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On behalf of each company listed on Attachment A, and without waiving any rights or claims of trade secret protection or confidentiality as to other information previously filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) under a request for trade secret protection, we hereby publicly submit the following information in support of the request of each company for its recognition as an Essential Telecommunications Company. This information was previously submitted under a request for trade secret protection and each company now withdraws its request that the information described below and contain herein be treated as confidential:

1. The amount of high-cost universal service support received in the prior calendar year (2008),
2. The number of requests for service from potential customers within the designated service area that were unfilled in the past year and the ways in which the company attempted to provide services to those potential customers, and
3. The number of complaints per one thousand handsets or lines.

Each company hereby submits a "Public Exhibit A" containing the information referenced in items 1-3 above.

An electronic version of this form will also be provided to you.

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Enclosures

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**Public Exhibit A**

North Dakota Telephone Company

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**ATTACHMENT A**

BEK Communications Cooperative  
Consolidated Telcom  
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.  
Dickey Rural Access, Inc.  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.  
Griggs County Telephone Company  
Moore and Liberty Telephone Company  
Halstad Telephone Company  
Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC  
Midstate Communications, Inc.  
Midstate Telephone Company  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc./Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.,  
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Northwest Communications Cooperative  
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation  
Polar Telcom, Inc.  
Wolverton Telephone Company  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation/Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.  
West River Telecommunications Cooperative

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**EXHIBIT A**

1. The amount of high-cost universal support the Company received in the prior calendar year is listed below:

**Year 2008 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

High Cost Loop Support	\$ 234,262
Local Switching Support	\$ 1,177,800
Interstate Common Line Support	\$ 1,626,156
Safety Net Additive Support	\$ 1,431,783
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,470,001</b>

The changes, if any, from reports previously filed with the Commission are, as follows:

Plant investment additions in 2006 qualified NDTC to receive High Cost Loop Support and Safety Net Additive Support in 2008

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