

is also for widows, widowers, single people and new people in the community.

The dinner started in 1971 for about 40 people at St. Catherine Catholic Church, but the number of people who attended grew every year. Eventually the dinner was moved from the church basement

the VFW manager and chef, will be well enough to also cook, as he did last year. Martin is recovering from heart surgery and Fiegen says if he is well enough to cook, her husband, Dick, may help him.

Traditional meal

The traditional Christmas Eve

chips in and helps out. Drug Plastics will donate about 10 turkeys. The turkeys are generally de-boned and weigh about 14 pounds.

It is hoped that a donation of ham will again come from the Viking Bowling League, and Bob Maresh plans to make his famous

Valley Meat is providing the turkey giblets, and Midwest Dairy is donating all the dairy products for the dinner.

Desserts, cookies, bars and salad donations are still needed. Bring them to the church on Christmas Eve before 5 p.m.

help with the delivery of meals.

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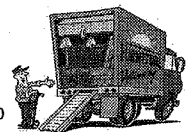
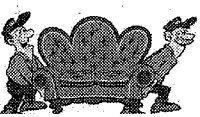
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Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Investigation
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November 25, 2009
Preliminary Statement

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A copy of Qwest's performance measures and the PAP may be obtained from the Commission. For more information contact the North Dakota Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, (701) 328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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FirstLink
211 Designation Application
Case No. PU-09-713
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
November 25, 2009

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has designated the 211 dialing code to provide direct access to organizations providing community information and referral services that are currently not available through the 911 emergency code or the 311 police non-emergency code.

On September 24, 2003, the Commission designated the Mental Health Association in North Dakota (MHAND), as the user of the 211 dialing code in North Dakota.

On March 7, 2007, the Commission authorized MHAND to subcontract 211 operations within North Dakota. MHAND has been subcontracting with FirstLink for the provision of 211 operations in Cass County. In its October 30, 2009 letter, MHAND notified the Commission that, due to lack of economic support, it must relinquish its designation as the 211 dialing code user.

On November 2, 2009, the Commission received a letter stating that effective October 30, 2009, FirstLink will temporarily provide 211 operations for North Dakota until a decision is made about 211's future.

On November 23, 2009, FirstLink filed a letter requesting designation as the 211 dialing code user for North Dakota.

The issues to be considered are:
1. Is any other entity interested in designation as the user of the 211 dial code in North Dakota?
2. Is the FirstLink's intended use of the 211 dial code in North Dakota consistent with the FCC intended use of that code?

Those interested are invited to comment 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 January 8, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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