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June 29, 2012

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue – Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §54.304(d)(1)

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

The Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161 (WC Docket No. 10-90) ("Order") requires carriers seeking to obtain recovery through the federal mechanisms established in that Order to make certain certifications to the FCC and to state commissions regarding their eligibility for, and their compliance with the rules applicable to, such recovery.

Specifically, 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e) requires Rate of Return Carriers to certify annually to the FCC and to relevant state commissions that the carrier is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the federal recovery mechanisms. In compliance with that requirement, Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company hereby submits a copy of the certification that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "A".

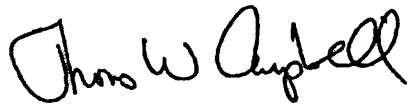
47 C.F.R. §51.917(f)(3) requires Rate of Return Carriers to certify that the company has complied with 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e) and is eligible to receive the CAF/ICC support. In compliance with that requirement, Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company hereby submits a copy of the certification that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "B".

The Order also requires Rate of Return Carriers seeking CAF/ICC support to file data establishing the amount of the rate of return carriers eligible CAF/ICC funding per 47 C.F.R. §54.304(d)(1). Please refer to Attachment "C" for Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company's estimated CAF/ICC support and Access Recovery Charge Revenue amounts submitted with the 2012 Access Tariff Filing.

Included in the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association, the companies certified to the accuracy of the data collected. In compliance with that requirement, Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company hereby submits a copy of the certification that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "D".

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at tcampbell@otcpas.com or by phone at (651) 621-8511.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Campbell,
Consultant

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN OFFICER OF THE REPORTING CARRIER

Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Not Seeking Duplicative Recovery

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier and that, to the best of my knowledge, this reporting carrier is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism as per 51.917(d)(vii).

Name of Reporting Carrier				Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.	
Signature of authorized officer		<i>Ann Faught</i>		Date	5/23/2012
Printed name of authorized officer		Ann Faught			
Title or position of authorized officer		General Manager			
Telephone number of authorized officer:		(701) 896-3404			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	381601	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	06/18/2012		
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 602, 603(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.					

ATTACHMENT B

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN OFFICER OF THE REPORTING CARRIER

Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Eligibility for CAF/ICC Recovery

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reporting carrier on this form certifies that it has complied with Eligible Recovery §51.917(d) and Access Recovery Charge §51.917(e) and is eligible to receive the CAF/ICC support requested pursuant to §51.917(f).

Name of Reporting Carrier: Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

Signature of authorized officer: *Ann Faught*

Date: 5/23/2012

Printed name of authorized officer: Ann Faught

Title or position of authorized officer: General Manager

Telephone number of authorized officer: (701) 896-3404

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	381601	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	06/18/2012
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ATTACHMENT C

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Company Name	Study Area Code	(A) Estimated ARC Revenues 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e)	(B) Estimated CAF ICC Support 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)	(C) Total Estimated Eligible Recovery (A+B)
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company	381601	\$ 318	\$ 62,308	\$ 62,626

ATTACHMENT D

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER,

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the CAF ICC Data Reported

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual data reported; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier **Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.**

Signature of Authorized Officer *Ann Faught*

Date **5/23/2012**

Printed name of Authorized Officer **Ann Faught**

Title or position of Authorized Officer **General Manager**

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: **(701) 896-3404**, ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier **381601**

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