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Public Service Commission of North Dakota
Attn: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative – Second Supplemental Filing
Eligible Carrier Application – Case No. PU-12-73

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached hereto are one original and 7 copies of the following documents:

- Amended Attachment 1 to "Supplement to Application for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Study Area Demonstrating Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 & 54.202"; and
- Certification/Affidavit of Jeff Wilson Regarding Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Study Area Application.

These documents are being filed in further support of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's (DRTC) ETC application that is pending before the PSC in Case No. PU-12-73. These documents are being filed after further discussions between DRTC and Patrick Fahn of your office.

An Order Granting Trade Secret Protection was issued in this matter on March 21, 2012 and some of the documents filed herewith are marked as "Confidential—Not for Public Inspection" with the further request that these documents be treated as confidential and not open for public inspection. We are also filing herewith one "Redacted" copy of the "Amended Attachment 1" wherein we have redacted the information sought to be protected and kept confidential.

This matter was already noticed for hearing by the "Notice of Opportunity for Hearing" dated February 29, 2012. The deadline for comments and requests for hearing was April 13, 2012. There were no comments and there were no requests for hearing submitted. Since there were no comments and no requests for hearing, DRN respectfully requests that these additional supplements to the original application be made a part of the file and the matter be put on the Agenda and heard at the next regularly scheduled August 1, 2012 PSC date so that this matter may be decided and resolved as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Fallon Kelly
General Counsel
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

REDACTED AMENDED ATTACHMENT 1

Five-Year Service Improvement Plan

A. Description of DRT's Service Area

DRT serves the combined exchange areas of:

Ashley	Crete
Dickey	Edgeley
Ellendale	Forbes
Forman	Fort Ransom
Fredonia	Fullerton
Guelph	Gwinner
Jud	Kathryn
Kulm	LaMoure
Lisbon	Litchville
Marion	Merricourt
Milnor	Nelvik
Oakes	Venturia
Verona	

See attached map for the service areas.

B. Use of Support

Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal support funds received by DRT and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of their provision of universal service. The Company depends upon its receipt and utilization of federal universal service support to provide rural telephone customers with affordable and quality telecommunications services.

C. Estimated Amount of Federal High Cost Universal Support DRT Expects to Receive

DRT estimates that in the calendar year 2013 which is the first year following designation as an ETC, it will receive \$ _____ in HCLS, \$ _____ in ICLS and \$ _____ in safety valve support. DRT also may be eligible to receive \$ _____ in “recycled” HCLS due to the way that the recently implemented regression analysis operates; however, this cannot be verified at this time. A description of how this support will be used for the provision, maintenance or upgrading of DRT’s facilities and services pursuant to section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is explained under section D below which provides the specific construction, maintenance or upgrade projects. These projects are ongoing projects which collectively improve voice, broadband and video services for the entire study area and thus have no specific start and completion dates. As noted below, the total population of the study area is 19,100.

D. Planned Projects Over the Next Five Years

1. Projects to Be Accomplished 2013-2017

Estimated Regulated capital expenditures

The projects below are planned throughout the study area. The total population affected is 19,100.

DRT Additions to Plant	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Buildings and Land					
Central Office Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Circuit Equipment					
Cable & Wire Additions-FTTH					

Network Management	
Other Support Assets	
Grand Total Plant Additions:	

Estimated Other capital expenditures

DRT	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Additions to Plant					
Video Electronics					
Managed Services					
Grand Total Plant Additions:					

Estimated Maintenance and Depreciation

DRT Maintenance	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
General Support					
Central Office					
Cable & Wire					
Network Operations					
Depreciation					
Customer Operations					
Corporation Operations					
Grand Total Expenses:					

D. List of Anchor Institutions

Anchor Institutions Currently Served	
Name	Address
SATRE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	PO BOX 225, Milnor ND 58060
ELLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO BOX 267, Ellendale ND 58436
ASHLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO BOX 185, Ashley ND 58413
LISBON PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO BOX 569, Lisbon ND 58054
FORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO BOX 382, Forman ND 58032
EDGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO BOX 218, Edgeley ND 58433
OAKES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	1200 N 7 St, Oakes ND 58474
LISBON MEDICAL CENTER	PO Box 353, Lisbon ND 58054
ASHLEY MEDICAL CENTER	PO Box 450, Ashley ND 58413

SARGENT CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	PO Box 289, Forman ND 58032
OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL	804 Main Ave, Oakes ND 58474
NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL	PO Box 289, Gwinner ND 58040
MILNOR HIGH SCHOOL	PO Box 369, Milnor ND 58060
MARION PUBLIC SCHOOL	104 2 ST, Marion ND 58466
LITCHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL	304 6 AV, Litchville ND 58461
LISBON PUBLIC SCHOOL	PO Box 593, Lisbon ND 58054
SPRING CREEK COLONY SCHOOL	36562 102nd St, Forbes ND 58439
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL	105 6 AV SE, LaMoure ND 58458
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C. Estimated Amount of Federal High Cost Universal Support DRT Expects to Receive

DRT estimates that in the calendar year 2013 which is the first year following designation as an ETC, it will receive \$2,438,856 in HCLS, \$2,285,498 in ICLS and \$63,413 in safety valve support. DRT also may be eligible to receive \$115,653 in “recycled” HCLS due to the way that the recently implemented regression analysis operates; however, this cannot be verified at this time. A description of how this support will be used for the provision, maintenance or upgrading of DRT’s facilities and services pursuant to section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is explained under section D below which provides the specific construction, maintenance or upgrade projects. These projects are ongoing projects which collectively improve voice, broadband and video services for the entire study area and thus have no specific start and completion dates. As noted below, the total population of the study area is 19,100.

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DRT Additions to Plant	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Buildings and Land	350,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Central Office Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Circuit Equipment	390,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

Cable & Wire Additions-FTTH	300,000	325,000	350,000	375,000	400,000
Network Management	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Other Support Assets	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Grand Total Plant Additions:	<u>1,540,000</u>	<u>1,245,000</u>	<u>1,270,000</u>	<u>1,295,000</u>	<u>1,320,000</u>

Estimated Other capital expenditures

DRT Additions to Plant	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Video Electronics	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000
Managed Services	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Grand Total Plant Additions:	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>

Estimated Maintenance and Depreciation

DRT Maintenance	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
General Support	892,000	892,000	892,000	892,000	892,000
Central Office	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Cable & Wire	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
Network Operations	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Depreciation	4,825,000	4,675,000	4,525,000	4,375,000	4,225,000
Customer Operations	1,335,000	1,335,000	1,335,000	1,335,000	1,335,000
Corporation Operations	1,697,000	1,697,000	1,697,000	1,697,000	1,697,000
Grand Total Expenses:	<u>11,674,000</u>	<u>11,524,000</u>	<u>11,374,000</u>	<u>11,224,000</u>	<u>11,074,000</u>

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Case No. PU-12-73
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative—CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT Regarding
Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Study Area
Application

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)SS
COUNTY OF RANSOM)

JEFF WILSON, being first duly sworn hereby states as follows under oath:

1. That I am the General Manager and the Chief Executive Officer of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and its former subsidiaries Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. and Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and have been so for more than 5 years.
2. That I have direct oversight of the business activities of the said entities and I am familiar with the day to day operations of said entities.
3. That in PSC Case Number PU-12-73 there have been several filings including, but not limited to, all the documents referenced in the February 8, 2012 cover letter from the Cooperative Attorney, which include the:
 - Application of dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Service Area;
 - Affidavit of Jeff Wilson in Support of Filing;
 - Certificates of Good Standing issued on the 22nd day of November, 2011;
 - Financial Statement as of December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010 along with our Consolidated Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet dated December 31, 2010;

- Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's Articles of Organizations and all amendments thereto—best available copy from Secretary of State for ones that have been filed to-date;
 - Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Articles of Merger;
 - Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Merger Agreement with Subsidiaries; and
 - Certificate of Merger of Domestic Corporations into Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative from North Dakota Secretary of State;
4. That in PSC Case Number PU-12-73 there has also been filed a Supplement to Application for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Study Area Demonstrating Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 and 54.202 along with Attachments thereto, all dated July 18, 2012.
 5. That in PSC Case Number PU-12-73 there has also been filed an Amended Attachment 1 to the Supplement to Application for Expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designated Geographical Study Area Demonstrating Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 and 54.202, dated July 25, 2012.
 6. That I have reviewed all of the documents that have been filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission in case number PU-12-73 and I specifically have also reviewed the contents of the documents referenced above in this Certification/Affidavit and the contents of all of those documents are all true and accurate and correct and I hereby Certify, under N.D.A.C §69-09-05-12, the contents of all of those documents.
 7. That I further Certify that Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (“DRTC”) acknowledges that the ND Public Service Commission may require DRTC to provide equal access to long-distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is

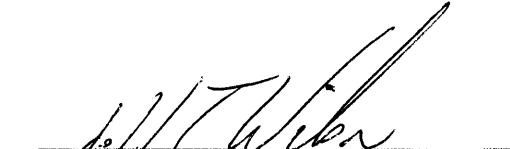
providing equal access within the proposed designated service area and that to the extent that DRTC might act as a wireless carrier, if at all, that it acknowledges that the federal communications commission may require it to provide equal access to long-distance carriers in the event no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the proposed designated service area. (required by NDAC §69-09-05-12(3)(f)).

8. That I further Certify that DRTC will provide and has been providing advertising that includes: (a) a full description of available services in DRTC's official telephone directory, including the process to be used by customers to qualify for lifeline and link-up service, and (b) information of the availability of universal services in media of general circulation in DRTC's designated service areas by means of newspapers, company newsletters, company or civic internet sites, bill stuffers, direct mailings, or by other appropriate means intended to convey availability throughout the service area. (required by NDAC §69-09-05-12(6)(a & b)).
9. That I further Certify that DRTC is able to remain functional in emergency situations and that it has a reasonable amount of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source and is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. (required by NDAC §69-09-05-12(3)(c)).
10. That I further Certify that DRTC Certify that it will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards and to the extent that DRTC might be involved in wireless services, if at all, that DRTC is committed to complying with the cellular

telecommunications and internet association's consumer code for wireless service.


(required by NDAC §69-09-05-12(3)(d)).

Further your affiant sayeth not.



Jeff Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 2012.



Notary Public

(SEAL)

