

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Halstad Telephone Company  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application**

**Case No. PU-08-872**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE REGULAR AND EMAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Janet Marquart** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, 71 envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy, and 61 electronic mail messages, each with an attached electronic copy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

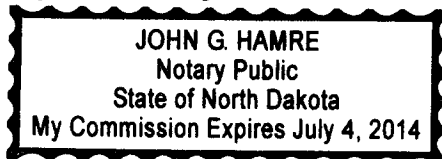
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Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2009**.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

January 14, 2009

HTC Services, Inc. (HTC) was a wholly owned subsidiary of Halstad Telephone Company (Halstad). HTC provided telecommunications services as a competitive local exchange carrier in the Hillsboro, ND exchange. HTC was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) and was eligible to receive federal universal service funding for the Hillsboro exchange service area. Effective December 31, 2008, the assets of HTC were to be transferred into Halstad, and HTC would be dissolved.

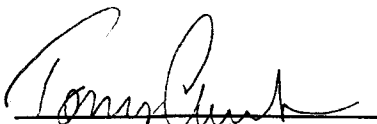
On November 3, 2008 Halstad Telephone Company (Halstad) filed an Application for Expansion of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designated Geographical Service Area to include the Hillsboro exchange in North Dakota. On December 19, 2008, Halstad filed a revision requesting that the Commission grant a separate ETC designation to Halstad for the Hillsboro exchange service area for its activities as a competitive local exchange. 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 Halstad as an ETC for the Hillsboro exchange, the designation of HTC as an ETC for the Hillsboro exchange should be relinquished.
4. The public Interest.

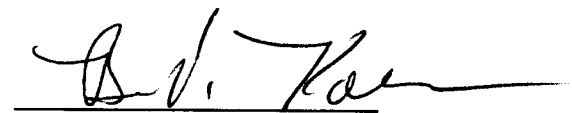
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by February 27, 2009.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information, or if you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

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