

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-15-18

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Kathy Acker deposes and says that:

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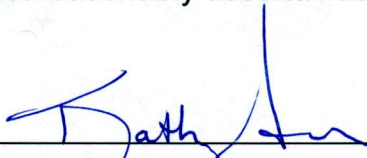
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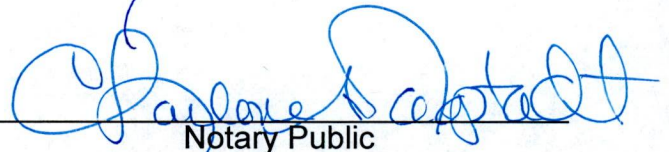
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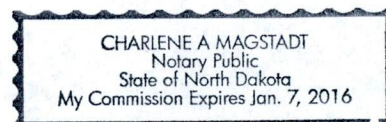


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **23rd** day of **January, 2015**.



Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

January 21, 2015

On December 31, 2014, Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (Consolidated) filed an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) as a Competitive Local Exchange Company for the purpose of receiving federal funding through the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Broadband Experiment program. Consolidated proposes to provide wireline telecommunication, broadband Internet access, and Internet Protocol television services to rural areas of Stark County. Consolidated is a North Dakota business corporation with offices located in Dickinson, North Dakota.

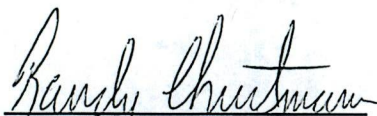
The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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 hearings must be received by March 5, 2015. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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