

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nexus Communications, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-13-98

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

December 4, 2013

On February 25, 2013, Nexus Communications, Inc. (Nexus), a privately held company organized under Ohio law and headquartered in Columbus Ohio, filed an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart E. Such designation is also known as Lifeline-only ETC designation. On October 9, 2013, the Commission approved the application of Nexus as a Lifeline-only ETC for the purpose of providing prepaid Lifeline universal services to qualifying low income customers as a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) carrier in North Dakota wire centers currently served by Qwest Corporation and SRT Communications, Inc., excluding Tribal Lands. On November 29, 2013, Nexus requested that the Commission amend its order to designate Nexus as an ETC throughout the entire state, including Tribal Lands.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by January 17, 2014.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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 Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Randy Christmann
Commissioner


Brian P. Kalk
Chairman


Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner