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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Eligible Telecommunications Carrier 2013 Annual Report – Rule 69-09-05-12.1

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (“CTC-MN”) hereby files the attached Eligible Telecommunications Carrier 2013 Annual Report, pursuant to Rule 69-09-05-12.1.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-435-1356.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Hegdal
Manager – Compliance and Reporting

Enclosure

Cc: Scott Bohler

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC – Oslo
Exchange Annual Report

1. a) Amount of High-Cost Universal Service Support received in 2013.

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (CTC MN) serves 53 North Dakota residents. The North Dakota residents are served from the Oslo central office that is located in Minnesota and is in Study Area Code (SAC) 361123, which includes geographic areas in both Minnesota and North Dakota and includes about 83,000 customers. In 2013 for SAC 361123, CTC MN received \$1,099,065 in High-Cost Universal Service Support (\$505,164 from Frozen High-Cost Support and \$593,901 from Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation).

b) How was the support used in 2013 for provision, maintenance, or upgrading?

There were no specific projects for the 53 North Dakota customers.

c) Any changes for reports previously filed?

Yes, the report filed in July 2013 stated in item 1. d): "It is estimated that CTC MN will receive approximately \$1,267,000 in Universal Service Support in 2013." The statement should have referred to 2014, rather than 2013.

d) Estimate amount of High-Cost Universal Service Support the carrier expects to receive in 2015.

It is estimated that CTC MN SAC 361123 will receive approximately \$1,100,916 in Universal Service Support in 2015. (\$505,164 Frozen High-Cost Support and \$595,752 Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation.)

e) How will the support in 2015 be used for provision, maintenance, or upgrading?

If any support is received in 2015 it will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

f) Identify specific construction or upgrade projects, how will the service be improved by each project, and what is the start and completion date for each project. Also, what is the amount of investment for each project, the geographic area of each improvement, and the estimated population that will be served?

There are no specific projects for the 53 North Dakota customers.

NOTE: This information has to be submitted at the study area level if the carrier is an ILEC. For other eligible carriers the information has to be submitted at the ILEC study area level. If a study area or designated service area includes geographic areas in more than one state, the information must also be submitted at the North Dakota level.

The North Dakota customers are part of the Minnesota study area.

- 2. Detailed information on any outage, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. section 4.5, of at least thirty minutes in duration for each designated service area for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect at least ten percent of the end users served in a designated service area, or a 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. section 4.5(e).**

There were no such service outages affecting North Dakota customers in 2013. In SAC 361123, there was one such outage; however, it affected Mille Lacs County in East Central Minnesota.

- 3. The number of requests for service from potential customers within the designated service area that were unfulfilled during the past year.**

There were not any requests for service from potential North Dakota customers within the designated service area (SAC 361123) that were unfulfilled during 2013 by CTC MN.

- 4. The number of complaints per one thousand handsets.**

In SAC 361123, CTC MN received five complaints in year 2013 resulting in 0.06 complaints per 1000 lines. None of the complaints were from North Dakota customers.

- 5. Does the carrier comply with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules?**

CTC MN complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

- 6. Is the carrier able to function in emergency situations?**

CTC MN is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. CTC

MN has backup battery reserve in its central office, which enables it to provide service for a minimum of eight hours.

- 7. Does your company offer a local usage plan? If so, and if you are a CETC, is this plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in your designated area?**

CTC MN offers local exchange service on a flat-rate unlimited usage basis but not on a measured usage basis. CTC MN is the incumbent carrier.

- 8. Does your company acknowledge that the FCC may require it to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other ETC is providing equal access within the service area?**

CTC MN acknowledges that it may be required to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other ETC is providing equal access within the service area.