

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application**

**Case No. PU-14-683**

**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**September 4, 2019**

Preliminary Statement

On August 13, 2014, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. (together, the Company) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On August 23, 2019, staff reviewed the request of the Company for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which the Company seeks protection includes Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company as of December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by the Company. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information.

The Company has requested that this, and similar types of this information, be treated as trade secret.

North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 provides "the commission staff shall examine the information and application, and file and serve a response that includes a recommendation on whether the information qualifies for protection."

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

The Commission concludes the Company's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

**Order**

The Commission orders the August 13, 2014, application of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for protection of information is GRANTED.

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<b>Julie Fedorchak</b> Commissioner	<b>Brian Kroshus</b> Chairman	<b>Randy Christmann</b> Commissioner