

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership
Designated Eligible Carrier
Cancellation / Application**

Case No. PU-12-747

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

November 9, 2012

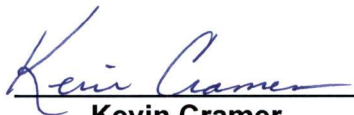
On September 21, 2012, Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership filed notice with the Commission, under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. section 54.205, of relinquishment of its designation as an essential telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support in North Dakota.

Under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. section 54.205, the Commission shall permit a carrier to relinquish its ETC designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the state commission shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The state commission shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the state commission approves such relinquishment under this section, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

The Commission will receive written comments in this proceeding until close of business on December 10, 2012.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

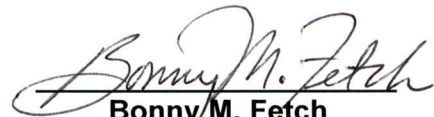
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