

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Telrite Corporation
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-13-51

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **9th** day of **March, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **1** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of:

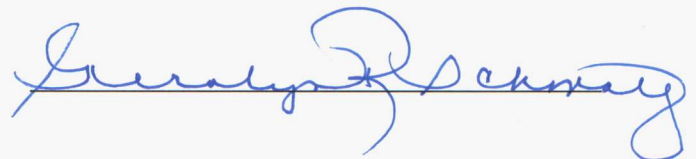
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The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0427

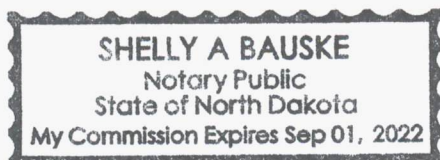
Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **9th** day of **March, 2018**.



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STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

On 16 July 2013, Telrite Corporation (Telrite) submitted an application for protection of information. Telrite asserts that the information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4 and 44-04-19.1.

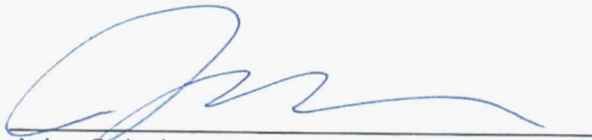
Telrite asserts that the information is Commercial Information and active investigatory work product. The information relates to audits and investigations detailing various aspects of how Telrite has in the past and will in the future provide its products and services including in-depth data validations (IDV), payment quality assurance (PQA) reviews conducted by the Universal Service Administrative Company, and information regarding federal investigations. To the best of Telrite's knowledge, the information has not been previously publicly disclosed and Telrite asserts that disclosure of this information would impair the Commission's future ability to obtain necessary information. Telrite also asserts that the information is treated as confidential by federal agencies.

Information that is exempt from disclosure may be protected by the Commission. Although the application fails to explain why the information derives independent economic value from being generally known to other persons, or a generation description of other entities that would obtain independent economic value from disclosure or use of the information (See N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01), Staff believes that Telrite's information is the type of information which has previously been

granted protection, and may be protected by the Commission. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Telrite to protect certain information filed in this case.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2018.



John Schuh
Legal Counsel
North Dakota Public Service Commission