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State of North Dakota

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Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street, Lower Level
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Case No. PU-10-574
Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc.
ETC Designated Service Area - Application

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. The case is in its early stages and no hearing has been scheduled yet.

This request is being made now so that the ALJ may rule on the attached Motion of Douglas Bonner for admission Pro Hac Vice.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
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17 September 2010

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Request of Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. for North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") consent to the redefinition of West River's service area for wire centers within the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Memorandum Opinion and Order ("Order") designating Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. ("Standing Rock") as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC").

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In accordance with Rule 3 of the North Dakota Supreme Court Rules, please find enclosed for filing an original and six (6) copies of undersigned counsel's motion for admission *pro hac vice* to appear before the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") as counsel for Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. ("Standing Rock") in connection with the Commission's consideration of Standing Rock's August 26, 2010 request for consent to the FCC's redefinition of West River's service area within the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, pursuant to the FCC's August 24, 2010 Order.

As provided by Rule 3.A.1(a) of the North Dakota Supreme Court Rules, we are simultaneously filing a copy of the motion and affidavit with the State Board of Law Examiners, and remitting a check, payable to the Board of Law Examiners, to cover the fee of \$380 as provided by Rule 3.A.1.(a)(4).

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Motion of Douglas Bonner for admission Pro Hac Vice

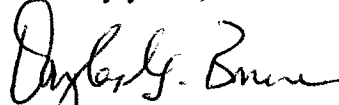
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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
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Please also find enclosed an extra copy of this motion to be date-stamped and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas G. Bonner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Douglas G. Bonner
Counsel to Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: North Dakota Board of Law Examiners (w/check for admission fee)(via Fedex)
BJ Jones, Esq. (w/encl.) (via e-mail)

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Request of Standing
Rock Telecommunications, Inc. for
North Dakota Public Service Commission
("Commission") consent to the redefinition
of West River's service area for wire centers
within the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation,
pursuant to the FCC's Memorandum Opinion
and Order ("Order") designating Standing
Rock Telecommunications, Inc. ("Standing
Rock") as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier ("ETC").

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF DOUGLAS G. BONNER
AND
DESIGNATION OF BJ JONES, ESQ. (ND Bar # 04761) AS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

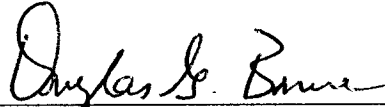
Pursuant to Rule 3 (Pro Hac Vice Admission and Registration of Nonresident Attorneys) of the North Dakota Supreme Court Rules on Admission to Practice, undersigned counsel respectfully moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") for admission of Douglas G. Bonner, Esq., of the firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission in the above-captioned proceeding. BJ Jones, Esq., PO Box 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58102 (ND Bar # 04761), duly admitted and licensed to practice law in North Dakota, shall serve as the designated associate attorney during undersigned counsel's *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding.

Undersigned counsel incorporates his attached affidavit in support of this motion.

A copy of this motion and affidavit are being filed simultaneously with the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners, including the specified fee, as provided by North Dakota Supreme Court Rule 3.A.1.(a)(3) and (4).

For the foregoing reasons, undersigned counsel requests that the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Douglas G. Bonner be granted by this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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**BEFORE
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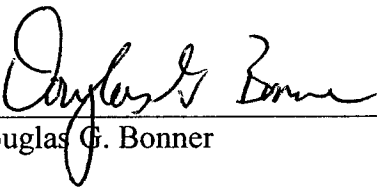
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AFFIDAVIT OF DOUGLAS G. BONNER

I, Douglas G. Bonner, do hereby swear and affirm as follows, based on personal knowledge:

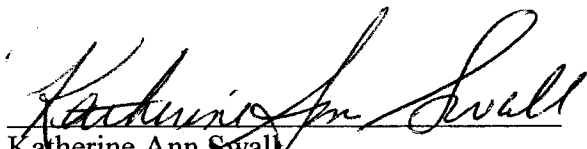
1. I am a partner with the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.
2. I represent Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc., a telecommunications carrier wholly owned by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
3. I graduated from Catholic University Law School in 1983. I have practiced law continuously since being admitted to the Florida Bar in 1983. I have more than 18 years experience representing regulated utilities in administrative and litigation matters. I have appeared before many state regulatory commissions in regulatory and other administrative proceedings during my career.
4. I am an active member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar (Bar No. 384060) and the Florida Bar (Bar No. 376825). I am also admitted to the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh, and District of Columbia Circuits and to the United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.
5. I am not subject to any disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction am not under any restriction or probation in any jurisdiction, and am not now, nor have I ever been, suspended or disbarred from any jurisdiction.

6. I have not appeared in any North Dakota action in the previous three years, nor have I ever registered for admission or sought admission under Rule 3 of the North Dakota Supreme Court Rules of Practice for any previous North Dakota proceeding.



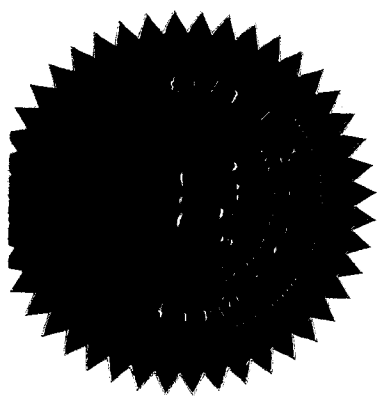
Douglas G. Bonner

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 14th day of September, 2010.



Katherine Ann Swall
Notary Public in and for the
District of Columbia

My Commission Expires: November 14, 2012



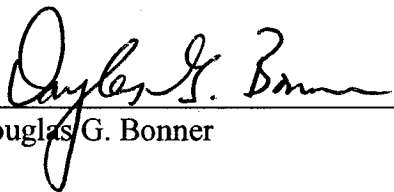
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit of Douglas G. Bonner was served by overnight mail upon the parties of record identified below this 14th day of September 2010.

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners
Judicial Wing, 1st Floor
600 E. Boulevard Ave. #180
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

I further certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit of Douglas G. Bonner was served by electronic mail upon B.J. Jones, Esq., PO Box 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58102 this 14th day of September 2010.



Douglas G. Bonner

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 03-2001)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. - ETC Designated Service Area - Application
 PSC Case No. PU-10-574

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Section 49-21-01.7 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 This request is being made now so that the ALJ may rule on the Motion of Douglas Bonner for admission Pro Hac Vice.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 54-57-04(6).
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact:
 (Attach separate list if necessary.)

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Representation Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Address Same as above	Telephone Number 701-328-2407
PARTY Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc.	Address 9290 Highway 24, Fort Yates, ND 58538	Telephone Number 701-854-7098
Representation BJ Jones	Address P.O. Box 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58102	Telephone Number 701-777-6176
PARTY Douglas Bonner (pending admission Pro Hac Vice)	Address 1301 K St. NW, Suite 600, East Tower, Washington, DC	Telephone Number 202-408-6400
Representation	Address	Telephone Number

Additional Comments
 The case is in its early stages and no hearing has been scheduled yet. Request for ALJ in order to rule on Motion for admission
 Pro Hac Vice.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 17 September 2010
Signature of Requesting Person X	Telephone Number 701-328-2407