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July 30, 2008

**Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-08-213

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for federal universal service support in the Gilby, Lakota, Fordville, Edmore, Adams, Pembina and St Vincent exchanges in North Dakota, Case No. PU-08-213.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

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On May 15, 2008 Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation (Polar) of Park River, ND filed an Application for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designated Geographical Service Area to include the Gilby, Lakota, Fordville, Edmore, Adams, Pembina, and St. Vincent exchanges in North Dakota. Polar reports merging with subsidiary Polar Telecommunications, Inc. to operate as a single company effective January 1, 2005. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Qualification of the applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated.
3. Whether, upon designation of Polar as an ETC for the Gilby, Lakota, Fordville, Edmore, Adams, Pembina, and St. Vincent exchanges, subsidiary Polar Telecommunications, Inc.'s designation as an ETC for these exchanges should be relinquished.
- 4 The public Interest.

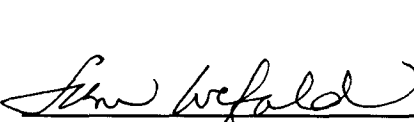
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **September 8, 2008**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter 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 Gloria Geiger, Interim Executive Secretary.


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