Cellular Inc
8350 E Crescent Pkwy Ste 400
Englewood CO 80111

Elaine McHale
Concert Communications Sales LLC
295 N Maple Ave Rm 3160A2
Basking Ridge NJ 07920

Myer Shar
Knollwood Place Apts #221
3630 Phillips Pkwy
St Louis Park MN 55426

Ann Faught
Absaraka Co-op Tele Co
Absaraka ND 58002

Mark Waind
Altru Health System
1200 South Columbia Rd
Grand Forks ND 58201

Leeann Brunnette
AT&T
321 E Walnut St
Des Moines IA 50309

Dorothy Jones
Bell Atlantic Communications Inc
1320 N Courthouse Rd 9th Fl
Arlington VA 22201

John Session
Cable & Wireless Comm Inc
8219 Leesburg Pike
Vienna VA 22182

Choctaw Communications Inc
1600 Viceroy
Dallas TX 75235

Comcast Telecommunications
1500 Market St
Philadelphia PA 19102

Murray Barr
Competitive Strategies Group Inc
70 East Lake St 7th Fl
Chicago IL 80112

D D D Calling Inc
5120 Woodway Ste 8020
Houston TX 77056

Robert Hill
Dakota Central Tele Coop
PO Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

Robert Hi
Dakota Central Telecom I
PO Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

Dickey Rural Communications Inc
PO Box 69
Ellendale ND 58436-0069

DSLnet Communications LLC
545 Long Wharf Dr
New Haven CT 06511

Easton Telecom Services Inc
3046 Brecksville Rd #A
Richfield OH 44286-9399

Lawrence Freedman
Fleischman & Walsh
1400 16th ST NW
Washington DC 20036

Ronald Rodemerck
Frontier Comm International
180 S Clinton Ave
Rochester NY 14646-0500

Lucille Nilson
Griggs County Telephone Company
Cooperstown ND 58425

Group Long Distance Inc
400 E Atlantic Blvd
Pampano Beach FL 33060-6200

HJN Telecom Inc
3235 Satellite Blvd Bldg 400 Ste 300
Duluth GA 30096

IdeaOne Telecom Group LLC
3239 39th St SW
Fargo ND 58104

Ken Hanks
International Telcom Ltd
417 2nd Ave W
Seattle WA 98119

Sue Weiske
Ionex Communications North Inc
5710 LBJ Frwy Ste 215
Dallas TX 75240

Nanette Edwards
ITC DELTACOM INC
4092 Memorial Pkwy SW
Huntsville AL 35802-1382

Larry Barnes
IXC/SSC-Regulatory Affairs
1122 S Capital of TX Hwy
Austin TX 78746-6426

Katherine E Ford
U S WEST
1801 California St Ste 5100
Denver CO 80202

Thomas K Crowe
Law Offices of Thomas K Crowe PC
2300 M St NW Ste 800
Washington DC 20037

LCI International Telecom Corp
4650 Lakehurst Ct
Dublin OH 43017

Level 3 Communications LLC
3555 Farnam St
Omaha NE 68131

Jan Lowe
Long Dist Consolidated Billing Co
145 S Livernois Rd #199
Rochester MI 48307-1837

Marilyn Foss
MCI WorldCom Inc
707 17th St Ste 3600
Denver CO 80202

MCImetro Access Transmission Services
707 17th ST Ste 3600
Denver CO 80202

Midcontinent Communications
410 South Phillips Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104

Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop Inc
P O Box 280
Circle MT 59215

Gordon Wilhelmi
Midstate Communications Inc
PO Box 400
Stanley ND 58784-0400

Mark Wilhelmi
Midstate Telephone Co
PO Box 400
Stanley ND 58784-0400

Minnesota Independent Equal Access
Corp
10300 6th Avenue N
Plymouth MN 55441

Mike Strand
MITS
PO Box 5237
Helena MT 59604-5237

MVX Communications LLC
100 Rowland Way Ste 145
Novato CA 94945

Dave Crothers
NDATC
Box 1144
Mandan ND 58554-1144

Richard Thronson
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc
Scobey MT 59263

Sharon Meinhart
NetLogix Telecom Inc
501 Bath St
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Net-tel Corporation
1023 31st St NW
Washington DC 20007

Sandra Adams
NewPath Holdings Inc
4364 114th St
Des Moines IA 50322

Nextel West Corp
2001 Edmund Halley Dr
Reston VA 20191-3436

Dave Dircks
North Dakota Telephone Company
PO Box 180
Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

Holly Sasscer
Operator Communications Inc
3530 Forest Ln Ste 200
Dallas TX 75234-7910

Primus Telecommunications Inc
1700 Old Meadow Rd 3rd Fl
McLean VA 22102

QuantumShift Communications Inc
101 Rowland Way Ste 300
Novato CA 94945

Quintelco Inc
1 Blue Hill Plaza
Pearl River NY 10965

Heather Troxell
Qwest Communications Corporation
4250 Fairfax Dr
Arlington VA 22203

RCN Long Distance Company
105 Carnegie Ctr
Princeton NJ 08540

Sandra Adams
NewPath Holdings Inc
4364 114th St
Des Moines IA 50322
Lisa Dabkowski
SNET America Inc
6 Devine St 1st Fl
North Haven CT 06743

SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

Darrell Henderson
Stateline Telecomm Inc
PO Box 39
Bison SD 57620-0039

Regulatory Analyst
Technologies Management Inc
PO Drawer 200
Winter Park FL 32790-0200

Al Bosch
Tele-Beep Company
PO Box 7072
Bismarck ND 58502-7072

Liz Petroni
Teltrust Comm Services Inc
401 N 5600 W
Salt Lake City UT 84116-3753

Kenneth Carlson
Turtle Mountain Communications
PO Box 729
Langdon ND 58249-0729

Dean Polk
RCC Network Inc
PO Box 2000
Alexandria MN 56308-2000

Gene Sloan
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Parshall ND 58770

Skyland Technologies Inc
P O Box 5237
Helena MT 59604-5237

Andrew Jones
Sprint
8140 Ward Pkwy Flr 5E
Kansas City MO 64114

Randy Burckhard
SRT Communications Inc
P O Box 789
Minot ND 58702-0789

Harris Saele
T P C Inc
PO Box 180
Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

Jack Medaris
Telco Partners Inc
484 Norristown Rd Ste 123
Blue Bell PA 19422

Tele-Tech Inc
2900 W 11th St
Sioux Falls SD 57104-3660

T-Netix Inc
67 Inverness Drive E
Englewood CO 80112

Charles Steese
U S WEST
1801 California St Ste 5100
Denver CO 80202

Giuseppe Vitale
UKI Communications Inc
500 N Rainbow Blvd Ste 300
Las Vegas NV 89107

Kenneth Carlson
United Telephone Mut Aid Corp
Langdon ND 58249

Dennis Houston
Universal Network Services of ND
1572 North Batavia St Ste 1A
Orange CA 92867

Val-Ed Joint Venture LLP
150 2nd St SW
Perham MN 56573

Mick Grosz
West River Communications Inc
PO Box 467
Hazen ND 58545-0467

Mick Grosz
West River Telecomm Coop
PO Box 467
Hazen ND 58545-0467

Carolyn Fodor
Winstar
100 Galleria #111
Southfield MI 48034

Sam Billi Bley
United States Advanced Network Inc
3000 Nrothwoods Pkwy Ste 140
Norcross GA 30071

Christina Tygielski
Universal Access Inc
Sears Tower 233 S Wacker Dr Ste 600
Chicago IL 60606-6307

Telecomm Dept
University of North Dakota
Box 8193
Grand Forks ND 58202-7141

Randy Houdek
Venture Communications Inc
PO Box 157
Highmore SD 57345-0157

Doris Cooper
West River Long Distance Co
PO Box 467
Hazen ND 58545-0467

Western CLEC Corporation
3650 131st Ave SE #400
Bellevue WA 98006

Z-Tel Communications Inc
601 S Harbour Island Blvd Ste 220
Tampa FL 33602-5925

Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.

Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2001 8:54 AM

To: ndna (E-mail)

Subject: Notice of Opportunity for Hearing & Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

North Dakota Newspaper Association

Colleen,

Please have the attached Notices published as legal publications in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run them as "News Item Only" articles as well.

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

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

Thank you.

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division



1.doc



1.doc

6

PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 1

Notice e-mailed to NDNA requesting
publication
by Public Service Commission

07/26/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 7-25-01
KMF

July 25, 2001

**West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2576-01-362.

JRL/sdh

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

July 25, 2001

On July 5, 2001, West River Cooperative Telephone Company of Bison, South Dakota, filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services at all North Dakota locations currently served by its subsidiary, Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. (Stateline). Applicant states it is purchasing all assets of Stateline and Stateline will relinquish its certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications service in 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. Technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

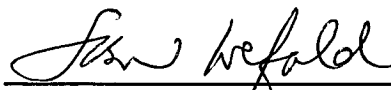
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **August 31, 2001**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine these matters without a 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



**Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner**



**Susan E. Wefald
President**



**Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2576-01-362

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 **13th 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:

Staff Memorandum on Financial Ability

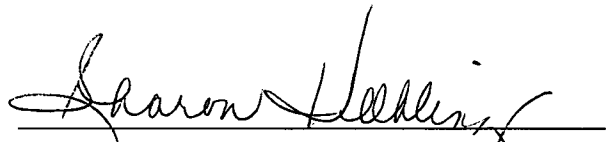
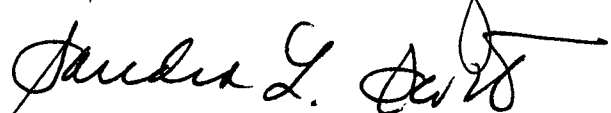
The envelope was addressed as follows:

Randall L Macy
Buckmaster and Macy LLP
1501 5th Ave
Bell Fourche SD 57717-0726
Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8655 3414

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **13th day of July, 2001**.

SEAL



Notary Public

SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

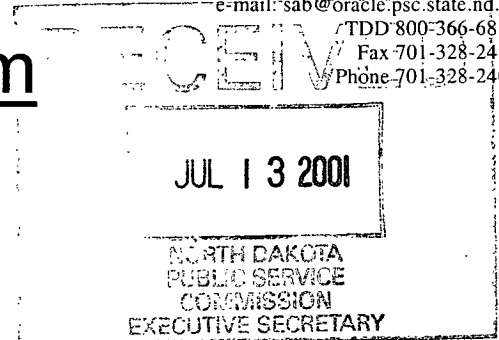
COMMISSIONERS

Susan E. Wefald, President
Leo M. Reinbold
Anthony T. Clark

Executive Secretary
Jon H. Mielke

600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480
web: www.psc.state.nd.us
e-mail: sab@oracle.psc.state.nd.us
TDD 800-366-6888
Fax 701-328-2410
Phone 701-328-2400

Memorandum



To: Jon Mielke
From: Mike Diller *Mike Diller*
Date: July 12, 2001
Re: **West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Local Exchange PC&N Application
Case No. PU-2576-01-362**

The following is written to provide the commission with a very limited review of this case regarding the applicant's financial ability to serve. Based on the financial information provided by the applicant, West River Cooperative Telephone Company has sufficient equity to provide service in North Dakota.

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

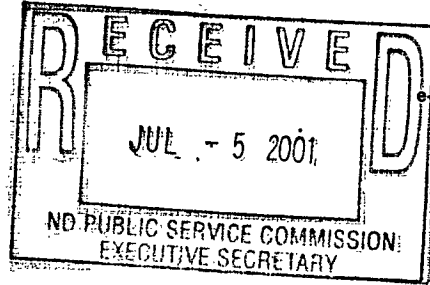
With regard to the financial ability of West River, staff sees no reason to deny this application.

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

BUCKMASTER AND MACY, LLP
LAW FIRM

1501 5th Avenue • P.O. Box 726
BELLE FOURCHE, SD 57717-0726

WESLEY W. BUCKMASTER
RANDALL L. MACY



PHONE (605) 892-2623
FAX (605) 892-6337
e-mail: bmlaw@iname.com

June 28, 2001

Mr. Jon Mielke
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave.
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

ATTENTION: Sharon

Dear Sharon:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation enclosed please find eight Applications for Certificate of Authority for West River Cooperative Telephone Company to do business in the State of North Dakota.

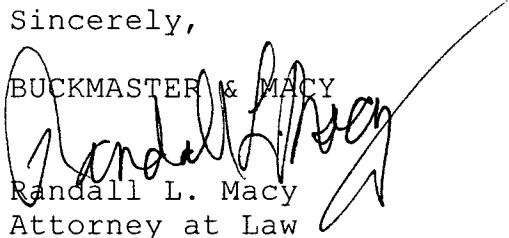
As we discussed over the telephone, I would appreciate it if you would add the Application for Certificate of Authority to our Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Also, as we discussed, it is the intention of Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunication service in the State of North Dakota once West River Cooperative Telephone receives its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

I hope this answers all questions you have with regard to the Application. Thank you for contacting me with regard to these issues and thank you for your cooperation on this matter. Should you need anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

BUCKMASTER & MACY


Randall L. Macy
Attorney at Law

RLM:mm
Enc.

1

PU-2576-01-362

Pages: 22

Local Exchange PC&N application

by West River Cooperative Telephone Company

07/05/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry.

follows: _____

11. Its aggregate amount of authorized and issued capital stock itemized by classes, par value of the stock, stock without par value, and series (if any) within a class is as follows:

Amount of Stock	Class	Series	Par Value	Without Par Value
	Non-Stock Cooperative			

12. Additional information concerning association: _____

Dated 13th of April, 2001.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Cooperative Firm
 By: Iver Heier
(President or Vice President)
 And: Alice L. Helcomb
(Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

 VERIFICATION

* Iver Heier being first duly sworn says that he is the
(Name of one of the officers signing above)
 * President and that he has read the foregoing application
(Title)
 * and knows the contents thereof, and verily believes the statements made therein to be true.

* Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 2001
(Verification officer signature)

* Randall L. Macy
Notary Public
 * State of South Dakota
 * Notary Seal
 * My Commission expires July 21, 2006
Notary Public, Butte County, SD
 * My commission expires July 21, 2006 *

Certificate No. _____

Filing Date _____, 2001.

By _____
Secretary of State

COPY

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE, CO.
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS</u>
President	Iver Heier	13961 Prairie City Road Prairie City, SD 57649
Vice President	James Donohue	HC 66 Box 76 Newell, SD 57760-9103
Secretary	Alice Holcomb	HC 66A Box 113 Buffalo, SD 57720-9602
Treasurer	Judy Gano	14562 Rabbit Creek Road Meadow, SD 56644-7904
Director	John S. Johnson	HC 67, Box 43 Buffalo, SD 57720-9704
Director	Alberta Lewton	P.O. Box 315 Bison, SD 57620-0315
Director	John Bartell	18501 W. Cabin Road Shadehill, SD 57653-6704
Director	Gary Jorgenson	18650 Chance Road Meadow, SD 57644-7501
Director	Linda Swan	HC 65, Box 12 Buffalo, SD 57720-9504
Director	Don Trohkimoinen	R.R. 3, Box 25 Vale, SD 57788
Director	DeJon Bakken	HC 82, Box 7 Lemmon, SD 57638
Director	Les Wolff	10676 Airport Rd Lemmon, SD 57638

BUCKMASTER AND MACY, LLP
LAW FIRM

1501 5th Avenue • P.O. Box 726
BELLE FOURCHE, SD 57717-0726

WESLEY W. BUCKMASTER
RANDALL L. MACY

PHONE (605) 892-2623
FAX (605) 892-6337
e-mail: bmlaw@iname.com

June 25, 2001


Mr. Jon Mielke
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave.
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed please find one original and seven copies of the Application of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Service. Please file the application and notify me of any additional requirements your office may have. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

BUCKMASTER & MACY


Randall L. Macy
Attorney at Law

RLM:mm
Enc.

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on May 1, 2001, 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 foreign corporations.

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

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Issued: May 22, 2001

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

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that an application of

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code, 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 Authority to

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY to transact business in this State under the name of

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Issued: May 1, 2001

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

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In the Matter of the Application)
of WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE)
COMPANY, for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Provide Telecommunications)
Service)**

Applicant is a cooperative organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, with its principal place of business at 801 Coleman Avenue, P.O. Box 39, Bison, Perkins County, South Dakota. Applicant has been issued a Certificate of Authority for a foreign cooperative from the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Applicant is in the process of purchasing all assets of Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Applicant. Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., provides local telephone exchange service to certain consumers located in Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties in the State of North Dakota.

Applicant is engaged in the business of providing local exchange telephone service in the State of South Dakota and through this Application, requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service to Applicant's consumers currently being served by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc., located in Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties in North Dakota. Applicant currently provides management, technical and support staff to Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. through a management agreement. The management, technical and support staff currently serving the consumers in North Dakota will remain the same, should this application be granted.

This application includes the following exhibits:

- Exhibit 1 - Certificate of Good Standing of West River Cooperative Telephone Company issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State;
- Exhibit 2 - Certificate of Authority for Foreign Cooperative from North Dakota;
- Exhibit 3 - Financial Statement of West River Cooperative Telephone Company;
- Exhibit 4 - Map and description of the area to be served in North Dakota;
- Exhibit 5 - List of all other public utilities providing similar service in the area;
- Exhibit 6 - Management Agreement between Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. and West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

All correspondence regarding this Application should be directed to Randall L. Macy, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 726, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Telephone number (605) 892-2623.

The rate structure for providing local exchange service will remain the same as that previously charged by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. The management will also remain the same as that previously used by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. Further, applicant believes local exchange service rates will remain stable for the foreseeable future.

As indicated, Stateline telecommunications, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of West River Cooperative Telephone Co. and West River Cooperative Telephone Co. has been in the telephone business for over forty-five (45) years. West River Cooperative Telephone Company has the ability to provide managerial, technical and staff support to assure high quality telecommunication services.


The commission has authority to grant this application pursuant to Sections 49-03.01 et seq. of NDCC and 69-02-02-04 of

the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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

Dated this 25th day of June, 2001.

BUCKMASTER & MACY, LLP


Randall L. Macy
Attorney for West River
Cooperative Telephone Company
1501 Fifth Avenue
P.O. Box 726
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
(605) 892-2623

SOUTH DAKOTA 525 WEST RIVER
WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
AND SUBSIDIARY
BISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

	2000	1999
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,527,537	\$ 2,753,354
Temporary cash investments	300,000	300,000
Investments in held-to-maturity securities (Note 2)	1,516,873	1,518,170
Telecommunications accounts receivable (less allowance for uncollectibles of \$7,312 and \$3,502, respectively)	87,971	72,041
Other accounts receivable	515,031	768,226
Interest receivable	12,117	9,899
Materials and supplies	99,715	72,368
Total current assets	5,059,244	5,494,058
INVESTMENTS AND NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Investments in held-to-maturity securities (Note 2)	98,005	
Other investments (Note 3)	835,569	730,926
Nonregulated investments:		
CATV plant - net (Note 4)	2,874	373
Telecommunications equipment - net (Note 5)	66,991	20,079
Other deferred charges (Note 6)	75,197	84,975
Total investments and noncurrent assets	1,078,636	836,353
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT (Note 7):		
In service	21,467,136	19,461,438
Under construction	207,442	1,014,142
Goodwill - net	741,551	812,175
Total investment in plant	22,416,129	21,287,755
Less accumulated depreciation	11,461,367	10,474,608
Net plant	10,954,762	10,813,147
	\$ 17,092,642	\$ 17,143,558

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

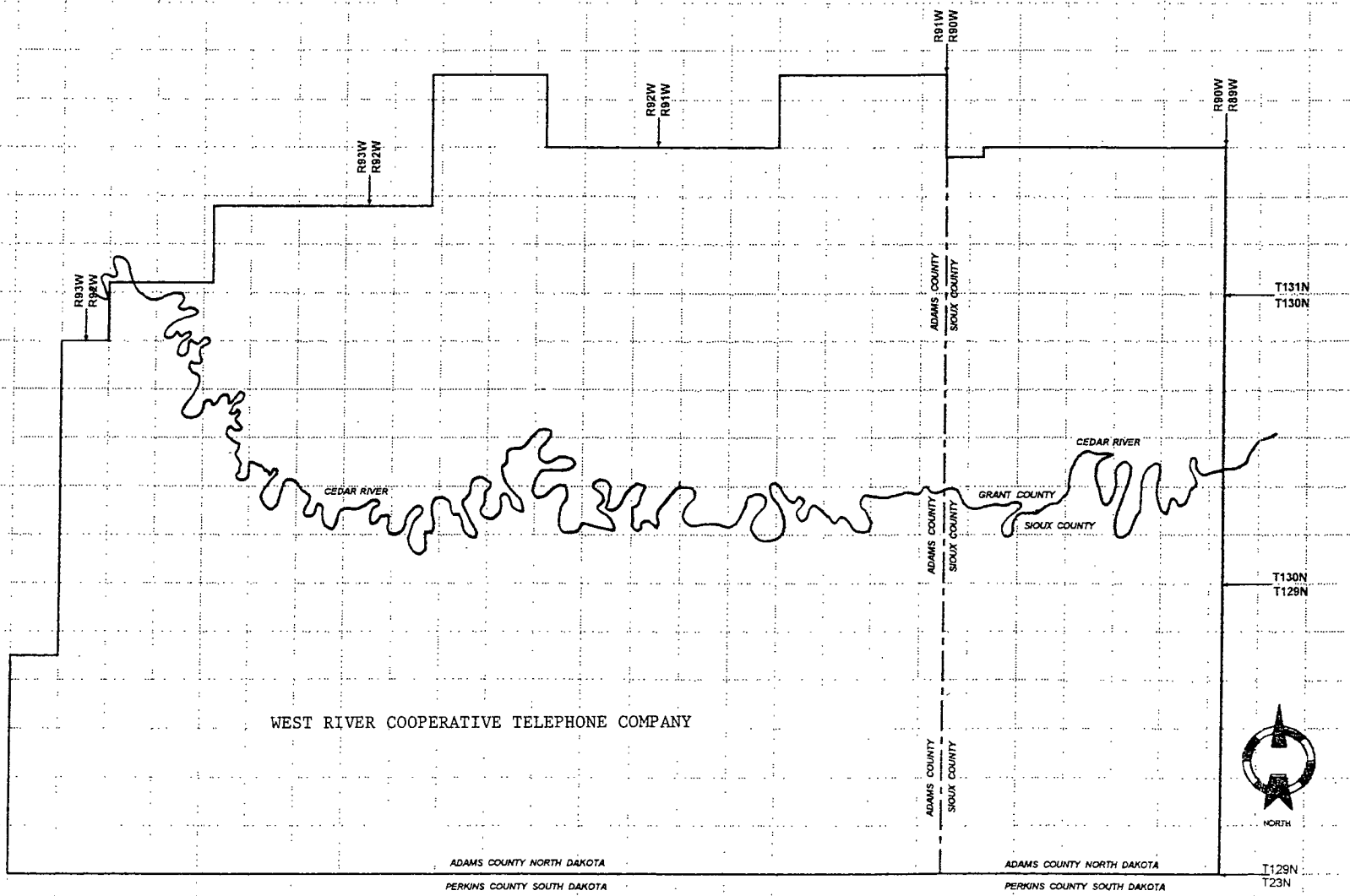
	2000	1999
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current maturities of long-term debt (Note 8)	\$ 695,000	\$ 582,000
Accounts payable	321,103	609,938
Advance billing and customer deposits	11,513	10,866
Accrued taxes - income	68,917	
Accrued taxes - other	130,857	110,614
Total current liabilities	1,227,390	1,313,418
LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT MATURITIES (Note 8)	11,308,734	12,103,490
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (Note 13)	136,486	49,783
EQUITIES:		
Capital stock (Note 9)		11,405
Patronage capital (Note 10)	3,740,065	3,215,279
Other equities (Note 11)	679,967	450,183
Total equities	4,420,032	3,676,867
	\$ 17,092,642	\$ 17,143,558

SOUTH DAKOTA 525 WEST RIV.
WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
AND SUBSIDIARY
BISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

	2000	1999
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Local network access	\$ 851,850	\$ 805,068
Network access services	3,146,279	2,567,351
Long distance network services	565,310	523,817
Billing and collection	63,241	81,977
Miscellaneous revenue	49,807	34,461
Uncollectible revenue	(7,250)	(7,200)
Total operating revenues	4,669,237	4,005,474
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Plant specific operations	672,606	633,036
Plant nonspecific operations - other	115,974	104,845
Plant nonspecific operations - access	291,253	335,495
Depreciation and amortization	1,170,775	1,134,703
Customer operations	354,832	348,827
Corporate operations	558,033	536,268
Operating taxes - income (Note 13)	(32,049)	98,912
Operating taxes - other	145,252	121,094
Total operating expenses	3,276,676	3,313,180
NET OPERATING MARGIN	1,392,561	692,294
NONOPERATING MARGIN:		
Interest income	292,965	247,931
Allowance for funds used during construction	41,083	9,368
Amortization of goodwill (Note 7)	(70,624)	(70,624)
Margin (deficit) from nonregulated investments:		
CATV division (Note 4)	3,081	1,846
Telecommunications equipment (Note 5)	(1,093)	(3,365)
Equity earnings	136,421	
Nonoperating income taxes (Note 13)	(72,266)	(6,946)
Net nonoperating margin	329,567	178,210
NET MARGIN BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE	1,722,128	870,504
INTEREST EXPENSE AND RELATED ITEMS:		
Interest expense	622,429	462,627
Patronage capital - RTFC	(35,594)	(43,335)
Amortization of debt issue costs	1,399	1,414
Total interest expense and related items	588,234	420,706
NET MARGIN	\$ 1,133,894	\$ 449,798

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.





West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

801 Coleman Ave • PO Box 39 • Bison, SD 57620
Phone: 605-244-5213 • Fax: 605-244-7288
Email: westriver@sdplains.com


April 12, 2001

Public Service Commissioners
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Commissioners:

This letter constitutes our certification that there are no other local exchange carriers providing service in the portions of Sioux, Grant and Adams Counties of North Dakota served by West River Cooperative Telephone Company (formerly served by Stateline Telecommunications, Inc.).

Sincerely,



Darrell D. Henderson, General Manager

DDH:gj

**AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT
OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 27 day of June, 1996, between WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, hereinafter called "West River," and STATELINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., hereinafter called "Stateline."

WHEREAS, West River operates a telephone system and Stateline owns a contiguous telephone system; and

WHEREAS, Stateline desires and West River is willing to furnish operation and management services for Stateline's telephone system, hereinafter called the "System," upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT. West River shall operate and manage the System in accordance with the usual standards of efficient operation and management pursuant to policies established by the Board of Directors of Stateline. In performing its duties hereunder, West River shall comply with all applicable laws now or hereafter in force, and any and all governmental authorizations now or hereafter granted with respect to the System. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and to the extent not performed by Stateline, West River shall:

a. Employ and direct all personnel as may be necessary to administer and carry on the operations and business of Stateline, with full responsibility, power and authority to discharge any of such personnel when, in the judgment of West River, it is for the best interest of Stateline;

b. Maintain in good repair and make necessary replacements in the System, with materials and standards of workmanship which shall be at least equal to the materials and standards of workmanship used in the construction of the System;

c. Purchase on behalf of Stateline, or rent as necessary, all materials, supplies including office supplies and equipment, necessary to carry on the business of Stateline;

d. Perform the services herein provided for in a faithful, diligent and able manner and render account to the Board of Directors of Stateline from time to time as such report shall be called for by that body;

e. Supervise the maintenance of proper records and books of account in accordance with good accounting practice. Such records and books of account shall be kept separate from those of West River;

f. Perform such other duties and services as are usual to the office of general manager, office manager, and plant manager, and incident and necessary to carrying on and conducting the business of Stateline.

It is understood and agreed that the duties and obligations herein assumed by West River shall not wise infringe upon such rights and duties of the Board of Directors of Stateline by law and that all the duties of West River set forth shall be carried out in conformity to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of Stateline and all contracts of Stateline now in force and effect and those which may be entered into at a later date.

SECTION 2. ADDITIONS AND EXTENSIONS. West River shall provide labor, if required, and Stateline shall furnish all materials necessary to construct such additions and extensions to the Systems as Stateline may request. If labor from West River is required, Stateline shall reimburse West River for the cost of such labor, including the necessary supervisory personnel to insure that additions and extensions are completed properly.

Stateline may elect to have any additions and extensions constructed by contractor. In this event, West River will provide the necessary supervisory personnel to insure that the contractor's work is completed properly.

SECTION 3. REPLACEMENTS. West River shall also provide the services listed in Section 2 above for the replacement of units of property due to deterioration, acts of God or other damage to property.

SECTION 4. PAYMENTS.

Article I. Costs incurred in the performance of services hereunder which relate solely to Stateline shall be paid directly from its general funds. Such costs shall include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Vehicles, tools and test equipment;
- b. Legal and other professional expenses;
- c. Rents other than those for jointly used office and storage facilities;
- d. Travel expenses;
- e. Costs of equipment, including office equipment and services in connection with other than jointly used office and storage facilities;
- f. Payments for joint use of poles and other agreements;
- g. Taxes applicable to Stateline's operations.

Article II. Costs incurred in the performance of services hereunder which relate of the operations of Stateline and West

River shall be apportioned and Stateline shall reimburse West River in accordance with the following:

a. Cable plows and other similar equipment which are owned by West River but can be used for both Stateline and West River, will be reimbursed to West River in accordance with West River's System of Accounts.

b. Materials and supplies, including office supplies, which are owned by West River but can be used for both Stateline and West River, will be reimbursed to West River in accordance with West River's System of Accounts.

c. Wages of employees shall be divided between Stateline and West River in accordance with time sheet breakdowns kept according to West River's System of Accounts. Payroll overhead expenses shall be divided in the same manner.

d. West River will provide management services to Stateline for a mutually agreed fee. In addition, the management fee will include costs for jointly used office space, office equipment and supplies, and computers.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVENESS AND TERM. This Agreement shall become effective only upon approval thereof in writing by the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, hereinafter called the "Administrator," and shall, from such effective date, continue

in force until terminated by either party giving six (6) months' notice in writing of its desire to terminate the Agreement. The parties hereto agree to terminate this Agreement when requested to do so by the Administrator.

SECTION 6. AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENT AND RESCISSION. In consideration of the approval of this Agreement by the Administrator, the parties hereto agree that they will not enter into any amendment or rescission of this Agreement or of any provision thereof unless such amendment or rescission shall have been approved in writing by the Administrator, and wherever this Agreement provides for an agreement between the parties, such agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Administrator.

SECTION 7. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party shall have the right to assign this Agreement, except to the United States of America, without consent in writing of the other part and of the Administrator.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective corporate names by their authorized officers and attested to by their Secretaries, all as of the day, month and year first above written.

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.

By: James J. Donohue
President

ATTEST:

Gary Jorgensen
Secretary

STATELINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: James J. Donohue
President

ATTEST:

Gary Jorgensen
Secretary

PU-2576-01-362

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<p>A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery <i>Patti L. Pierce</i> JUL 18 2000</p> <p>C. Signature <i>P. L. Pierce</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Randall L Macy Buckmaster and Macy LLP PO Box 726 Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726</p>	<p>3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>2. Article Number (Copy from service label) <i>7099 3220 0002 8482 8143</i></p>	
<p>PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-00-M-0952</p>	

PU-2576-01-362

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<p>A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery <i>GAIL CHRISTIAN</i> JUL 18 2000</p> <p>C. Signature <i>Gail Christian</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><i>Randall R Macy Buckmaster & Macy LLP 1501 5th Ave Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726</i></p>	<p>3. Service Type <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>2. Article Number (Copy from service label) <i>7000 0520 0022 8655 3414</i></p>	
<p>PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-00-M-0952</p>	

PU-2576-01-362

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<p>A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery <i>Karol Horn</i> 07-30-01</p> <p>C. Signature <i>K. Horn</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><i>Randall R Macy Buckmaster and Macy LLP 1501 5th Ave Belle Fourche SD 57717-0726</i></p>	<p>3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>