

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-12-74

ORDER

June 20, 2012

On February 10, 2012 Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (Dickey Rural) filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunication services in the Gwinner, Lisbon, Ashley, Edgeley, Ellendale, Forman, Kulm, LaMoure, and Oakes exchanges in North Dakota, Case No. PU-12-74.

In support of its applications, Dickey Rural provided an affidavit of Jeff Wilson, the General Manager of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

On February 29, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) that provided until April 13, 2012 for comments or requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matters without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-12-74 are:

1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. Technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

Dickey Rural is a rural telephone cooperative and a North Dakota business corporation providing incumbent local exchange telecommunications service, exchange access and other telecommunications activities in Forbes, Nelvik, Fullerton, Merricourt, Milnor, Verona, Marion, Venturia, Jud, Fredonia, Crete, Litchville, Dickey, Guelph, Kathryn and Fort Ransom. Dickey Rural was incorporated in 1950.

Dickey Rural filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunication services in the Gwinner exchange (530 North Dakota access lines) and Lisbon exchange (1557 North Dakota access lines), currently served by wholly owned subsidiary Dickey Rural Access, Inc.

Dickey Rural's application also requested certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunication services in the Ashley exchange (562 North Dakota access lines), the Edgeley

exchange (545 North Dakota access lines), the Ellendale exchange (864 North Dakota access lines), the Forman exchange (856 North Dakota access lines), the Kulm exchange (303 North Dakota access lines), the LaMoure exchange (789 North Dakota access lines), and the Oakes exchange (1292 North Dakota access lines) in North Dakota, currently served by wholly owned subsidiary Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

Dickey Rural reports merging with subsidiaries Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. to operate as a single company effective January 25, 2012.

The Commission finds Dickey Rural fit and able to provide incumbent local exchange services within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

The Commission finds Dickey Rural has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

The Commission finds Dickey Rural's proposed service within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and within the exchanges previously served by Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. is adequate.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's application for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the former Dickey Rural Access, Inc. and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. service areas is granted and Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative is issued Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 3420, 3436, 3439, 3470, 3472, 3493, 4898 and 4899 for the Ashley, Edgeley, Ellendale, Forman, Kulm, LaMoure, Oakes, Gwinner and Lisbon exchange areas of North Dakota, respectively.
2. Dickey Rural Access, Inc.'s Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Gwinner and Lisbon exchanges are relinquished and cancelled.

3. Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.'s Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Ashley, Edgeley, Ellendale, Forman, Kulm, LaMoure, and Oakes exchanges are relinquished and cancelled.

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**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Brian P. Kalk
Chairman**

Vacant

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Second Reissued Certificate Number 3420

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Ashley, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously reissued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Second Reissued Certificate Number 3436

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Edgeley, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously issued in Case No. PU-314-94-668; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

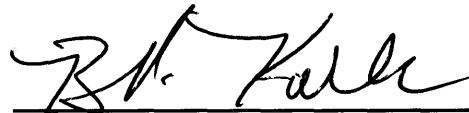
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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Second Reissued Certificate Number 3439

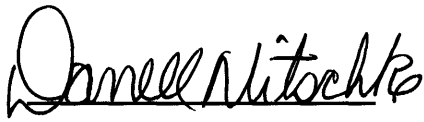
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Ellendale, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously issued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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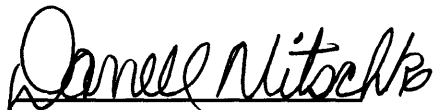
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services, inside the Forman, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously reissued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Kulm, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously reissued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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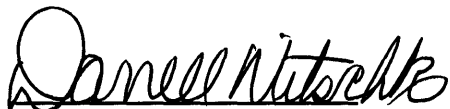
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services inside the LaMoure, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously reissued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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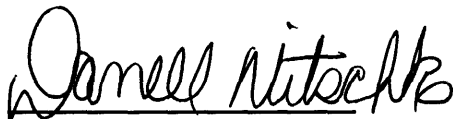
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Oakes, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously reissued in Case No. PU-314-94-688; originally issued in Case No. PU-314-91-73 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

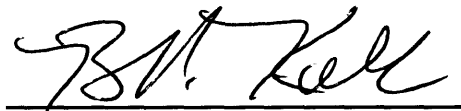
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First Reissued Certificate Number 4898

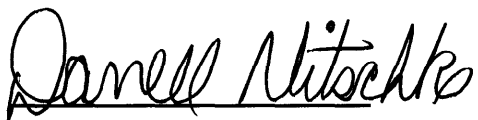
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Gwinner, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously issued in Case No. PU-2653-02-58 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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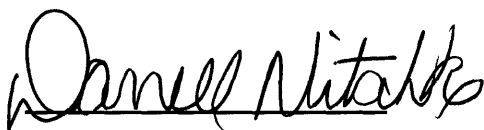
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Lisbon, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is reissued in Case No. PU-12-74; was previously issued in Case No. PU-2653-02-58 and is conditioned upon Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

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