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PU-427-02-453

Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

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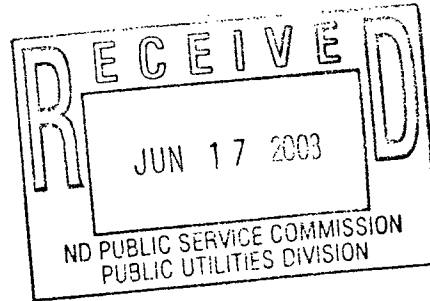
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RE: Reservation Telephone Cooperative

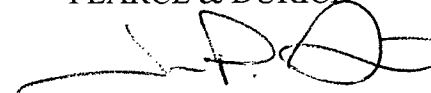
Dear Commission Members:

Enclosed is Reservation Telephone Cooperative's NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF TRANSACTION.

Thank for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


For PATRICK W. DURICK

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Enclosure.

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Letter re Notification

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative by Patrick W D

06/17/2003

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

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Letter re Notification

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative
for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated
Geographical Service Area**

**Case Nos.: PU-427-02-453
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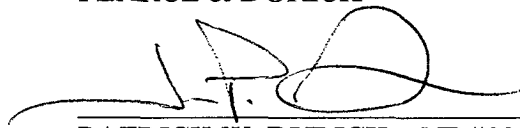
NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF TRANSACTION

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Recommended Order of the Commission dated November 26, 2002, as adopted by the Commission on December 4, 2002, Reservation Telephone Cooperative ("Reservation") hereby notifies the Commission that the contemplated sale by CTC to Reservation of the assets of CTC relating to the provision of local exchange telecommunications services, exchange access and other telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges, has been completed. Reservation began providing service in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges on April 1, 2003

Reservation hereby requests that the Commission issue Reservation a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2003.

PEARCE & DURICK


For PATRICK W. DURICK ND#03141
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Bismarck, ND 58502-0400
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Attorney for Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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Notification of Completion of Transaction

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative

06/17/2003

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

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Notification of Completion of Transaction

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5254

Received: 2/5/2003 Check# 37380 for \$105.71
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-427-02-453

Reservation Telephone Cooperative

Parshall ND 58770

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Receipt# 5,254 \$105.71

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative

02/05/2003

MOTION

January 15, 2003

APPROVED

DATE: 1-15-03
KMF

Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-427-02-453

I move the Commission bill Reservation Telephone Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-427-02-453, Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier Application.



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January 15, 2003

Patrick W Durick
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RE: Case No. PU-427-02-453
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the January 15, 2003 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-427-02-453.

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: Royce Aslakson
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
PO Box 68
Parshall ND 58770-0068

Billing Statement

January 15, 2003

Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-427-02-453

Bill To:

Reservation Telephone Cooperative.....\$105.71

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$31.52
Hearing Expenses.....	64.19
Building Rent.....	10.00

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

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Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-427-02-454

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 **5th day of December, 2002**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

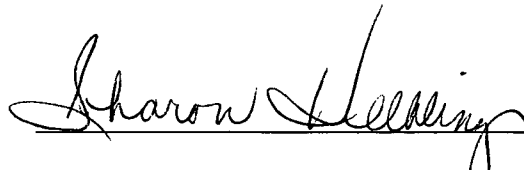
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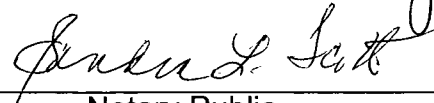
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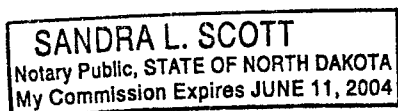
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **5th day of December, 2002**.





Notary Public

SEAL



APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 12-4-02
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December 4, 2002

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-427-02-453

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-427-02-454

I move the Commission adopt the Order adopting the Hearing Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order approving the application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications service and for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges, Case Nos. PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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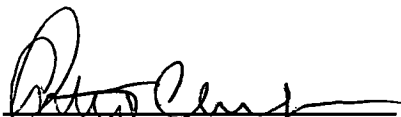
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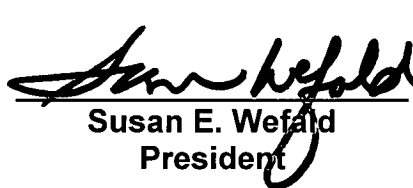
ORDER

December 4, 2002

Having considered the evidence of record in this proceeding, the Public Service Commission adopts the Hearing Officer's November 26, 2002 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

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Anthony T. Clark
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December 4, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Waivers filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota, Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative in Connection with the Sale of Exchanges

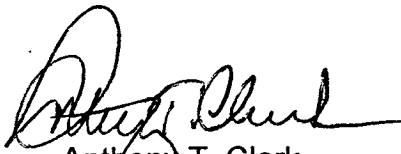
Dear Ms. Dortch:


On December 4, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission approved the applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity filed by Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative in connection with their purchase of certain exchanges in the State of North Dakota from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota. It is our understanding that these companies filed a Joint Petition for Expedited Waivers with the FCC on September 24, 2002 and a Supplement to Joint Petition for Expedited Waivers on October 25, 2002, requesting a waiver of certain FCC rules, including the study area rule, in connection with the purchase and sale of these exchanges.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission hereby affirmatively states that it does not object to the request for waiver of the FCC study area rule for the exchanges to be transferred from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Lein at 701 328-1035.

Sincerely


Anthony T. Clark
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Letter to FCC re application

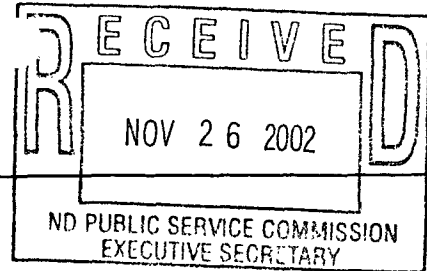
by Public Service Commission

12/04/2002

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry



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November 26, 2002

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RE: Case Nos. PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designate Eligible Carrier and PC&N Applications

Dear Jon:

Enclosed for filing in the above is the original and seven copies of the Hearing Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Hearing Officer

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Enclosure

C: Patrick W. Durick

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Cover letter re Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order by Public Service Commission by Bill Binek

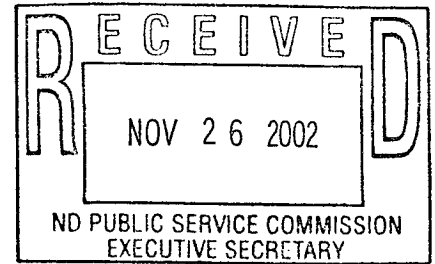
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
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**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-427-02-454

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

November 26, 2002

Appearances

William W. Binek, Chief Counsel, Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, Substantive Hearing Officer.

Patrick W. Durick, Attorney at Law, Pearce & Durick, 314 East Thayer Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502, on behalf of Reservation Telephone Cooperative.

Jerry Lein and Mike Diller, Staff Analysts, Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480, on behalf of the Public Service Commission.

Preliminary Statement

On August 23, 2002 Reservation Telephone Cooperative ("RTC") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges, Case No. PU-427-02-453. RTC also requests designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for receiving federal universal service support for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges, Case No. PU-427-02-454. Incumbent local exchange telecommunications services for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges are currently provided by Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota ("CTC").

On September 25, 2002 the Commission issued a Notice of Public Hearing for Case Nos. PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454 for October 22, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. CDT at the Watford City Hall, Heritage Room, 213 2nd Street NE, Watford City, North Dakota. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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1. Fitness and ability of RTC to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of RTC to provide service.
4. Qualification of RTC under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214 (e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.
5. What ETC universal service support area should be designated for RTC.

N.D.C.C. section 49-03.1-04 includes two issues not indicated above. They are need for service and the effect on other public utilities providing similar service. N.D. Admin. Code section 69-09-05-11(3) provides:

"In order to implement North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-03.1 consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, issues to be considered in an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a facilities-based provider of telecommunications services are:

- a. *Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.*
- b. *Adequacy of the proposed service.*
- c. *The technical, financial, and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service."*

On October 18, 2002 National Information Solutions Cooperative filed an affidavit of Support for the application of RTC in Case Nos. PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454.

On October 22, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. CDT, a public hearing was held at the Watford City Hall, Heritage Room, 213 2nd Street NE, Watford City, ND. Several members of the public made public interest comments.

On October 31, 2002 RTC filed late exhibits 3 and 4, Enumeration of ETC Service and Proposed Waiver letter, respectively.

Having heard and considered this matter, the Hearing Officer makes the following:

Findings of Fact

1. RTC is a North Dakota business corporation, with its business offices located in Parshall, North Dakota. RTC is engaged in the business of providing local exchange telecommunications at various locations within the State of North Dakota.

2. On July 26, 2002 RTC entered into an agreement with CTC for the purchase of assets relating to the provision of local exchange telecommunications services, exchange access and other telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges. Upon closing, CTC intends to cease providing service and RTC intends to begin providing service in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

3. All subscribers currently served by CTC in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges will be served by RTC on the closing date of the transaction. CTC presently serves approximately 1,113 access lines in the Watford City exchange and 236 access lines in the Alexander exchange. CTC intends to relinquish its ETC designation and certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges effective as of the closing date of the transaction.

4. RTC presently provides telecommunications services to approximately 7,823 customers in eighteen exchanges in twelve communities spread over 7,000 square miles in north-central North Dakota. RTC has an experienced managerial staff and a seasoned and stable Board of Directors from the service areas that it serves. RTC provides a variety of technologically advanced telecommunications services to its subscribers including Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, Call Forward on Busy, Speed Dial 8 and Speed Dial 30, Cancel Call Waiting, Call Screening, Selective Call Forwarding, Special Call Acceptance and Priority Ringing, Caller ID, Voice Mail, Toll Restriction, Distinctive Ringing, Second Line, North Dakota Long Distance ("NDLD"), NDLD Prepaid Calling Cards, NDLD Toll Free Numbers and Calling Cards, Alarm Systems, Business Phone Systems, Internet, Paging, Retail Phone Equipment and Supplies, Telecommunication Equipment Leasing and RTC Telephone Cooperative Gift Certificates. RTC offers dial up internet access to all of its subscribers and presently offers Digital Subscriber Lines (InstaNet) to some of its customers. RTC plans to expand the availability of this DSL service as its plant is upgraded. RTC also offers cable television services in Arnegard, New Town, Parshall, Plaza, Makoti and Ryder and paging services in Keene, New Town and Parshall. RTC's website www.RTC.coop contains public service materials, such as the community calendar, which lists all activities in all of the towns served by RTC. The Hearing Officer finds that RTC has the fitness and ability to provide adequate service to the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

5. RTC intends to honor the existing local rates and the extended calling area for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges. RTC intends to honor existing interconnection agreements with Competitive Local Exchanges and wireless providers and to adopt the intrastate access rates currently used by RTC for its exchanges in North Dakota.

6. CoBank has issued a conditional loan commitment to RTC, and the proceeds of the loan as well as the present assets and operating margins of RTC provide ample assets for the purchase and operation of the Watford city and Alexander exchanges and the repayment of the loan. The Hearing Officer finds that RTC is fit, able, and has the

technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

7. The Watford City and Alexander exchanges that are the subject of this sale are currently part of CTC's study area for purposes of determining universal service obligations. Both RTC and CTC request that the Commission notify the FCC that the Commission does not object to the study area changes necessary to remove the Watford City and Alexander exchanges from CTC's study area and to add those exchanges to RTC's study area.

8. To be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier, a carrier must: (1) offer the services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms, and offer the services designated by the FCC for such federal support mechanisms for schools, libraries, and health care providers; and (2) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution.

9. For telecommunications customers, the services designated by the FCC for support by Universal service support mechanisms include voice grade access to the public switched network, local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, single-party service or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange service, access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

10. For schools and libraries, the service designated by the FCC for support by universal support mechanisms include all items listed on the Eligible Services List of the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism of the Universal Service Administrative Company dated October 18, 2002. For health care providers, the services supported by universal service support mechanisms include any telecommunications service that is used primarily for the provision of health care.

11. RTC affirms it will offer all services that are supported by the federal universal service support mechanisms and will advertise the availability of and charges for those services using media of general distribution throughout the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

12. RTC affirms that its Lifeline and Link Up offerings will continue to meet the requirements established by the FCC and the North Dakota Lifeline Plan and Link Up Plan in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

13. The Hearing Officer finds that RTC is qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214 (e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Hearing Officer makes the following:

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the applicant and over the subject matter of these applications under Title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code.
2. RTC is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.
3. RTC's proposed service for Watford City and Alexander is adequate.
4. RTC meets the federal requirements for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Officer makes the following:

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges area is approved, effective with the date that the asset acquisition transaction is complete. A certificate of public convenience and necessity will be issued upon notification by the applicants that the transaction is complete.
2. Reservation Telephone Cooperative's application to expand its designated eligible carrier status is granted, and RTC is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the Watford City and Alexander exchange areas, effective with the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity and receipt of any required Part 36 study area waivers from the FCC.
3. Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota's certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges shall be relinquished and cancelled effective with the issuance to RTC of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.
4. Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota will no longer be designated as an ETC for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges effective upon

Citizen's relinquishing its certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges and receipt of any required Part 36 study area waivers from the FCC.

By: 
William W. Binek, Hearing Officer
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



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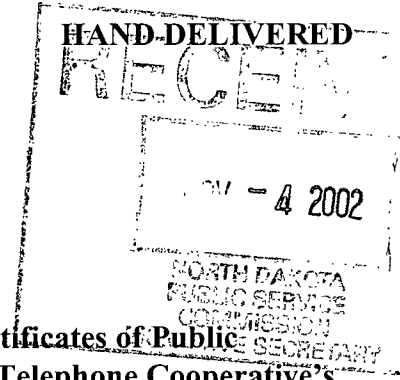
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November 4, 2002

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RE: **Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area**
Case Nos.: PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454

Dear Mr. Binek:

Enclosed for filing in this matter please find the following:

1. Original and seven copies of Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order; and
2. Disc containing a file with the Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and a file containing Late Filed Exhibit 4 - Proposed Waiver letter to FCC.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK

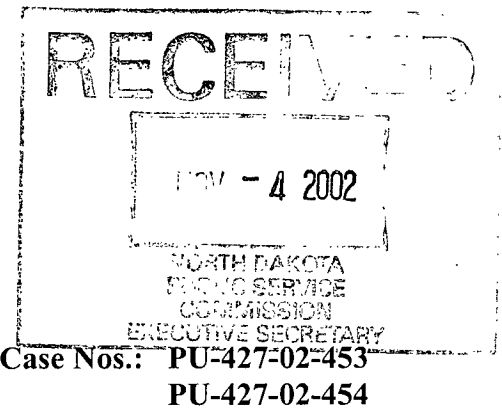
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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND PROPOSED ORDER

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On October 18, 2002 National Information Solutions Cooperative filed an affidavit of Support for the application of RTC in Case Nos. PU-2779-02-451 and PU-2779-02-452.

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Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions
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On October 22, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. CDT, a public hearing was held at the Watford City Hall, Heritage Room, 213 2nd Street NE, Watford City, ND, on Case Nos. PU-2779-02-451 and PU-2779-02-452, William W. Binek, Chief Counsel, Public Service Commission, presiding. Witness for RTC was Royce S. Aslakson. Jerry Lein and Mike Diller of the Commission staff presented testimony, including testimony by Mr. Diller, that RTC has the financial wherewithal to complete the purchase of the Watford City and Alexander exchanges and continue to provide service to the people of Watford City and Alexander on an ongoing basis. Several members of the public made appearances.

On October 31, 2002 RTC filed late exhibits 3 and 4, Enumeration of ETC Service and Proposed Waiver letter, respectively.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 26, 2002 RTC entered into an agreement with CTC for the purchase of assets relating to the provision of local exchange telecommunications services, exchange access and other telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges. Upon closing, CTC intends to cease providing service and RTC intends to begin providing service in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.
2. All subscribers currently served by CTC in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges will be served by RTC on the closing date of the transaction. CTC presently serves approximately 1,113 access lines in the Watford City exchange and 236 access lines in the Alexander exchange. CTC intends to relinquish its ETC designation and certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges effective as of the closing date of the transaction.
3. RTC presently provides telecommunications services to approximately 7,823 customers in eighteen exchanges in twelve communities spread over 7,000 square miles in north-central North Dakota. RTC has an experienced managerial staff and a seasoned and stable Board of Directors from the service areas that it serves. RTC provides a variety of technologically advanced telecommunications services to its subscribers including Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, Call Forward on Busy, Speed Dial 8 and Speed Dial 30, Cancel Call Waiting, Call Screening, Selective Call Forwarding, Special Call Acceptance and Priority Ringing, Caller ID, Voice Mail, Toll Restriction, Distinctive Ringing, Second Line, North Dakota Long Distance ("NDLD"), NDLD Prepaid Calling Cards, NDLD Toll Free Numbers and Calling Cards, Alarm Systems, Business Phone Systems, Internet, Paging, Retail Phone Equipment and Supplies, Telecommunication Equipment Leasing and RTC Telephone Cooperative Gift Certificates. RTC offers dial up internet access to all of its subscribers and presently offers Digital Subscriber Lines (InstaNet) to some of its customers. RTC plans to expand the availability of this DSL service as its plant is upgraded. RTC also offers cable television services in

Arnegard, New Town, Parshall, Plaza, Makoti and Ryder and paging services in Keene, New Town and Parshall. RTC's website *www.RTC.coop* contains public service materials, such as the community calendar, which lists all activities in all of the towns served by RTC.

4. **RTC intends on honoring the existing local rates and the extended calling area for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges. RTC intends to honor existing interconnection agreements with Competitive Local Exchanges and wireless providers and to adopt the Intrastate access rates currently used by RTC for its exchanges in North Dakota.**
5. **CoBank has issued a conditional loan commitment to RTC and the proceeds of the loan as well as the present assets and operating margins of RTC provide ample assets for the purchase and operation of the Watford city and Alexander exchanges and the repayment of the loan.**
6. **The Watford City and Alexander exchanges that are the subject of this sale are currently part of CTC's study area for purposes of determining universal service obligations. Both RTC and CTC request that the Commission notify the FCC that the Commission does not object to the study area changes necessary to remove the Watford City and Alexander exchanges from CTC's study area and to add those exchanges to RTC's study area.**
7. **To be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier, a carrier must: (1) offer the services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms, and offer the services designated by the FCC for such federal support mechanisms for schools, libraries, and health care providers; and (2) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution.**
8. **For telecommunications customers, the services designated by the FCC for support by Universal service support mechanisms include voice grade access to the public switched network, local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, single-party service or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange service, access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.**
9. **For schools and libraries, the service designated by the FCC for support by universal support mechanisms include all items listed on the Eligible Services List of the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism of the Universal Service Administrative Company dated October 18, 2002. For health care providers, the services supported by universal service support mechanisms include any telecommunications service which is used primarily for the provision of health care.**

10. **RTC affirms it will offer all services that are supported by the federal universal service support mechanisms and will advertise the availability of and charges for those services using media of general distribution throughout the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.**
11. **RTC affirms that its Lifeline and Link Up offerings will continue to meet the requirements established by the FCC and the North Dakota Lifeline Plan and Link Up Plan in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.**

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. **The Commission finds that RTC is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.**
2. **The Commission finds that RTC's proposed service for Watford City and Alexander are adequate.**
3. **The Commission finds that RTC meets the federal requirements for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.**

From the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission makes the following:

ORDER

1. **The application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the Watford City and Alexander exchanges area is approved, effective with the date that the asset acquisition transaction is complete. A certificate of public convenience and necessity will be issued upon notification by the applicants that the transaction is complete.**
2. **Reservation Telephone Cooperative's application to expand its designated eligible carrier status is granted, and RTC is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the Watford City and Alexander exchange areas, effective with the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity and receipt of any required Part 36 study area waivers from the FCC.**
3. **Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota's certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges shall be relinquished and cancelled effective with the issuance to RTC of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges.**

4. **Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota will no longer be designated as an ETC for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges effective upon Citizen's relinquishing its certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Watford City and Alexander exchanges and receipt of any required Part 36 study area waivers from the FCC.**

Dated: _____, 2002.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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President

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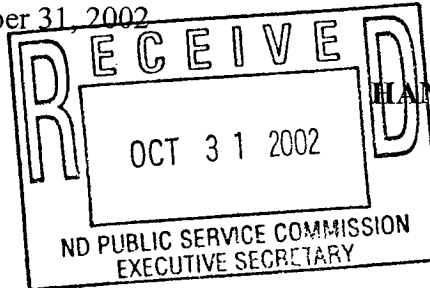
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October 31, 2002



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RE: **Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area**
Case Nos.: **PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454**

Dear Mr. Binek:

Enclosed herein please find the following:

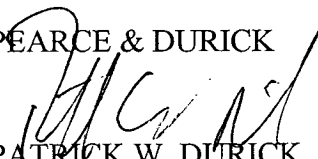
1. Late Filed Exhibit 3 - Enumeration of ETC Service; and
2. Late Filed Exhibit 4 - Proposed Waiver letter to FCC.

I anticipate filing Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

PEARCE & DURICK


PATRICK W. DURICK

PWD/jf

Enclosures.

cc: Mr. Royce S. Aslakson
Mr. Kevin Saville
Mr. Steve Metts
Ms. Kathy Greenwood

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Cover letter re Late Filed Exhibits 3 & 4

by Reservation Telephone Cooperative by Patrick W. I
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1. Voice grade access to the public switched network.
2. Local usage.
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4. Single-party service or its functional equivalent.
5. Access to emergency services.\
6. Access to operator services.
7. Access to interexchange service.
8. Access to directory assistance.
9. Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Source: 47 CFR Section 54.101

Late Filed Exhibit 3, Case Nos.: PU-2779-02-453 and PU-2779-02-454

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Enumeration of ETC Service

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Exhibit # Late Filed 3

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Enumeration of ETC Service

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C., 20554

**RE: Request for Waivers filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company
of North Dakota, Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Missouri
Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative
in Connection with the Sale of Certain Exchanges**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November ___, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the applications for certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative in connection with their purchase of certain exchanges in the State of North Dakota from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota. It is the Commission's understanding that the above-referenced companies filed a Joint Petition for Expedited Waivers at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 24, 2002, and a Supplement to Joint Petition for Expedited Waivers on October 25, 2002, requesting a waiver of certain FCC rules, including the FCC's study area rule, in connection with the purchase and sale of these exchanges.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission hereby affirmatively states that it does not object to the request for waiver of the FCC's study area rule for the exchanges to be transferred from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jerry Lein at 701 328-1035.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY T. CLARK
Commissioner

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President

LEO M. REINBOLD
Commissioner

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Proposed Waiver letter to FCC

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cc: Patrick W. Durick
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**Late Filed Exhibit 4 - Waiver letter to FCC, Case Nos.: PU-2779-02-453 and
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National Information Solutions Cooperative

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October 18, 2002

Mr. Jon Mielke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Reservation Telephone Cooperative.
Case No. PU-2779-02-453 and PU-2770-02-454

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Please file the Supporting Affidavit of Vern Dosch of NISC in the above captioned matter since Mr. Dosch will be unable to personally attend the public hearing on October 22, 2002 in Watford City. We have enclosed five original copies for the convenience of the Commissioners.

Please extend our best regards to Commissioners Wefald, Reinbold and Clark.

Yours very truly,

Wally Goulet
Vice President and General Counsel
NISC
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
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Case No. PU-427-02-453

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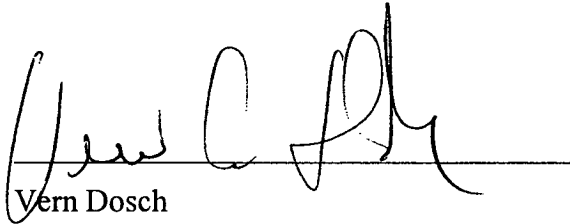
State of North Dakota)
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County of Morton)

On behalf of National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), a member owned software and billing service provider with offices in Mandan, North Dakota, I, Vern Dosch, as Chief Executive Officer of NISC, being first duly sworn on my oath state that it is my opinion that Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) has shown itself through fifty years of telecommunications service to its members and service area that encompasses portions of both western North Dakota and eastern Montana to be a fit and exceptionally well-qualified applicant to provide the technical, financial and managerial expertise necessary to provide the preferred level of service necessary for the exchanges of Watford City and Alexander, North Dakota.

It is my further statement that NISC which serves as a software provider and billing processor for our member/owner RTC will also experience a very positive economic impact from the transfer of ownership in such exchanges to RTC. NISC as a result of the proposed sale would additionally process on a monthly basis a variety of services for RTC in its billing of the customers of the fifteen hundred (1500) additional access lines. Such service and processing work will likely include the following: End User Billing, Automated Mail Services, Carrier Access Bill Processing, Message

Message Processing, Message Transmission, and Switch Polling. It is my opinion it would have a very beneficial impact upon the economy of North Dakota to approve this transfer which would incidentally also bring these service opportunities and the attendant revenues to NISC, an employer of over two hundred and fifty (250) North Dakotans. These service opportunities and revenues are currently both going to business concerns outside the State of North Dakota. NISC is excited about this potential growth in its business and hereby wants to advise the Public Service Commission of this additional beneficial impact of the proposed transfer and its support for Reservation Telephone Cooperative, an outstanding provider of telecommunications service.

That this affidavit is hereby executed on October 18, 2002 for presentation at the October 22nd, 2002 public hearing on this matter before the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

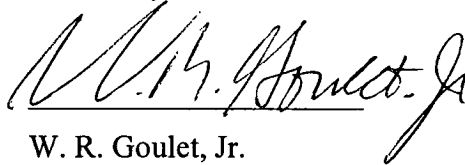


Vern Dosch

President and CEO

National Information Solutions Cooperative

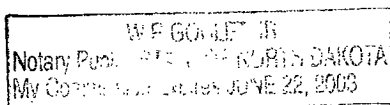
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 2002.



W. R. Goulet, Jr.

Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires June 22, 2003



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Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October A.D. 2002

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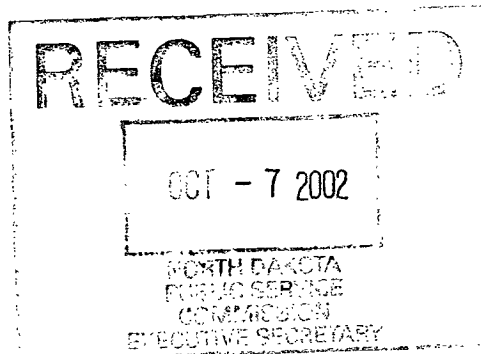
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Public Convenience and Necessity

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Case No. PU-427-02-454

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ORDINARY 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 September, 2002**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **26th** day of **September, 2002**.

Sharon Hedding

Sandra L. Scott

Notary Public

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

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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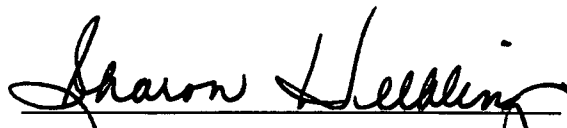
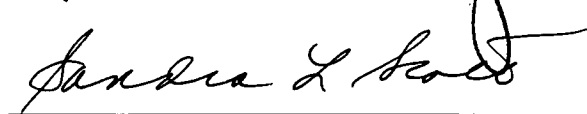
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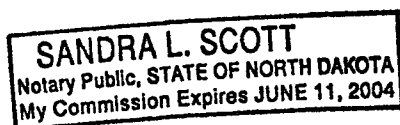
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
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Colleen:

Please have the attached Notice of Hearings published as a legal publication in the next issue of the Williston Herald and the McKenzie County Farmer. Please run this as a "News Item Only" article as well.

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

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Thank you.

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**Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-2779-02-451

**Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2779-02-452

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-427-02-453

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-427-02-454

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in the captioned applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications service and for designation as eligible telecommunications carriers as follows: Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. for the Williston exchange; and Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS

September 25, 2002

On August 23, 2002, Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (MVCI), a subsidiary of Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. of Scobey, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the Williston exchange, Case No. PU-2779-02-452. MVCI also requests designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for receiving federal universal service support for the Williston exchange, Case No. PU-2779-02-451.

Also on August 23, 2002, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) of Parshall, North Dakota filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the exchanges of Alexander and Watford City, North Dakota, Case No. PU-427-02-454. RTC also requests ETC designation for the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, Case No. PU-427-02-453.

Each applicant reports entering into an agreement for the purchase of assets of Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (CTC) relating to the provision of telecommunications services in the respective exchanges for which each applicant requests authority. The applicants state that as of the closing date of the transactions CTC intends to cease providing service in these exchanges and each applicant intends to begin providing service in each respective exchange.

A public hearing in Case Nos. PU-427-02-453 and PU-427-02-454 will be held beginning **October 22, 2002 at 10 a.m. CDT (9 MDT) at the Watford City Hall**, Heritage Room, 213 2nd Street NE, Watford City, North Dakota.

A public hearing in Case Nos. PU-2779-02-451 and PU-2779-02-452 will be held beginning **October 22, 2002 at 2 p.m. CDT (1 MDT) in the Williams County Courthouse**, Memorial Room, 205 East Broadway, Williston, North Dakota.

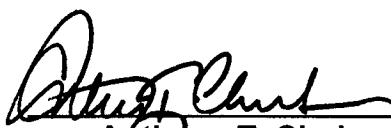
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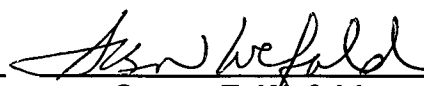
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2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of each applicant to provide service.
4. Qualification of each applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.
5. What ETC universal service support area should be designated for each applicant.

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding these proceedings will be given an opportunity at the hearings. Anyone wishing to become a party to the proceedings must file a petition to intervene with the Commission under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-02-05.

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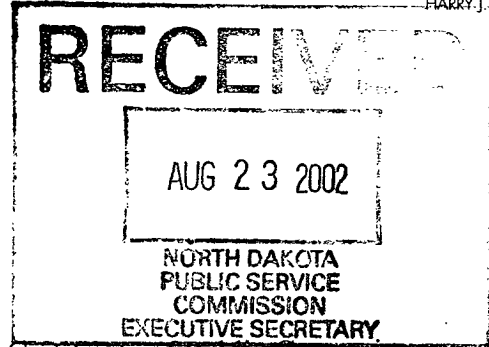
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Re: Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and seven copies of an Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area and an Affidavit in support thereof. After the documents are filed please return to me a file stamped copy of the Application and the Affidavit. The signature on the affidavit is by facsimile transmission and I will file the original of the signature when I receive it.

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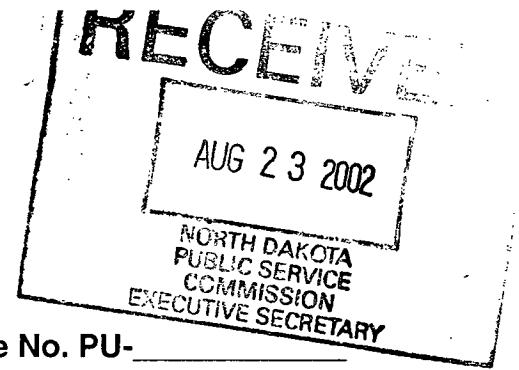
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for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
and Expansion of Reservation Telephone
Cooperative's Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area**

Case No. PU-_____

APPLICATION

I.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, "RTC"), a North Dakota business corporation, under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "Commission"), is engaged in the business of providing local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access and other telecommunications activities in Emmet, Kenmare, Garrison, Norma, Plaza, Douglas Squaw Gap, Arnegard, New Town, Keene, Max, Makoti, Roseglen, Ross, Ryder, Mandaree Spencer, and Parshall North Dakota as well as Squaw Gap, Montana, which shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "RTC Service Area."

II.

Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (hereinafter, "CTC"), a Delaware corporation, under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission, is engaged in the business of providing local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access, and other telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Alexander (PC&N No. 4595) and Watford City (PC&N No. 4600).

III.

CTC and RTC have entered into a purchase and sale agreement dated July 26, 2002, for the purchase and sale of CTC's current assets and facilities relating to the provision of local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access, and other telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. As of the closing date of said transaction (anticipated for early 2003) (hereinafter, the "Closing Date"), CTC intends to cease doing business as a provider of local exchange telecommunications service and exchange access in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. In addition, as of the Closing Date, RTC intends to engage in the business of providing local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access, and other telecommunications activities in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

IV.

CTC wishes to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4595 for the Alexander exchange and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4600 for the Watford City exchange, issued by the Commission on October 31, 2000, effective as of the Closing Date.

V.

RTC has been designated by the Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive universal service support under §§ 214 and 254 of the federal Communications act of 1934, as amended by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "1996 Act"). RTC's eligible telecommunications carrier designated geographical service area for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms under the 1996 Act is currently the RTC Service Area. Effective as of the Closing Date, CTC wishes to contract its designated geographical service area to no longer include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, and RTC wishes to expand its designated geographical service area to include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, for purposes of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms under the 1996 Act.

VI.

All subscribers served by CTC in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges prior to the Closing Date will be served by RTC beginning on the Closing Date. RTC intends to charge the same rates for basic local service in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges as CTC is currently charging its subscribers in said exchanges.

VII.

There is a clear need for continuing quality telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The relinquishment of CTC's Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity will have no effect on other public utilities providing similar services, as there are no other public utilities providing similar services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. RTC, having provided telephone service in North Dakota for many years, has demonstrated that it has the technical, financial, and managerial fitness and ability to provide adequate essential and nonessential telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The technical fitness and ability of RTC to provide services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges will be enhanced and facilitated by RTC's purchase of the assets that CTC is currently using to provide such services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The provision of adequate essential and nonessential telecommunications service in the Alexander and Watford exchanges will be facilitated and supported by the full current technical and financial capabilities of RTC.

VIII.

Beginning on the Closing Date, RTC will offer all services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms under § 254(c) of the 1996 Act and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 and 54.401, using a combination of its own facilities and resale of other carriers' services, and will advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution, throughout Alexander and Watford City.

IX.

The Commission has: (1) authority under N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7(7) to act upon applications dealing with certificates of public convenience and necessity; and (2) authority under N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7(13) to designate geographic service areas for designated eligible telecommunications carriers for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms under the 1996 Act.

X.

WHEREFORE, CTC hereby applies to: (1) contract its designated geographical service area to no longer include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7(13), effective as of the Closing Date; and (2) relinquish its Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Nos. 4595 and 4600, respectively, effective as of the Closing Date, pursuant to N.D.A.C. § 69-09-05-11(6).

XI.

WHEREFORE, RTC hereby applies to the Commission, pursuant to N.D.C.C. Ch. 49-03.1 and N.D.A.C. § 69-09-05-11, for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, effective as of the Closing Date.

XII.

WHEREFORE, RTC hereby applies to the Commission for expansion of its designated geographic service area for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms under the 1996 Act, effective as of the Closing Date, to also include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

XIII.

WHEREFORE, RTC and CTC hereby request a letter indicating to the Federal Communications Commission this Commission's approval (or non-opposition) to a waiver/modification of the Part 36 study area for North Dakota to reflect RTC's acquisition of the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. RTC and CTC will provide

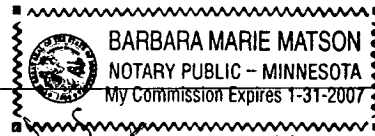
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF NORTH DAKOTA

By Kevin Saville

Kevin Saville
Its Associate General Counsel

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 19th day of AUGUST, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEVIN SAVILLE, known to me to be the Associate General Counsel of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF NORTH DAKOTA, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Barbara Marie Matson, Notary Public
For the State of Minnesota
My commission expires: 2007

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative
for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
and Expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated
Geographical Service Area**

Case No. PU-_____

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL)

Royce S. Aslakson, the General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, being first duly sworn, affirms the following statement of facts, in support of the application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative for certificates of public convenience and necessity, and expansion of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's eligible telecommunications carrier geographical service area.

I.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, "RTC"), a North Dakota business corporation, under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "Commission"), is engaged in the business of providing local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access and other telecommunications activities in Emmet, Kenmare, Garrison, Norma, Plaza, Douglas, Squaw Gap, Arnegard, New Town, Keene, Max, Makoti, Roseglen, Ross, Ryder, Mandaree, Spencer, and Parshall, North Dakota as well as Squaw Gap, Montana, which shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "RTC Service Area."

II.

RTC and Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (hereinafter "CTC") have entered into a purchase and sale agreement dated July 26, 2002, for the purchase and sale of CTC's current assets and facilities relating to the provision of local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access, and other telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. As of the closing date of said transaction (anticipated for early 2003) (hereinafter, the "Closing Date"), CTC intends to cease doing business as a provider of local exchange telecommunications service and exchange access in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. In addition, as of the Closing Date, RTC intends to engage in the business of providing local

exchange telecommunications service, exchange access, and other telecommunications activities in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

III.

Effective as of the Closing Date, CTC wishes to contract its designated geographical service area to no longer include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, and RTC, having been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "Commission") as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive universal service support under §§ 214 and 254 under the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "1996 Act"), requests to expand its existing designated geographical service area to include the Alexander and Watford City exchanges, for purposes of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms under the 1996 Act.

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All subscribers served by CTC in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges prior to the Closing Date will be served by RTC beginning on the Closing Date. RTC intends to charge the same rates for basic local service in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges as CTC is currently charging its subscribers in said exchanges.

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There is a clear need for continuing quality telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The relinquishment of CTC's Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity will have no effect on other public utilities providing similar services. RTC has the technical, financial, and managerial fitness and ability to provide adequate essential and nonessential telecommunications services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The technical fitness and ability of RTC to provide services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges will be enhanced and facilitated by RTC's purchase of the assets that CTC is currently using to provide such services in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges. The provision of adequate essential and nonessential telecommunications service in the Alexander and Watford City exchanges will be facilitated and supported by the full current technical and financial capabilities of RTC.

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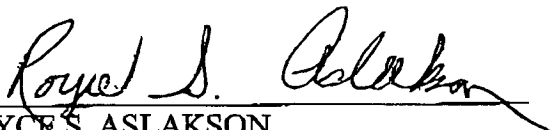
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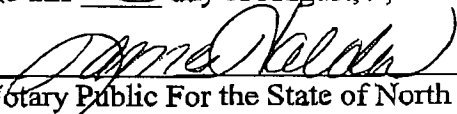
As required by N.D.A.C. § 69-09-05-11(2): attached and hereby incorporated by reference are the following exhibits: Exhibit "A" - Articles of Incorporation of RTC, as filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on October 16, 1951; Articles of Amendment as filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on March 18, 1955; Certificate of Change of Corporate Headquarters of Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on October 18, 1955; Articles of Incorporation of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Formerly Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on September 8, 1960; Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of Reservation Telephone Cooperative of Parshall, North Dakota filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on November 2, 1977; and Cooperative Association Registered Agent/Registered Office Principal Place of Business Statement of Change filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on April 28, 1998. Exhibit "B" - Certificate of Incorporation of Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State on October 16, 1951; Certificate of Amendment issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State on March 18, 1955; Certificate of Change of Corporate Headquarters issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State on November 25, 1955; Certificate of Amendment of Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State on September 8, 1960; and Certificate of Amendment of Reservation Telephone Cooperative. Exhibit "C" - a copy of audited financial statements for December 31, 2001 and 2002 for Reservation Telephone Cooperative.

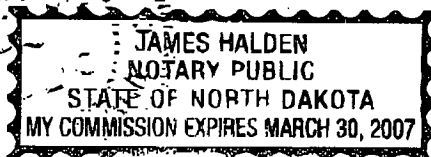
The affiant is the General Manager of Applicant Reservation Telephone Cooperative and affirms the truth of the foregoing statement of facts based on his first-hand knowledge.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2002.


ROYCE S. ASLAKSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23 day of August, 2, 2002.


Notary Public For the State of North Dakota



My commission expires: 3-30-2007

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CASE NO. PU-427-02-453

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STATE ARCHIVES

CONTROL NUMBER: 80051

Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2002 9:19 AM

To: Comm; Legal; PUD

Subject: Sale of Williston, Watford City and Alexander Exchanges

A gentleman called yesterday morning to state he has no objection to the sale as long as the new company continues to provide the same services at the same rates they are getting now. He did not leave his name.

10/15/2002

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