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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Selection of a Path for Disaggregation of Federal High Cost Universal Service Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of North Dakota Telephone Company, (SAC# 381447), and pursuant to Section 54.315 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in accordance with FCC Docket No. 96-45, please accept this correspondence as official notification North Dakota Telephone Company's election of a disaggregation path regarding its federal high cost universal service support.

Specifically, North Dakota Telephone Company elects the disaggregation option provided for in Section 54.315(b) and commonly referred to as "Path 1". As such, North Dakota Telephone Company is choosing to certify to the Commission that it is not disaggregating and targeting its high cost support at this time.

This election will remain in place for four years from the effective date of certification, pursuant to Section 54.315, unless the FCC, on its own motion, or upon the motion of North Dakota Telephone Company or an interested party, requires a change to the elected disaggregation plan.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Any questions or comments may be directed to me at the above-listed address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Dircks", is written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

David Dircks, General Manager
North Dakota Telephone Company

cc: Ms. Irene M. Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company
Mr. Jon Mielke, North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Certification of Disaggregation Plan

by North Dakota Telephone Co.

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