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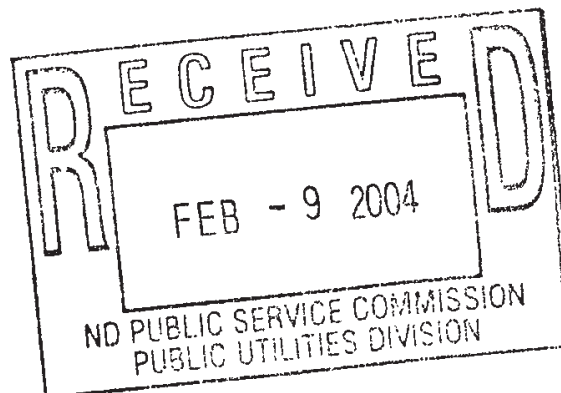
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of WWC Holding Co., Inc. d/b/a
CellularOne© for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Docket No. PU-2077-03-636**

Dear Mr. Fahn:

I am writing to confirm the matters discussed in our telephone conversation of February 5, 2004, concerning the above-captioned matter. Specifically, I advised you that Western Wireless Corporation is the parent company of its wholly-owned subsidiary corporation, WWC Holding Co., Inc. In the State of North Dakota, WWC Holding Co., Inc. is the operating entity doing business as CellularOne©. For purposes of the above-captioned proceeding, we recommend that the Commission's order granting federal ETC status be issued to "WWC Holding Co., Inc. d/b/a CellularOne© ('Western Wireless')." Such a designation will be consistent with the Application, as well as similar designations in other States.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Ayotte".

Mark J. Ayotte

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by WWC Holding Co., Inc.

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