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March 21, 2016

Perry Oster
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
PO Box 729
Langdon ND 58249-0729

RE: Billing Statement for Past Commission Cases

On August 29, 2012, the Commission sent an invoice to Mr. Perry Oster for costs and expenses incurred in Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc., Switched Access Price Schedule, Case No. PU-12-214 for \$64.03. The Commission did receive reimbursement of that amount.

In that proceeding, a hearing was held concerning the switched access filings of 21 telecommunications companies. Therefore, the cost of the proceeding is shared by the 21 companies. The Commission, in a recent internal audit of past telecommunications cases, discovered that the August 29, 2012 invoice did not request reimbursement for all costs and expenses incurred in the 2012 proceeding and the Commission at its March 9, 2016 meeting approved a billing statement in Case No. PU-12-214 for \$251.22.

The Commission regrets that it is only now billing for expenses that were incurred in 2012. At the same time, the Commission understands that these dollars are due to the North Dakota taxpayers.

On March 17, 2015, the Commission sent an invoice to Turtle Mountain for costs and expenses incurred in Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc., Switched Access Price Schedule, Case No. PU-13-123 for \$107.31. To date the Commission has not received reimbursement of that amount.

We are confident the internal audit of telecommunications cases was thorough and that there are no other unrecovered expenses.

Under North Dakota Century Code section 49-21-01.7, these expenses must be paid for by the telecommunications companies involved. The unpaid

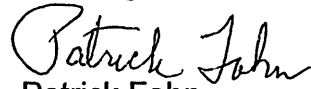
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balance for Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. is \$107.31 in Case PU-13-123 and \$251.22 in Case No. PU-12-214. The total unpaid balance is \$358.53.

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Fahn".

Patrick Fahn

Compliance and Competitive Markets

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BILLING STATEMENT

March 11, 2015

**Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
Switched Access
Price Schedule**

Case No. PU-13-123

Bill to:

Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. \$107.31

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs \$63.26
Legal Fees \$44.05

Total \$107.31

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement to:

Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue - Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

Invoice

March 18, 2016

Turtle Mountain Telephone Company
Switched Access
Price Schedule

Case No. PU-12-214

Expenses Incurred to Date:

03/09/16 Advertising Services	\$95.39
03/09/16 Administrative Hearing	<u>\$219.86</u>
Total	\$315.25
09/13/12 Payment Received	<u>\$64.03</u>
Total Due:	<u><u>\$251.22</u></u>

Please send payment & a copy of this Invoice to:

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