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The Honorable Susan E. Wefald
The Honorable Tony Clark
The Honorable Kevin Cramer
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
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RE: Rhame, North Dakota Area

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership ("Company") in response to your letter dated December 22, 2008 regarding better cellular service in and around the area of Rhame, North Dakota. As the General Manager of the Company, we appreciate the Commission's interest in promoting cellular coverage in this area. We also appreciate the citizens of Rhame, North Dakota who have voiced their concerns regarding better cellular coverage.

The Company is licensed and provides cellular service in North Dakota Rural Service Area No. 4 ("North Dakota RSA 4") and receives federal universal service support to assist in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services throughout its designated service area. The Company currently maintains 25 cell sites throughout North Dakota RSA 4, of which 14 were constructed using universal service support over the last four years.

The Company's current build plan for this service area has been set for the next two years. Unfortunately, Rhame, North Dakota is not included in the build plan. Although we continually survey and re-evaluate areas where there are coverage deficiencies, we have not ruled out the Rhame, North Dakota area.

As you know the issue of a proposed USF reform is still pending before the Federal Communications Commission and based upon the outcome, could impact the Company's current and future build plans. We will have Rhame, North Dakota added to the future build plan list, but the construction of a proposed site would be contingent upon the outcome of USF reform and whether the Company would continue receiving USF support.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Stevens
Manager – Partnership Relations and Accounting