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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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**RE: HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY/HTC SERVICES INC.
 AMENDED APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 CARRIER DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA
 CASE NO. PU-08-872**

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF
 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
 CASE NO. PU-08-873**

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Dear Mr. Neitschke:

On November 3, 2008, Halstad Telephone Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, HTC Services, Inc. filed an application for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation for Halstad Telephone Company and Application for Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Subsequent to that time, it has been determined through research and discussions with Pat Fahn of your office that the Halstad Telephone Company has ETC status in North Dakota for its incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) activities in its West Halstad, West Nielsville, West Shelly and West Climax exchanges, which are the North Dakota customers of its Minnesota ILEC exchanges. Its wholly owned subsidiary, HTC Services, Inc., operates a competitive local exchange carrier telecommunications (CLEC) activity in Hillsboro with a separate ETC designation.

Effective December 31, 2008, the subsidiary will transfer all of its assets including the CLEC telecommunications company in Hillsboro to the parent cooperative. The purpose

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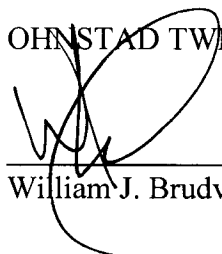
of this transfer will be to enable the customers of the Hillsboro exchange to become members of the Halstad Telephone Company cooperative. It would not be appropriate for Halstad Telephone Company to simply **expand** its ETC designation to include both the ILEC activities in West Halstad, West Nielsville, West Shelly and West Climax with its CLEC activities in Hillsboro. The enclosed amended application, therefore, seeks to have the subsidiary's ETC designation in Hillsboro relinquished and a separate ETC designation awarded to Halstad Telephone Company for its CLEC activities in Hillsboro.

At the same time the subsidiary requested that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Hillsboro be transferred to Halstad. We have determined that the subsidiary operated as a nonincumbent local exchange carrier in Hillsboro and the parent company, Halstad, will be operating as a nonincumbent local exchange carrier in Hillsboro. As a result, those filings will be made online pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-03.1-09 in lieu of a filing with the Public Service Commission. Halstad Telephone Company and its subsidiary are therefore withdrawing the Application for Transfer and Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Case No. PU-08-873).

Enclosed are an original and seven copies of the Amended Application for ETC and an original and seven copies of the Letter of Withdrawal of the PC & N. The required certificate of good standing and consolidated financial statements have previously been filed in this matter. Please review the filings and notify me if there is anything additional that you should require or any corrections or amendments. Otherwise, please process this as expeditiously as possible through your offices.

Sincerely yours,

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