

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Department of State

United States of America,
State of South Dakota,

} SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This is to certify that the attached instrument of writing is a true, correct and examined copy of the Articles of Incorporation of ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, filed for record May 23, 1907, and all amendments thereto;

and the whole thereof, and has been carefully compared with the original now on file in this office and found correct.

INTESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota at the City of Pierre, the Capital, on this third day of April 1981.....

Alice Lunder
.....
Secretary of State

By *Jay D. Vogt*
Assistant Secretary of State



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 NEW EFFINGTON SD 57255

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CLASSIFICATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association



Box 6
New Effington, South Dakota 57255 - 0006
Phone 605-637-5211

March 15, 1990

Mr. Patrick J. Fahn, Chief Engineer
Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505



Dear Mr. Fahn:

Enclosed per your request dated March 8, 1990, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and a copy of the Commission's order granting the certificate.

Also enclosed is a copy of our certified Articles of Incorporation.

I believe these documents should have been on file with your office previously.

If you have any additional requests, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Marion Ebel

Ms. Marion Ebel
Manager

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Roberts County Farmers Cooperative)
Telephone Company of New Effington,)
South Dakota, for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity to)
construct and operate a telephone)
system.)

CASE NO. 5113

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

By the Commission:

On November 12, 1953, the Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, of New Effington, South Dakota, filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a telephone system in Moran, Elma and Greendale Townships, Richland County, North Dakota.

The application was set for public hearing at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, on February 17, 1954; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; at said time and place the hearing was duly held before Commissioner Elmer W. Cart, and the following appearances were entered:

ALVIN ARNESON, President, Roberts County Farmers Telephone Company, New Effington, South Dakota, appearing for applicant.

CLARENCE E. BRYANT, Chief Engineer, North Dakota Public Service Commission.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the testimony and other evidence of record in

- (2) Applicant plans to borrow funds from the Rural Electrification Administration to modernize its existing telephone systems by installation of dial equipment, and to extend its facilities to serve an estimated additional 300 subscribers, including approximately 20 subscribers in Greendale, Elma and Moran Townships, (Twps. 129 N. Range 49, 50 and 51 W, respectively), Richland County, North Dakota. The Company plans to establish a new dial exchange at Claire City, South Dakota, in addition to its New Effington exchange. Extended area service will be provided between the Claire City and New Effington exchanges. The Company plans to begin construction and installation of new telephone facilities during the 1954 construction season.
- (3) Construction of the proposed telephone facilities in North Dakota will not duplicate any existing telephone system. Prospective subscribers in the area to be served were interviewed and indicated a desire to obtain telephone service from Applicant.

C O N C L U S I O N S

Upon consideration of the foregoing findings of fact, the Commission concludes that issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company to construct and operate telephone facilities in North Dakota is consistent with the public interest.

O R D E R

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, of New Effington, South Dakota, be issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities in Greendale, Elma and Moran Townships, Richland County, North Dakota, as shown on the "Key map" included as part of the application in this proceeding.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 2nd day of March, 1954.

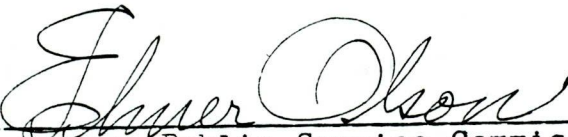
BY THE COMMISSION:

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) SS
County of Burleigh)

I, ELMER OLSON, duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary and Legal Keeper of the records of the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the hereto attached is a true and correct copy of Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order of the Public Service Commission dated March 2, 1954, entered in Case No. 5113, granting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company of New Effington, South Dakota, the original of which appears of record and is on file in the office of said Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14th day of February, 1956.



Secretary, Public Service Commission
of the State of North Dakota.

articles of Incorporation, of Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, of Effington, Roberts County, State of South Dakota.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned: Obediah G. Ellestad, Otto Olson, Albert Uistad, Albert J. Kilness, and Nils G. Beito, for ourselves, our associates and successors, have associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the statutes and laws of the State of South Dakota, and we do hereby certify and declare as follows, viz:

Article first, name, The name of this corporation is The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company.

Article second: The purpose for which this corporation is formed is for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating lines of telephone in this State, and for the purpose of carrying on the business of a farmers co-operative telephone company.

Article three: The place from which and to which such lines of telephone are to be constructed, or maintained and operated are as follows: The central station for said telephone lines is located at Effington, in said county and state. The said lines extending therefrom in different directions to neighboring townships situated in said county and state.

Article four: That the estimated length of lines of telephone to be constructed and operated will be approximately two hundred miles.

Article five: That this corporation will make connections and exchange with other telephone companies when the same can be effected agreeably to this and other telephone companies.

Article six: The capital stock of this corporation shall be and is the sum of twenty five thousand dollars divided into five hundred shares "of common stock" of the par value of fifty dollars each

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Article seven: The place where the principal business of this corporation shall be transacted, and where its books and records shall be kept is Effington, in the County of Roberts, State of North Dakota.

Article eight: The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be twenty (20) years.

Article nine: The number of Directors of this Corporation shall be five and the names and residences of such who are to serve until the election of their successors are as follows:

NAME	RESIDENCE
Obediah S. Ellstad, Secretary.	Effington, S. D.
Otto Olson, President.	Effington, S. D.
Albert J. Kilness, Vice President.	Effington, S. D.
Hils G. Beite, Treasurer.	Effington, S. D.
Albert Ulstad,	Eddy, S. D.

Article ten: The shares of said corporation shall be fifty dollars each, and shall be non-assessable against the private property of the members and share-holders of this corporation, except, to the amount of shares of stock held by each respectively.

Article eleven: The government of said corporation, and the management of its affairs, shall be vested in a board of five directors, who shall be stock-holders of said corporation. The board of directors shall, at their first meeting after the annual election, from among their number elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold office for one year.

Article twelve: An annual meeting of the stockholders of this corporation, to elect directors and transact any other business that comes before the meeting, shall be held on the first Monday of June at ten o'clock A. M. The time of the next annual meeting subsequent to the one mentioned to be fixed at each annual meeting.

...in the manner provided by law, and the Board of Directors or the stock-holders, may call a meeting for this or any other purpose, by giving notice thereof according to law. The persons whose names and place of residence as they above appear shall be the directors of said corporation until the first annual meeting, Monday June third nineteen hundred and seven.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have here unto set our hands this eighteenth day of May, 1907.

Obediah G. Ellstad

Otto Olson

Albert Ulstad

Albert J. Kilness

H. E. Beite

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF ROBERTS

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18th day of May A. D. 1907, before the undersigned, personally appeared the above named Obediah G. Ellstad, Otto Olson, Albert Ulstad, Albert J. Kilness, Hils G. Beite, well and personally known to me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. At said County, the day and year last above written.

[Signature]

Notary Public.

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ORDER OF INCORPORATION

NO. 20003

Obadiah G. Whited and Otto Olson being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says: That he is one of the persons described in and who signed the foregoing articles of incorporation as an incorporator therein; that he has read said articles and knows the contents thereof; that the incorporators intend in good faith to form a corporation for the purpose of the prosecution of a lawful business, as set forth in said articles, and not for the purpose of evading and circumventing or corporations to avoid the provisions of sections 770 to 781, inclusive, of the Revised-Statute Code of 1908 of the State of South Dakota, relating to unlawful trusts combinations, and laws amendatory thereto.

Obadiah G. Whited

Otto Olson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1907.

Sidney Fisher

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 Notary Public.

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Articles of Incorporation

Roberts Security Finance
Co. Operating Telephone
Company
\$25,000

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

I hereby certify that the within instrument
was filed for record on the 3rd day
of May A. D. 1907

at 9 M. and recorded in
Vol. 34 on page 396 to 398

Notary Public for the State of
D. J. H. [Signature]

By _____

Fees Received:

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APPLICATION OF
THE ROBERTS COUNTY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE TELEPHONE
COMPANY
For an Extension of its Corporation Charter.

The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company, a

twenty years, hereby makes application to the Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, for an extension of its term of existence for a further term of twenty years, and for that purpose the undersigned members of the Board of Directors constituting the whole Board, makes the following statement:

That on the 27 day of April, 1927, at a regularly called meeting of the stockholders of the said corporation held at its office in the town of New Effington, Roberts County, South Dakota, at which more than a majority of the stockholders of record were present by a unanimous vote declared their desire to extend the corporate existence and did authorize and direct the Board of Directors to make application for the extension of its said corporation charter and which said resolution was recorded in the books of the Secretary of said Company, a certified copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this application. That the undersigned Directors represent that said corporation is a corporation as defined in Section 8851 in the 1919 Code of the State of South Dakota; that attached hereto and filed herewith is a statement verified by an oath of the President and Secretary as required by Section 8852 of the 1919 Code of the State of South Dakota. Company has 243 stock holders.

Diana Johnson
W. E. Hollister
W. E. Hollister
W. E. Hollister
W. E. Hollister

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State of South Dakota)
County of Roberts.)

Be it remembered that on this 30th day of April, A. D., 1957,
before the undersigned a Notary Public within and for said County and
State personally appeared David Johnson, A. L. Hillestad, F. J.
Martinek, H. L. Rud, and N. G. Beito, to me personally known to

A. L. Hillestad

Notary Public, South Dakota.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF
 WISCONSIN COUNTY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.
 Approved at Annual Meeting
 June 7, 1926.

ASSETS.

Balance on hand June 1925	\$189.92
Receipts for the year 1925-1926	5986.12
Overdraft at bank June 7, 1926.	<u>57.88</u>
	\$6203.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries.	\$1925.50
Freight and express	28.37
Drayage	11.80
Tonage	16.00
Taxes	378.22
Stationery & printing	12.25
Lights	58.40
Fuel	54.65
Rent	113.00
Insurance & bonds	120.32
Tel and switching charges	1257.95
Merchandise	52.04
Notes paid	460.00
Interest paid	55.10
Labor	<u>1170.01</u>
Total	\$6203.69

LIQUID ASSETS.

Accounts receivable	552.57
Notes receivable	464.00
Post dated check on hand	35.00
Accounts receivable at Claire City	108.00
Total	<u>\$1163.57</u>

LIABILITIES.

Notes payable	308.50
Overdraft at bank.	57.58
Accounts payable	744.33
Liquid assets over liabilities	<u>53.16</u>
Total	1163.57

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... at a special meeting duly and legally called by the
... Telephone Company for the
... of discussing the necessity of renewing our charter,

It is resolved that the Board of Directors be and they
hereby are authorized to renew the charter of said Company and
to amend its Articles of Incorporation, and prepare and adopt
a set of new by laws which will not conflict with the laws of
the State of South Dakota.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted at such
meeting, and the undersigned owned the number of shares set
opposite their respective names.

<i>W. L. Switzer</i>	<i>One</i>	Shares
<i>S. M. Moore</i>	<i>1</i>	Share
<i>F. C. Erickson</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Sam J. Hanson</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>A. P. Richter</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Chas. E. Holton</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Carl Nelson</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Andrew Wroblewski</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Le G. Berg</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Lyons H. Norvald</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>J. P. Benson</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Clayton Jensen</i>	<i>Two</i>	Shares
<i>Walter Christensen</i>	<i>one</i>	Share
<i>Charles Johnson</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>Alvin ...</i>	<i>One</i>	Share
<i>And ...</i>	<i>one</i>	Share
<i>John ...</i>	<i>1</i>	Share
<i>Paul ...</i>	<i>1</i>	Share
<i>Harmon ...</i>	<i>1</i>	Share
<i>John ...</i>	<i>1</i>	Share
<i>E. M. ...</i>	<i>"</i>	Share
<i>W. H. ...</i>	<i>one</i>	Share
<i>W. J. ...</i>	<i>one</i>	Share
<i>W. ...</i>	<i>one</i>	Share
		President

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P. P. Ringquist	1	Share	
John Thompson	1	Share	
Charles P. Bisset	1	Share	
John C. H. [unclear]	1	Share	
Wade Bauer	1	Share	
Frank B. Hamatit	1	Share	
Olaf Nelson	1	Share	
Olaf J. Lange	1	Share	
J. L. [unclear]	1	Share	
Olaf [unclear]	1	Share	
Martin Raad	1	Share	
Olaf [unclear]	2	Share	
Karl [unclear]	1	Share	
O. C. Eggert	1	Share	
Olaf Bairstad	1	Share	
John Black	1	Share	
Alf Herlason	1	Share	Director
Alf [unclear]	1	Share	
Frank [unclear]	1	Share	
Olaf [unclear]	1	Share	Treasurer
W. L. [unclear]	1	Share	Vice President
A. L. Hiltstadt	2	Share	
F. S. Martijelly	1	Share	Secretary
Hankinson	1	Share	
B. B. Sandness	1	Share	
John M. [unclear]	1	Share	
Olaf [unclear]	1	Share	
Arne [unclear]	1	Share	
Lars Larsson	1	Share	



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Application for
Extension

of

ROBERTS COUNTY FARMERS CO-

OPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.

State of South Dakota,

Office of Secretary of State

I hereby certify that the within ap-
plicant was filed for record on the

11 day of May A. D.
1927 at 1.00 clock P. M. and

recorded in Vol. 119 on page 56

Record Domestic Corporations of the

State of South Dakota
Secretary of State
P. J. [Signature]

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APPLICATION OF
The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company
FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS CORPORATE CHARTER.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, incorporated on the 23rd day of May, 1927 for the period of twenty years and duly extended for an additional period of twenty years from the 23rd day of May, 1927, hereby makes application for an extension of its term of existence for the further term of twenty years from May 23rd, 1947 as provided for in Section 11.1104 of the South Dakota Code of 1939 and Chapter 34 of the South Dakota Session Laws of 1947, and for that purpose the undersigned, constituting the entire membership of the Board of Directors of such corporation sign this application and make the following statements:

That the period of duration of said corporation expired on May 23rd, 1947 as extended and has continued to transact business since such expiration; that on the 15th day of July, 1947 at a regularly called special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation held at the Legion Hall at the Town of New Effington, South Dakota, duly called and noticed for the purpose of obtaining the assent of said stockholders as to extension of the corporate existence, the stockholders by unanimous vote on such motion declared their desire to extend the corporate existence for a period of twenty years from May 23rd, 1947; and authorized and directed its Board of Directors to make application therefor; that attached hereto and made a part hereof is the certified copy of said motion which motion has been duly recorded in the books of the secretary of the corporation and a statement of the facts as required by the aforesaid Section 11.1104 pertaining to extension of co-operative corporation charter to which class this corporation belongs, verified by the oath of the President and Secretary. Dated at New Effington, South Dakota, this 22nd day of July, 1947.

Lawrence B. Bensch
Nels Loberg
John Hovey
Helmer Pederson
Wenzle Martinek
Members of board of Directors aforesaid.

State of South Dakota)
County of Roberts.)

On this 25 day of July, 1947, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Lawrence Bensch, Nels Loberg, John Hovey, Helmer Pederson and Wenzle Martinek, known to me to be all the members of the Board of Directors of The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company, a corporation, and each of them, who being duly authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

W. J. Johnson
Notary Public, South Dakota.
My Commission expires Aug. 28 1947.

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**Detailed copy of Motion to Extend Corporate
Existence of The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative
Telephone Company.**

We, Lawrence Brensseth, and Nels Loberg, of New Effington, South Dakota, being the President and Secretary, respectively, of The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company, a corporation, with its principal place of business at New Effington, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a motion, recorded in the minute book of the Secretary of said corporation, which was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried at a special meeting of the Stockholders held at the Legion Hall at the Town of New Effington, South Dakota, on the 15th day of July, 1947, duly called and noticed for the purpose of obtaining the sense of the stockholders as to the extension of the corporate charter of said corporation, to-wit:

"Motion made and seconded that whereas the corporate charter has expired, now therefore, be it resolved that it is declared that it is the desire of said corporation to extend its corporate existence for a period of twenty years from May 23rd, 1947, and that the Board of Directors be and hereby are authorized and directed to make application therefor as provided by law; and that this motion be entered at length in the minutes of its Secretary. Motion unanimously carried."

Dated at New Effington, South Dakota, this 22nd day of July, 1947.

Laurence Brensseth
President.
Nels Loberg
Secretary.

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STATEMENT REQUIRED BY Section 11.1104 of South Dakota Code of 1935 and Chapter 34 of the South Dakota Session Laws of 1947 re application for extension of corporate existence of the co-operative association known as The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company of New Effington, South Dakota, P.O.

The corporate charter of said corporation expired May 23rd, 1947 or thereabouts and the corporation has since then continued to transact business.

(1) The number of stockholders in the corporation at the time of making this application is 208.

(2) The amount of stock authorized under its charter and by-laws is \$25,000.00 and the par value of each share of stock is \$50.00.

(3) The general nature and character of its business is that of constructing, maintaining and operating telephone system in Town of New Effington, South Dakota, neighboring towns and farm lines in neighboring townships and connecting with other telephone companies.

(4) The names of the officers including the members of the Board of Directors, and their postoffice addresses are as follows:

- Lawrence Bremseth, Director and President, New Effington, S.D.
- Nels Loberg, Director and Secy-Treas, New Effington, S.D.
- Helmer Pederson, Director and V. President, New Effington, S.D.
- John Hovey, Director, New Effington, S.D., and
- Wenzle Martinek, Director, Hankinson, North Dakota.

(5) The following is a copy of the financial statement made to the members of such corporation at the last annual meeting thereof on June 2nd, 1947 as approved:

Period from June 1, 1946 to June 1, 1947:

Receipts:
 Cash on hand last annual report-June 1, 1946 - - - - - \$89.96
 Cash receipts for period - - - - - 7155.17

Total receipts including cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year - - - - - \$7225.13

Disbursements:
 Salaries - - - - - \$3529.87
 Labor - - - - - 157.50
 Freight - - - - - 8.34
 Postage & C.O.D. - - - - - 40.14
 Printing - - - - - 35.54
 Federal Withholding tax on wages - - - - - 106.50
 Social Security tax - - - - - 72.50
 Federal tax on rents and tools - - - - - 40.72
 State sales & use tax - - - - - 75.40
 Lights - - - - - 46.16
 Fuel oil for office - - - - - 457.17
 Gas & oil for car - - - - - 41.34
 Insurance premiums - - - - - 227.59
 Office expense - - - - - 327.25
 News & teleph. repair - - - - - 7.00
 Donations - - - - - 199.05
 Car expense and repair - - - - - 62.49
 Miscellaneous expense - - - - - 637.39
 Northwestern Bell Telephone Co-switching@tools - - - - - 72.93
 Bank service charges - - - - - 47072.51
 Total disbursements - - - - - 152.62
 Cash on hand June 1, 1947 to balance - - - - - 7225.13

Totals - - - - - 7225.13

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LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable-	
Northwestern Bell Telephone Account - - - - -	\$489.93
Roberts County-1948 taxes - - - - -	148.05

Assets:

Cash on hand - - - - -	\$152.62
Accounts receivable from patrons - - - - -	862.87

In addition, corporation owns Telephone office building, garage and lot, telephone switch board and office furniture, car and trailer, tools, repair materials, 281 telephones, telephone lines with poles in towns of New Effington, Claire City, Hammar, and Victor and 17 farm lines in vicinity, as well as franchises. This property is clear of indebtedness.

Dated at New Effington, South Dakota, this 22nd day of July, 1947.

Lawrence Brunseth
President of Corporation.

Nels Loberg
Secretary of Corporation.

State of South Dakota)
County of Roberts) ss

Lawrence Brunseth and Nels Loberg, being first duly sworn, depose and say that they are the President and Secretary, respectively, of The Roberts County Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company, a corporation; that they have read the foregoing Statement and know the contents thereof and that the same is true of their own knowledge except as to matters therein stated upon information and belief and as to those matters, they believe it to be true.

Lawrence Brunseth
Nels Loberg

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of July, 1947.

W. C. Mowson
Notary Public, South Dakota.

Number of shares of stock Issued and Outstanding 100
Number of shares of stock subscribed but not issued 0

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Charles Olson 1 share
Eliaf Gieseth 1 share
Mrs. Harry McCall 1 share
S. H. Fordstrom 1 share
James Balvin 1 share
Mrs. C. Dalin 1 share
A. M. Dahl 1 share
Mrs. Anneta McLaird 1 share
Christ Yost 1 share
Mrs. Eric Hillberg 1 share
Mrs. Ed Knutson 1 share
Mrs. O. C. Eggen 1 share
J. F. Gleason 1 share
Albert Gletske 1 share
L. Pistoricus Jr. 1 share
Cle Ioe 1 share
W. D. Manley 1 share
Knut Walstad 1 share
Peter C. Moe 1 share
Hans C. Johnson 1 share
Mrs. Halvor Oien 1 share
John Moen 1 share
Herman Moen 1 share
Hans J. Hanson 1 share
Sigurd Johnson 1 share
George Thorson 1 share
Arthur Pearson 1 share
August Keoppe 1 share
Eric Kalsum 1 share
Em. Valentine 1 share
Chas. Nieland 1 share
Okerlund Siste. 1 share
Cle Brodahl 1 share
L. A. Larson 1 share

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Fergus Falls, Minn
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Silverton Ohio
Claire City S. Dak.
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Olaf Pederson	1 share	New Effington, S. Dak.
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Olaf Pederson	1 share	New Effington, S. Dak.
Olaf Pederson	1 share	Claire City, S. Dak.
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Certified Sept. 5 1947

Laura Kromseth President

Walter Solberg Sec and Treas.

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MEMORANDUM
MILWAUKEE COUNTY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY

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State of South Dakota,
Office of the Secretary of State

I hereby certify that the within documents
were filed for record on the 9th
day of September A. D. 1947
at 11 o'clock A. M. and recorded in
Vol. 139 on Page 86 Book
Domestic Corporations of this office.

[Signature]

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AMENDED FARMERS

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, ROBERTS COUNTY FARMERS COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, EFFINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be changed from Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, Effington, South Dakota to the Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota.

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which this organization is formed is to furnish, improve and expand telephone service on a cooperative basis:

(a) To borrow money, to make and issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, secured or unsecured, for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the objects and purposes of the cooperative, and to secure the payment of such bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness by mortgage or mortgages, or deed, or deeds of trust, upon, or by pledge of or other lien upon all or any of the property, rights, privileges, or permits of the cooperative, wheresoever situated, acquirer to be acquired when authorized, and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the board of Directors without the vote or consent of the Stockholders of the Cooperative;

(b) To acquire, own, hold, use, exercise, and to the extent permitted by law, to sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate and in any manner dispose of franchises, rights, privileges, licenses, rights of way and easements necessary, and exercise all privileges of ownership, over such real or personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the conduct and operation of the business of the association, or incidental thereto;

(c) To draw, make, accept, indorse, guarantee, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, drafts, warrants, certificates, and all kinds of obligations and negotiable or transferable instruments for any purpose that is deemed necessary to further the objects for which this association is formed, and to give a lien on any of its property as security therefor;

(d) To acquire, own, and develop any interest in patents, trade-marks, and copyrights connected with or incidental to the business of the association;

(e) To cooperate with other similar associations in creating central, regional, or national agencies, for any of the purposes for which this association is formed and to become a member or stockholder of such agencies as now are or hereafter may be in existence;

(f) To have and exercise, in addition to the foregoing, all powers, privileges, and rights conferred on ordinary corporations & cooperative associations by the statutes of this state and especially Chapter 11.11, South Dakota Code of 1939, and laws amendatory thereto, and all powers and rights incidental or conducive to carrying out the purpose for which this association is formed; but the enumeration of the foregoing powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers which may by law be possessed by this association, all of which are hereby expressly claimed;

(g) To organize and maintain communication service wherever voice communication through the use of electricity between the transmitting and receiving apparatus is the principal intended use thereof; and shall include all telephone lines, facilities, or systems used in the rendition of said service, and such service including voice communication by conventional wire circuits or carrier circuits over either telephone or electric service lines and radio telephony.

ARTICLE III

The place from which such lines of telephone which are constructed or intended to be constructed is Roberts County, South Dakota, and Richland County, North Dakota, and the estimated length thereof is approximately three hundred miles.

ARTICLE IV

(a) The amount of the authorized capital stock of this Association shall be \$400,000.00 divided into 80,000 shares of common stock of the par value of \$5.00 each. No share shall be issued for less than its par value not unless the same has been paid for in full in cash, property or the equivalent thereof as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. No shareholder of this Association shall have any preferential, preemptive or other right to subscribe for not to buy any share of capital stock of the association at any time authorized or issued or sold.

(b) Shares of Common stock may be issued to any person who shall: (1) Pay the par value thereof, (2) Agree to purchase from the Association telephone service as specified in the By-laws, (3) Agree to comply with and be bound by the Charter and By-laws of the Association and any amendments thereto and such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Directors, and (4) The Articles of Incorporation prior to these amendments provided for capital stock in the sum of \$25,000 divided into 500 shares of common stock of the par value of \$50.00 each, and each share of outstanding stock may be exchanged for ten shares of the new stock issued having a par value of \$5.00 for each share.

Individual common stock holders shall have only one vote, regardless of the number of shares held, in the affairs of this Association. Any stockholder member who shall desire to sell a share of common stock of the Association owned by said member shall first offer the share to the Association which shall have the exclusive right to purchase such share at a price not to exceed the par value thereof within thirty days after such offer. Shares of common stock so acquired by the Association may be held by it as treasury stock or may be transferred or issued to other persons who are eligible for membership, and who comply with the provisions of the Charter and By-laws of the association with respect to the issuance of shares of common stock. If the association shall not have exercised its option to purchase such share the stockholder, after the expiration of such time, shall be free to sell such share but only to a person eligible for membership who has complied with the provisions of the charter and the By-laws of the association with respect to issuance of shares of stock.

(c) The Association shall have a lien upon all shares of stock issued for any indebtedness of the holder thereof, and the lien upon said stock shall follow said stock in the event of transfer. Should the indebtedness of the stockholder representing the lien upon said stock equal the value of said stock, said stock can be cancelled by the Board of Directors of the Association provided, that the Secretary of the Co-op notifies said stockholder of said indebtedness and lien, in writing, and said stockholder fails to pay said indebtedness to the corporation within thirty days after said notice has been given.

(d) No dividends shall be paid upon any common stock issued by the Association.

(e) Certificates of stock shall be signed by the President and the Secretary, and the corporate seal shall be affixed thereon and the provisions concerning the Association's lien upon said stock, and the above restriction as to transfer shall be indicated upon each certificate.

(f) No stockholder shall be liable for the debts of the Association in any amount greater than his unpaid subscription upon stock subscribed by him and not paid.

ARTICLE V

The number of Directors of this association shall be seven. All directors shall be elected for a term of three years. The present Board of directors, namely:

- | Name | Address |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Alvin Arneson, President, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 2. Norman Foeltz, Vice President, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 3. Ole Hammer, Secretary-Treasurer, | Hammer, South Dakota |
| 4. Idaa Peterson, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 5. Gustav Weinkauf, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 6. Albert Schultz, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 7. H.A. Stenson, | New Effington, South Dakota |
| 8. Leonard Koll, | Claire City, South Dakota |
| 9. William Anderson, | Claire City, South Dakota |

Shall continue to manage the affairs of this Association until the first next annual meeting of this Association to be held the first Monday, in June, in the year 1956, at which time a board of seven directors shall be elected, two to be elected for one year, two for two years, and three for three years, and thereafter all directors shall be elected for three year terms.

ARTICLE VI

The term for which this Association shall exist is thirty years.

ARTICLE VII

The Association shall have its principal place of business in the town of New Effington, Roberts County, South Dakota, and shall conduct its telephone business in Roberts County, South Dakota, and Richland County, North Dakota.

State of South Dakota }
Office of Secretary of State }
I hereby certify that the within instrument
was filed for record on the 4th
day of January A. D. 1956
at 10 o'clock AM and recorded in
Vol. 143 on Page 433 Record
Amendment
of the Corporation of this office.

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State



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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ROBERTS)

AFFIDAVIT

Gis L. Hanner and Alvin Arneson, being first duly sworn, depose and say: That they are the Secretary and President of the Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company of Effington, New Effington, South Dakota, now known as the Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota; that on the 29th day of November, 1955, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation was held at the New American Legion Hall, New Effington, South Dakota, to vote upon the proposition to amend the Articles of Incorporation and to adopt the provisions of the cooperative laws of the State of South Dakota. That a notice for this purpose was published before said meeting in the Rosholt Review, a weekly newspaper published and printed in Rosholt, South Dakota, on September 29th and October 6th, 1955. That a notice was mailed to all of the stockholders of said corporation on the 28th day of September, 1955, containing all of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the proposed resolution to adopt the cooperative laws of the State of South Dakota. That as above stated proper notice of said special meeting and election was given.

That all of the members and stockholders of said corporation cannot be found and that the number of members or stockholders whose whereabouts are known is 142. That at said election 123 votes were cast for amending the Articles of Incorporation, and one (1) vote was cast against said amendments. That on the resolution to adopt the provisions of the cooperative laws of the State of South Dakota 123 votes were cast and one vote was cast against this proposition.

That a copy of the amended Articles of Incorporation are

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE STOCKHOLDERS OF ROBERTS COUNTY
FARMERS COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY AT A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT NEW EFFINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, NOVEMBER 29, 1933.

Resolution to Adopt The Provisions Of The Co-operative Laws
Of The State Of South Dakota:

RESOLVED that this association adopt the provisions of the
Co-operative laws of the State of South Dakota;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Secretary and Directors are
hereby authorized and directed to certify the adoption of the
foregoing Resolution and to copy the same in the records of
the Association, and to do and perform any and all other acts
which may be necessary or proper to make the foregoing Reso-
lution effective according to law.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF ROBERTS) SS.

AFFIDAVIT

R. C. Stenman, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the manager of the Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, and that on the 25th day of September, 1956, he caused to be printed and mailed to the stockholders of said Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company, Effington, South Dakota, together with stockholders' books, resolutions amending articles of incorporation, resolution amending by-laws, and resolution to amend the provisions of the cooperative laws of the State of South Dakota, a specimen of which is attached to this affidavit and made a part hereof, to all of the stockholders of said cooperative telephone company; that the attached specimen was placed in an envelope with postage thereon prepaid, addressed to each of said stockholders and deposited in the United States Post Office in New Effington, South Dakota, on the above date for mailing.

That attached to this affidavit and made a part hereof is a list showing the names, addresses of all of said stockholders to whom were mailed the above specimen as above set forth.

R. C. Stenman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 1956.

A. C. Monson
Notary Public-South Dakota
~~My Commission Expires: 1/10/57~~
My Commission Expires Aug. 29, 1958.

(SEAL)

Names and last known addresses of stockholders of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Telephone Co., Effington, South Dakota, New Effington, South Dakota, September 28, 1938.

Alvin Arneson.....New Effington, S.D.	Earl Pelton.....New Effington, S.D.
Cedar Arneson.....New Effington, S.D.	Edward Pelton.....New Effington, S.D.
R.S. Arneson.....Sisseton, S.D.	Raymond Pelton...New Effington, S.D.
Elmer Anderson...Claire City, S.D.	Ole Grotte.....New Effington, S.D.
Wm. C. Anderson...Claire City, S.D.	Olaf Gunnarson...Claire City, S.D.
Arnold Bredvik...New Effington, S.D.	Howard Gederos...Claire City, S.D.
Harold Bredvik...New Effington, S.D.	Lloyd Heason...Claire City, S.D.
Lawrence Brumeth...New Effington, S.D.	John Hovey.....New Effington, S.D.
Lenna Siederstait...New Effington, S.D.	Mrs. Janet Hugg...New Effington, S.D.
Elmer Berg.....Hankinson, N.D.	O.L. Hammer.....Hammer, S.D.
Wesley Bisek.....New Effington, S.D.	J.J. Hustell....Webber, S.D.
Edna Branton.....New Effington, S.D.	Mary Bonders...Hankinson, N.D.
Oscar Branton...New Effington, S.D.	Richard Holland...Claire City, S.D.
Hartin Berg.....Sisseton, S.D.	J.J. Holstrom...New Effington, S.D.
Earl Bostrom.....New Effington, S.D.	Leonard Johnson...New Effington, S.D.
Joseph A. Bavin...Claire City, S.D.	Herman Johnson...Webber, S.D.
Herbert Bladon...Claire City, S.D.	Ludwig Hammer...Hammer, S.D.
Earl Brandell...Claire City, S.D.	Eugene Hustell...Webber, S.D.
Theo. Christiansen...New Effington, S.D.	David Johnson...New Effington, S.D.
Walter Cuffias...New Effington, S.D.	Hannah Johnson...Hammer, S.D.
B.L. Coffas.....New Effington, S.D.	Walter S. Johnson...Hankinson, N.D.
Wallace Carlson...New Effington, S.D.	Carl Johnson...Hammer, S.D.
John Curran.....Sisseton, S.D.	Leonard Koll...Claire City, S.D.
P.A. Dahl.....New Effington, S.D.	Ray Knudsen.....Hankinson, N.D.
Frank Danek.....New Effington, S.D.	Bertha Christofolsum...Hammer, S.D.
Charles Danek...New Effington, S.D.	Nick Nline.....Bosholt, S.D.
H.W. Duncan.....Bosholt, S.D.	William Poesche...New Effington, S.D.
Ray Jabberstein...New Effington, S.D.	Edward Pottleson...Bosholt, S.D.
Arthur Dalin...New Effington, S.D.	Edwin Rautson...New Effington, S.D.
Bennard Ekstrom...New Effington, S.D.	Wm. Remy.....New Effington, S.D.
Walter Eide.....New Effington, S.D.	Edgar Remy.....New Effington, S.D.
John Ellingson...Bosholt, S.D.	Arthur Reasin...Hammer, S.D.
Henry Egen.....New Effington, S.D.	Peter Reasin...New Effington, S.D.
A.T. Feeney.....Claire City, S.D.	Levin Larson...Bosholt, S.D.
Edman Koeltz...New Effington, S.D.	Lyle Kinosvaki...Claire City, S.D.
Carl Madland...Sisseton, S.D.	Mildred McCall...Sisseton, S.D.
H.C. Manley.....Sisseton, S.D.	Stavig Bros. Inc...Sisseton, S.D.
Frank Martinek...Hankinson, N.D.	Palmer Mathers...New Effington, S.D.
Wesley Martinek...New Effington, S.D.	Harold Schultz...New Effington, S.D.
Frank Kevak.....Bosholt, S.D.	Eyvart Strani...Sisseton, S.D.
Frank Kavratil...New Effington, S.D.	Edward Stave...New Effington, S.D.
Allen L. Verison...New Effington, S.D.	H.A. Stenson...New Effington, S.D.
Steve Kavratil...New Effington, S.D.	E.T. Sandmark...Claire City, S.D.
Maxie O'Brien...New Effington, S.D.	Oscar Swanson...Hankinson, N.D.
David Olson...New Effington, S.D.	Theodore Stave...New Effington, S.D.
Mary O'Brien...New Effington, S.D.	J.A. Stahl.....Bosholt, S.D.
Jake Ollam.....Claire City, S.D.	Ole J. Thompson...Hankinson, N.D.
Kenneth Oliver...New Effington, S.D.	Belmer Turkerson...Sisseton, S.D.
Ole Peterson...New Effington, S.D.	H.L. Twite.....Sisseton, S.D.
Idan Pederson...New Effington, S.D.	Anna Thoreson...Dell Rapids, S.D.
Helmer Pederson...New Effington, S.D.	Arnold Twite...Claire City, S.D.
F.O. Pederson...Claire City, S.D.	Warman Tritton...Claire City, S.D.
Phillip Peterson...Claire City, S.D.	Albert Twite...Claire City, S.D.
Walfrid Peterson...New Effington, S.D.	Albert Ustadi...Claire City, S.D.
Palmer Peterson...New Effington, S.D.	Olga Ustadi...New Effington, S.D.
Tony Pirmentgen...New Effington, S.D.	Anna Ustadi...New Effington, S.D.
Ernest Pearson...New Effington, S.D.	Ole Vinge.....Sisseton, S.D.
Paul Rudolph...Sisseton, S.D.	Elmer Vanuse...New Effington, S.D.
Lois Riveland...Anson, Iowa	Ordin Vign...Claire City, S.D.
Martin Rome...Claire City, S.D.	William Valentine...New Effington, S.D.
Gilbert Rosen...New Effington, S.D.	Thorn L. Wang...Hankinson, N.D.
Hilene Reiten...Sisseton, S.D.	Oswald Weinkauff...New Effington, S.D.
S.D. Sremensch...Sisseton, S.D.	Joe Wagner.....New Effington, S.D.
John Stuls.....Sisseton, S.D.	Martin Wolstall...New Effington, S.D.
Albert Schults...New Effington, S.D.	Wm. Wolfe...Claire City, S.D.
Anni Swanson...New Effington, S.D.	Harold Wolfe...Claire City, S.D.
John C. Schade...Sisseton, S.D.	Gust Weinkauff...New Effington, S.D.
Ovillie Skarnagle...Webber, S.D.	Christ Yost.....New Effington, S.D.

Names, continued.

David S. Karnoff.....Claire City, S.D.
Wipacrossa Ver. Co.....Hankinson, N.D.
Earl Kuntzman.....Sisseton, S.D.
Henry Welvig.....Sisseton, S.D.
W.S. Hillebrand.....Clidgerwood, N.D.
Albert M. Lee.....New Effington, S.D.
Peter Lee.....Sisseton, S.D.
Eddie Olerlund.....New Effington, S.D.
Eli A. Olerlund.....New Effington, S.D.
Eli A. Olerlund.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Albert Higgs.....Hankinson, N.D.
E.S. Baraga.....Browns Valley, Minn.
H.A. Baker.....Hankinson, N.D.
H.A. Baker.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Claire City Bank.....Claire City, S.D.
Memphis Mercantile Co. Sisseton, S.D.
Oswal H. Engel.....New Effington, S.D.
H.A. Engel.....New Effington, S.D.
Barney Fleisch.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Joseph Hannasch.....Sisseton, S.D.
P. Palmberg.....New Effington, S.D.
George Horneber.....Rosholt, S.D.
S. Piastorius, Jr.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Galen Plant.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Harry F. Peters.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Erwin Prucknow.....Hankinson, N.D.
John Stadler.....Browns Valley, Minn.
H.G. Reiman.....Hankinson, N.D.
Michael Weiser.....New Effington, S.D.
Peter Bab.....Rosholt, S.D.
Andrew Shiel.....Effington, S.D.
J.C. Sheldon.....Rosholt, S.D.
E.F. Stadler.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Lemke & Kjelstrup Co. Browns Valley, Minn.
Ely Salyard & Co. Duluth, Minn.
S.C. Thomson.....Claire City, S.D.
John Teboyt.....Effington, S.D.
Henry Trom.....New Effington, S.D.
Peter Vergelt.....Rosholt, S.D.
P.A. Anderson.....New Effington, S.D.
Emma Anderson.....New Effington, S.D.
Christian Anderson.....Rosholt, S.D.
Albert Frankstad.....Hammer, S.D.
John Bisek.....New Effington, S.D.
Ole Bergquist.....New Effington, S.D.
Alonso Borch.....Sisseton, S.D.
William Birney.....Browns Valley, Minn.
S.V. Birdsall.....Sisseton, S.D.
Herbert Birdsall.....Sisseton, S.D.
E.V. Bobb.....Sisseton, S.D.
Joe Bisek.....New Effington, S.D.
George Bladov.....New Effington, S.D.
W.S. Boyd.....Browns Valley, Minn.
A.G. Bieto.....New Effington, S.D.
E. J. Bach.....New Effington, S.D.
Earl Barker.....Browns Valley, Minn.
H.J. Biggs.....Hankinson, N.D.
John Clouse.....Sisseton, S.D.
Ole Dahlberg.....Tebien, S.D.
A. M. Dahl.....Victor, S.D.
J. L. Dasavan.....Sisseton, S.D.
O.G. Elliott.....New Effington, S.D.
Thomas Vias.....Claire City, S.D.
E. M. Forsythe.....Claire City, S.D.
Ole Forsyth.....New Effington, S.D.
E. Frankstad.....New Effington, S.D.
Hess Grimstad.....Sisseton, S.D.
G. Grette.....Claire City, S.D.
O.P. Grette.....Claire City, S.D.
Hess Grossland.....New Effington, S.D.
Hess Yong.....New Effington, S.D.
John Long.....Sisseton, S.D.
John Gaurts.....Browns Valley, Minn.
A.W. Morehead.....St. Paul, Minn.
John Hall.....Hankinson, N.D.
Otto T. Johnson.....Claire City, S.D.
August Jensen.....New Effington, S.D.
A. B. Jacobson.....New Effington, S.D.
Chas. Kaufman.....Victor, S.D.
Chas. McKee.....New Effington, S.D.
G.H. McDonnell.....New Effington, S.D.
Jos. A. Malley.....White Rock, S.D.
S. Myhre.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Rudolph Miller.....Rosholt, S.D.
Fred Milbrant.....Hankinson, N.D.
Edward Miller.....Rosholt, S.D.
William Mueller.....Hankinson, N.D.
John J. Nermark.....Sisseton, S.D.
Albert Oletzke.....Browns Valley, Minn.
J.P. Orady.....Browns Valley, Minn.
E. M. Omerara.....Effington, S.D.
H.A. Oletzke.....Browns Valley, Minn.
A.E. Johnson.....Claire City, S.D.
A.J. Minness.....New Effington, S.D.
T.A. Minneberg.....Tebien, S.D.
John Krause.....New Effington, S.D.
George Kulwin.....New Effington, S.D.
F.P. Larson.....New Effington, S.D.
Ben C. Lawson.....Dassel, Minn.
Mrs. J. Lund.....New Effington, S.D.
John Loken.....Victor, S.D.
P.W. Larson.....Sisseton, S.D.
Louis Larson.....New Effington, S.D.
The Loan & Dakota Land
and Loan Co.....Sisseton, S.D.
Sever Larson.....Sisseton, S.D.
A. McCoy.....Sisseton, S.D.
Herman Eken.....New Effington, S.D.
T.M. Merton.....New Effington, S.D.
Ole S. Nelson.....New Effington, S.D.
J.P. Norquist.....New Effington, S.D.
Norway Elev. Co. Claire City, S.D.
Peter A. Nilstad.....New Effington, S.D.
Andrew Nordland.....New Effington, S.D.
William Nieland.....Sisseton, S.D.
J.H. Nordstrom.....Sisseton, S.D.
Chas. Nieland.....Sisseton, S.D.
First National Bank
of Sisseton.....Sisseton, S.D.
B.P. Oppen.....Dawson, Minn.
Peter Ostby.....White Rock, S.D.
Julia Olson.....New Effington, S.D.
Nils Ostby.....White Rock, S.D.
Ole P. Oppen.....Claire City, S.D.
Halvor Olin.....Sisseton, S.D.
Claf Oseth.....White Rock, S.D.
Chas. Olson.....Sisseton, S.D.
Otto Olson.....New Effington, S.D.
John J. Peterson.....Sisseton, S.D.
P. W. Peterson.....Sisseton, S.D.
Anna Pullman.....New Effington, S.D.
Fred Russel.....New Effington, S.D.
Carl Rud.....New Effington, S.D.
E.A. Rud.....New Effington, S.D.
Oscar Tomell.....Hankinson, N.D.
Frank Tenell.....White Rock, S.D.
Paul Steen.....Browns Valley, Minn.
Ole Selsing.....Hammer, S.D.
John Sarden.....New Effington, S.D.
Samuel Satre.....Claire City, S.D.
Iver Steen.....Browns Valley, Minn.

Albert Snow.....(Winona) Sisseton
 C. M. Swanson.....New Effington, S.D.
 Wm. Swellund.....Sisseton, S.D.
 C. H. Swastegaard.....Sisseton, S.D.
 C. K. Spottswald.....Hankinson, N.D.
 M. A. Stoffe.....New Effington, S.D.
 Nathan Spencer.....Claire City, S.D.
 H. Sponstad.....New Effington, S.D.
 Iva Smith.....Sisseton, S.D.
 Ernst Trokstad.....New Effington, S.D.
 S. Torgler.....New Effington, S.D.
 G. M. Thompson.....New Effington, S.D.
 Harry Thompson.....Sisseton, S.D.
 Ernest Uistad.....CLAIRE CITY S.D.
 T. Ross Vign.....Veblen, S.D.
 William Keeler.....Hankinson, N.D.
 Walter Anderson.....New Effington, S.D.
 George A. Welk.....Browns Valley, Minn.
 William Wurl.....Hankinson, N.D.
 E. J. Youngberg.....New Effington, S.D.

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Box No. 100

AMENDED ARTICLES

ACCEPTANCE CO.-OP. LEWS

ROBERTS COUNTY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY

At the ...

State of South Dakota }
Office of Secretary of State } ss.

I hereby certify that the within instrument
was filed for record on the 4th
day of January A. D. 1956
at 10 o'clock A.M. and recorded in
Vol. 143 on Page 222 thereof
~~in accordance~~
with the provisions of this act.

Ernest ...
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

For received \$10.00
" " " 1.50

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STATEMENT OF REGISTERED OFFICE
OR REGISTERED AGENT, OR BOTH,
OF

.... Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association ...
NAME OF THE COOPERATIVE
To the Secretary of State
of the State of South Dakota:



Pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Cooperative Act, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, submits the following statement for the purpose of designating its registered office and its registered agent in the State of South Dakota:

- FIRST: The name of the corporation is.. Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association
- SECOND: The address of its registered office is.. New Effington, South Dakota ... 57255
- THIRD: The name of its registered agent is.. Byron W. Siegel
- FOURTH: The address of its business office is.. New Effington, South Dakota ... 57255
- FIFTH: This statement has been authorized by resolution duly adopted by the board of directors.

Dated..... May 31,, 1977....

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (Note 1)
By: *Bob F. Hodder* (Note 2)
Its..... Vice..... President

STATE OF... SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF ROBERTS) m.

Before me, JOY L. McCREGOR....., a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared *Gale Fladmark*..... who acknowledged before me that ...he is the (President/Vice-President) of... Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association....., that ...he signed the foregoing, and that the statements contained therein are true.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of May A.D. 1977.....

Joy L. McCregor
Notary Public

My commission expires 1-20-81
(Notarial Seal)

- Note: 1. Exact corporate name of corporation making the statement.
- 2. Signature and title of officer signing for the corporation - must be a President or a Vice-President.

Filing fee \$5.00
Submit one copy.

Filed this 15th day of June 1977
James B. Knuth
SECRETARY OF STATE

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File No. Coop-632

Statement of Agent

OF

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

State of South Dakota

Office of Secretary of State

} ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of

State on the 1st day of June

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Lane B. Hewath
Secretary of State

By _____
Assistant Secretary of State

Fee received \$5

and an microfilm which meet the recommended requirements of the National Bureau of Standards for permanent microfilm reproductions. Reductions 24/1 roll no. 100
March 7, 1978
Gene H. Heston
State Archivist

SEARCH OF RECORDS REPORT

April 27, 1990

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF NEW
EFFINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
BOX 197
NEW EFFINGTON, SD 57255

The following is the base data on file in the Office of the
Secretary of State on ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
ASSOCIATION OF NEW EFFINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Entity Type: FOREIGN BUSINESS CORPORATION

State of Organization: SD

Current Status: Active

Status Date: 02/15/56

Last Annual Report Filed: 09/28/89

Last Annual Report Year: 89

Registered Agent: CLARENCE SWANSON

Address: R.R. 1
HANKINSON, ND
58041

Class:

Number of Shares:

Par:

For Reference: Jan Burgad
Clerk

(701) 224-4289
Phone

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association



Box 6
New Effington, South Dakota 57255 - 0006
Phone 605-637-5211

April 18, 1990



Mr. Patrick J. Fahn, Chief Engineer
Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Mr. Fahn:

In reply to your letter dated March 20, 1990, please find enclosed a copy of a Certification signed by Elmer Olson, Secretary, Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, on February 14, 1956. In the Certification he refers to granting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the original appearing of record and is on file in the office of said Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota. Hope this will be satisfactory as I am unable to find our copy at this time.

Was the copy of the South Dakota Articles of Incorporation which I sent previously sufficient for your records?

If you have any additional questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Marion Ebel

Ms. Marion Ebel
Manager

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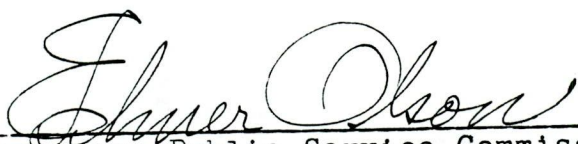
enclosure

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) SS
County of Burleigh)

I, ELMER OLSON, duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary and Legal Keeper of the records of the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the hereto attached is a true and correct copy of Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order of the Public Service Commission dated March 2, 1954, entered in Case No. 5113, granting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Roberts County Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company of New Effington, South Dakota, the original of which appears of record and is on file in the office of said Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14th day of February, 1956.



Secretary, Public Service Commission
of the State of North Dakota.



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

COMMISSIONERS

Dale V. Sandstrom
President
Bruce Hagen
Leo M. Reinbold

State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505
701-224-2400
Toll Free in ND 800-932-2400
FAX 701-224-2410

Secretary, Janet A. Elkin

March 20, 1990

Ms. Marion Ebel, Manager
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association
P. O. Box 6
New Effington, South Dakota 57255-0006

Dear Ms. Ebel:

Thank you for the material submitted concerning your company's corporate papers and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Our letter of March 8, 1990, requested some of these papers be certified. Please send us a Certificate of Authorization certified by the North Dakota Secretary of State.

In your letter you stated a copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was enclosed, but it was not. Please provide us a copy.

Please provide this additional material by the date noted in the Commission's March 8th letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick J. Fahn".

Patrick J. Fahn, Chief Engineer
Public Utilities Division

PJF/sdh

Enclosures

APPLICATION OF FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN NORTH DAKOTA

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
State of North Dakota, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota, a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 10-17, North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, governing Foreign Corporations, does hereby certify and set forth with respect to said corporation:

(1) Its name is Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota and the state or country of organization is South Dakota

(2) It agrees to add _____ to its name for use in the State of North Dakota so that the name of this corporation which it will use in the State of North Dakota is _____ (See instructions below.)

(3) The date of its incorporation was May 23 1907, 1 _____, and the period of its duration is thirty years, expiring May 23, 1967.

(4) The address of its principal office in the state or country of organization is New Effington, Roberts County, South Dakota (See instructions below.)

(5) The address of its proposed registered office in the State of North Dakota is HANKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA (See instruction below); and the name of its proposed resident agent in the State of North Dakota is Theodore Swanson, Hankinson, N. D. whose address is identical with that of its proposed registered office above set forth.

(6) It irrevocably consents to service of process upon it as set forth in section 10-1733 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 or any amendment thereto.

(7) The names and respective addresses of its officers and directors are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	OFFICE
(See instructions below)		
Alvin Arneson	New Effington, S. D.	President
Norman Foeltz	New Effington, S. D.	Vice President
Ole Hammer	Hammer, S. D.	Sec. & Treas.
Albert Schultz	New Effington, S. D.	Board
Idan Pederson	New Effington, S. D.	Board
Gust Weinkeuf	New Effington, S. D.	Board

(8) Its authorized aggregate number of shares having par value is 80,000
of the par value of \$ 5.00 per share and its authorized aggregate number of shares without
par value is None, which authorized shares are itemized by classes and
series as follows:

Capital Stock (Common)
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(9) The issued or allotted aggregate number of its par value shares is 1,500
of the par value of \$ 7,500.00 per share and the issued or allotted aggregate number of its
shares without par value is None, which shares are itemized by classes and
series as follows:

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(10) The officers executing this application for a certificate of authority to transact business in the State
of North Dakota have been duly authorized so to do by its Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Said corporation has caused this application to be executed by its
President and its 16th Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this
16th day of December, A. D. 1955

AFFIX
CORPORATE
SEAL
STATE OF South Dakota

Alvin Benson President.
O. L. Hammer Secretary.

instrument was executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; that they have read the foregoing application subscribed by them and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true of their own knowledge; and said Alvin Anneson, President and Ole Hammer, Secretary acknowledge said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Alvin Anneson
Ole Hammer

AFFIX

Notary Public, Roberts County,

NOTARIAL

State of South Dakota

SEAL

My Commission expires 1-18-1959

INSTRUCTIONS

Item (2)—If the name of the corporation ends with the word "Corporation" or the word "Incorporated" or the abbreviation "Inc." or contains the word "Company" or the abbreviation "Co." not immediately preceded by the word "and" or the character "&," this item may be disregarded by the applicant corporation; otherwise, the first blank in Item (2) must be filled in with the word "Incorporated" or abbreviation "Inc." and the second blank must be filled in with the name of the applicant corporation with the added word or abbreviation which it agrees to use in the State of North Dakota.

Items (4), (5) and (7)—The addresses given must include the name of the post office, street and number, if any, or name of building and room or office number therein when customarily used as part of a mailing address.

Fees—Initial License Fee \$50.00.

For filing application \$5.00.

For issuing Certificate \$2.00.

For remittance with certificate of authority to the register of deeds of county registered office in North Dakota \$1.00.

FOR RECORD BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

All fees and charges paid on 2-15-56

Certificate issued and recorded No. 1795

Certificate transmitted with fee of \$1.00 to register of deeds,

County, on _____

ANNE FRANSEN

Clerk.

FOREIGN CORPORATION

FILE NUMBER 1795

Nº 1795

United States of America

DEPARTMENT



OF STATE

State of North Dakota

To All to Whom these Presents shall Come,
BEN MEIER

I, ~~THOMAS HALL~~, Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota do hereby certify that

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF NEW EFFINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

whose corporate name in North Dakota is

THE SAME

SOUTH DAKOTA

a corporation of the State of _____, incorporated on the
TWENTY-THIRD MAY 07, with ---EXPIRES MAY 23, 1967 existence

therefrom, and which maintains a registered office in the State of North Dakota at

HANKINSON

RICHLAND

_____, County of _____, has
duly complied with the provisions of Chapter 10-17, North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, governing Foreign Corporations, and is authorized to do business herein with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties, and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol in the
City of Bismarck, this _____ day of
FIFTEENTH

SEAL

(Applicable to Both Domestic and Foreign Corporations)
(Profit or Non-Profit)

FEE: \$5.00

STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE
OR REGISTERED AGENT, OR BOTH

OF

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

To the Secretary of State

of the State of North Dakota:

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10-19-10 or 10-22-09 or 10-24-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota submits the following statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or its registered agent, or both, in the State of North Dakota:

First: The name of the corporation is Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association,
New Effington, South Dakota

Second: The address of its present registered office is R.F.D., Hankinson, North Dakota,

Third: The address to which its registered office is to be changed is RR 1, Hankinson, North Dakota

Fourth: The name of its present registered agent is Theodore Swanson

Fifth: The name of successor registered agent is Clarence Swanson

Sixth: The address of its registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent as changed will be identical.

Seventh: Such change was authorized by resolution duly adopted by its board of directors.

(OVER)

Dated March 10 19 75

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative
(Exact Corporate Name) Association

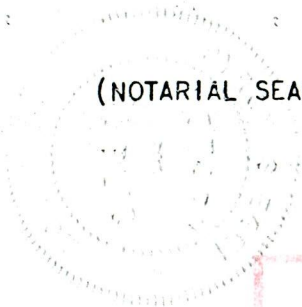
By *V. L. Wolfe* President
(Signature of President or Vice-President)

V. L. Wolfe being first duly sworn says that he is the
President and that he has read the foregoing application and
knows the contents thereof, and verily believes the statements made therein to be true.

By *V. L. Wolfe* President
(Signature of Executing Officer) (Same As Above)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March 19 75

Byron Sigel
Notary Public



(NOTARIAL SEAL)

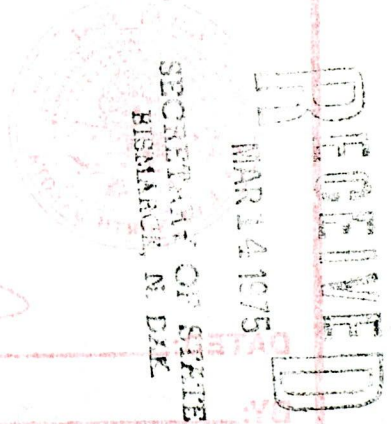
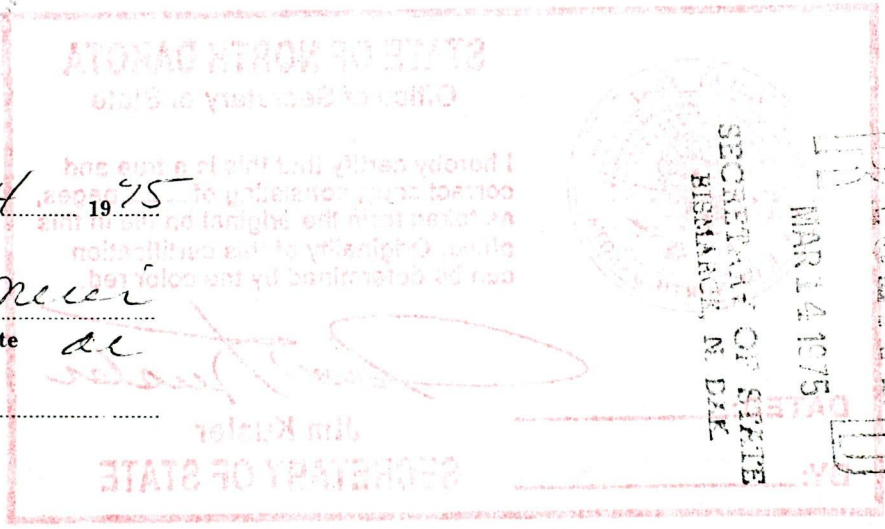
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Ben Meier
Secretary of State

Deputy





STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
Office of Secretary of State

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy, consisting of 6 pages, as taken from the original on file in this office. Originality of this certification can be determined by the color red.

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Jim Kusler".

DATED: 4-16-90

Jim Kusler

BY: Darcy Schlessel SECRETARY OF STATE