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**STANDING ROCK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
ETC DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA – APPLICATION
CASE NO PU-10-574
OAH FILE NO. 2010028**

We are writing this letter on behalf of West River Telecommunication Cooperative, Inc. (West River) in respect to the above entitled matter.

On October 15, 2010, we sent a letter to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission). In that letter, in the third sentence of the second full paragraph, the sentence should have read, as follows:

“To be clear, West River does **not** read the recent motion by Standing Rock to suggest otherwise.”

We regret any inconvenience to the Commission, to Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. (Standing Rock), and to counsel for Standing Rock, Mr. Douglas C. Bonner, associated with this inadvertent error. We enclose a corrected letter and hope there is no confusion created by this course of events.

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Enclosure

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CASE NO. PU-10-574
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By this letter, West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., (“West River”), by counsel, hereby files this brief response to the motion for stay filed on October 7, 2010, by Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc., (“Standing Rock”) in North Dakota Public Service Commission (the ND Commission) Case No. PU-10-574. While West River stands ready and willing to participate in any proceeding that the ND Commission begins to address this matter, West River also recognizes and appreciates the administrative efficiency that a grant of the Standing Rock motion could entail.

With this as background, West River does not necessarily oppose the Standing Rock request. However, West River’s lack of opposition is subject to the explicit confirmation and acknowledgment by Standing Rock that nothing within its motion, if granted by the ND Commission, is intended to suggest, or would in fact be used as a means of suggesting, to the Federal Communications Commission (the “FCC”) that the ND Commission has waived or deferred its rights with respect to the FCC’s recent referral of the study area redefinition issues to the ND Commission. To be clear, West River does not read the recent motion by Standing Rock to suggest otherwise. Nonetheless, the confirmation and specific acknowledgment suggested herein by Standing Rock

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would, in West River's view, be proper before any action on the Standing Rock request is taken by the ND Commission.

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