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HAND-DELIVERED

RE: Alltel Communications
Annual Eligible Telecommunication Carriers
Use of Federal Universal Service Support Certification
Case No.: ~~PU-06-421~~

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On behalf of Alltel Communications, I am filing the following Non-Confidential Documents pursuant to NDAC § 69-09-05-12 et. seq.

1. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Annual Report on behalf of WWC Holding Co., Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alltel Communications, Inc., certified by Gregory P. Schaffer, Senior Vice President/Chief Risk Officer
Exhibits:
 - A. Areas where Alltel has been designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of North Dakota (not confidential)

If you have any questions concerning the Annual Report for ETC Use of Federal Universal Service Support, please contact Rae Ann Kelsch at the following:

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Thomas Kelsch, Atty

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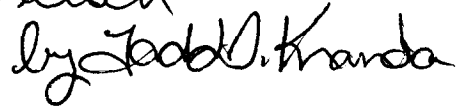
Or you can contact me and I will get the answer for you.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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c: Alltel Communications

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

General Investigation Regarding Certification of Federal Universal Service Funding For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in North Dakota Re: Filing required pursuant to § 69-09-05-12(3)

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION
BY WWC HOLDINGS CO., INC.,
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF
ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS (ALLTEL)**

Pursuant to ND Rules 69-02-09 Trade Secret Procedures, NDCC § 44-04-18.1, Alltel Communications applies for trade secret protection for the following documents filed as part of Alltel Communications Annual Eligible Telecommunication Carriers Use of Federal Universal Support Certification.

Alltel requests confidential treatment for the following information, which is filed in a separate, sealed envelope.

- Confidential Exhibit B-1- 2008 Receipts from the Federal Universal Service Fund and 2008 Progress Report- Investments and Expenditures Report
- Confidential Exhibit B-2- Updated Two-Year Service Improvement Plan
- Confidential Exhibit C- Network Outage Report for period January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008.
- Confidential Exhibit D- Unfulfilled Requests for Service for period January 1, 2008- December 31, 2008.

Alltel believes that the aforesaid information is in the nature of trade secrets and exempt from public disclosure under the provisions of North Dakota Administrative Rule 69-02-09. This information, known only to Alltel, would cause economic hardship to Alltel if disclosed to the Company's competitors and would adversely affect the use of universal service funds.

Specifically, the two-year service plan detail and the corresponding attachments, contain proprietary business and technical information that are entitled to protection as trade secrets because the information satisfies the requirements of the Administrative Rule. The information is subject to efforts reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. Alltel maintains this information as secret by refusing to disclose the information outside the Company or to those employees who do not need to have access to the information. Even within the Company, those who have been trained to use the proprietary software that enables the Company to complete the analysis and are held to the highest ethical standards.

These reports are not readily ascertainable by proper means. This information is not available in any public sources, and cannot be legally obtained from Alltel without an adequate showing of legal mandate or need for appropriate use in Alltel's business.

Furthermore, the information derives independent economic value from its secrecy or a competitive advantage is derived from its secrecy. Maintaining this information as secret is necessary for Alltel to maintain the competitive advantage of its competitors not knowing its current network capabilities and/or network improvement work. Without this information, competitors would not have access to any perceived vulnerabilities in the Company's network.

For the reasons cited above, Alltel respectfully requests confidential treatment of these documents. Confidential treatment does not prohibit disclosure, but simply assures that parties of record have signed non-disclosure agreements.

Sincerely,




Thomas D. Kelsch
Kelsch, Kelsch, Ruff & Kranda
Counsel for Alltel Communications