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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Federal Communications Section 54.313 ETC Annual Reports

Pursuant to Section 54.313 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.313), attached please find an original and one (1) copy of the ETC Annual Reports/Certifications that were filed with the FCC with copies to USAC. The attached are submitted on behalf of Northwest Communications Cooperative.

This ETC Annual Report filing is being filed electronically, and it consists of two (2) electronic files. The first file contains this transmittal letter and the second file contains the ETC Annual Reports/Certification as described above. Please respond via email with a notification indicating that this filing was received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

JSI will also be mailing hard copies of this filing as noted above, to the Commission today, via overnight mail, for delivery to the Commission tomorrow, July 3, 2012. With that mailing, you will find enclosed a copy of this transmittal letter marked "File Stamp Copy" to be stamped and returned to JSI as confirmation that the hard copies of this filing have been received by the Commission as well. Please return the stamped copy of this transmittal letter in the envelope provided for this purpose.

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Copy of FCC 47CFR Section 54.313 Annual Report
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association

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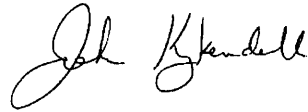
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July 2, 2012

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Kuykendall".

John Kuykendall, Vice President

Authorized Representative for
Northwest Communications Cooperative.

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Enclosures

Mike Steffan, Northwest Communications Cooperative. (w/o Enclosures)



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June 29, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: WC Docket No. 10-90
2012 Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report
Northwest Communications Cooperative**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. respectfully files the enclosed 2012 annual eligible telecommunications carrier report on behalf of Northwest Communications Cooperative pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.313) and as specified in the Public Notice released on May 8, 2012 (DA 12-729). Copies will also be provided to USAC and the relevant state commission.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Kuykendall'.

John Kuykendall, Vice President
Authorized Representative for
Northwest Communications Cooperative

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ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6)

Section 1: Certification Required For ALL Recipients of High Cost Support (ILECs and CETCs)


Section 54.313(a)(5)-(6) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requires Northwest Communications Cooperative (the "Company") to be able to make certifications regarding service quality standards and consumer protection rules and the Company's ability to function in emergency situations. The Company makes these certifications below

I, **Mike Steffan** am an officer of Northwest Communications Cooperative and hereby certify:

- That the Company is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.
- That the Company is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2).¹

Name of Officer (Print): Mike Steffan

Title: Interim General Manager/CEO

Signature: 

Date: 6-27-2012

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6)

Section 2: State-Designated ETC Reporting

In its *Clarification Order*, the FCC required state-designated ETCs that are subject to a state requirement to report to the state some or all of certain information annually, to file a copy of any relevant information with the FCC in 2012.² Specifically, state-designated ETCs must file information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests, and complaints as required in Section 54.313(a)(2)-(4) of the FCC's rules if the state requires ETCs to report some or all of this data.

Northwest Communications Cooperative is located in **North Dakota**. This state commission's rules do require state-designated ETCs to file an annual report containing some or all of the following information: information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests and/or complaints. Pursuant to the *Clarification Order*, below is the relevant information that the Company provided in its most recent annual report.

1. **§54.313(a)(2): Service Outages**

The Company had zero service outages in 2011.

2. **§54.313(a)(3): Unfulfilled Service Requests**

The Company had zero unfilled service requests in 2011.

3. **§54.313(a)(4): Service Complaints**

The Company had zero service complaints in 2011.


² *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service – Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 3, 2012) (“*Clarification Order*”) at para. 10

ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6)

**Certification of Officer as to the Statements Made Above and Accuracy of Any Data Provided
Concerning Outages, Unfulfilled Requests, and/or Complaints**

Name of Officer (Print): Mike Steffan

Title: Interlm General Manager/CEO

Signature: 

Date: 6-27-2012

Your submission has been accepted

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Proceeding

Name	Subject
10-90	In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support .

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Northwest Comm Coop ETC Cert.pdf		99 KB

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