

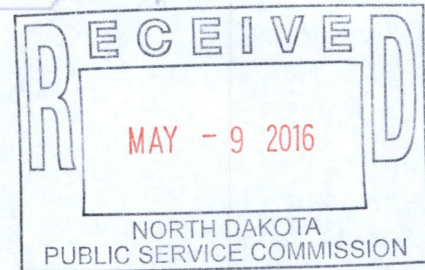
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May 5, 2016

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are Price Schedule Revisions filed on behalf of Halstad Telephone Company.

The Price Schedule revisions include:

Section 4, Page 2, Rev 3, for ND ILEC customers served from offices in Minnesota, and  
Section 4, Page 2, Rev 2, for ND CLEC customers in Hillsboro, ND.

These pages is being filed to increase local rates effective June 1, 2016. This local rate increase is necessary in ILEC service areas to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service High Cost Loop Support as has been specified by the FCC.

A copy of notice information sent to customers is also enclosed.

Please call me at (651) 621-8528 with any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ William VanderSluis*

William VanderSluis  
Senior Telecommunications Specialist

Enclosures

cc: Mark Forseth, Halstad Telephone Company  
Tom Maroney, Halstad Telephone Company

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**Price Schedule Revisions**

Halstad Telephone Company

William VanderSluis

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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RATES

Exchange: Hillsboro, North Dakota

Class of Service

Monthly Rates

**BUSINESS:**

One Party and Coin	\$ 19.50
Trunk Hunting Rate	\$ 9.50
Coin Supervision	\$ 2.00

**RESIDENCE:**

One Party	\$ 18.00
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All rates are billed in advance. Payment for service is due when the statement is rendered.

Extended Area Service (EAS)

Halstad, MN  
West Halstad, ND  
Shelly, MN  
West Shelly, MN  
Hillsboro, ND, customers of Qwest

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Rates

Exchange

Class of Service	Monthly Rates				
	Bygland and Fisher	Climax M.N. and West Climax N.D.	Halstad M.N. and West Halstad N.D.	Nielsville M.N. and West Nielsville N.D.	Shelly M.N. and West Shelly N.D.
<b>BUSINESS:</b>					
One Party and Coin	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50
Trunk Hunting Rate	9.50	9.50	8.25	8.00	8.00
Coin Supervision	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<b>RESIDENCE:</b>					
One Party	18.00(l)	18.00(l)	18.00(l)	18.00(l)	18.00(l)

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Service Detail

Account: 00061991-6  
Invoice: 100212940

This is an official notice of an increase to the rates you pay for local phone service.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) previously issued an order requiring local phone service providers to charge a minimum monthly rate for local phone service in order to avoid forfeiture of federal support funds. In 2014, the price floor was increased to \$16.00 and will increase to \$18.00 for the twelve months beginning June 1, 2016.

The following shows the current monthly charges and the new monthly charges effective June 1, 2016 on Residential Lines:

**Current Monthly Charges**

\$16.00

**New Rate June 2016**

\$18.00

Because bundled services include access line charges and other services, if you purchase a bundle of services from Halstad Telephone Company, your base rate for the bundle will change. The following shows the current monthly charges and the new monthly charges effective June 1, 2016:

**Current Monthly Charge**  
Residential Phone & Internet \$ 46.90  
Residential Phone & TV \$ 76.90  
Residential Phone, TV & Internet \$ 101.85

**New Rate June 2016**  
Residential Phone & Internet \$ 46.90  
Residential Phone & TV \$ 78.90  
Residential Phone, TV & Internet \$103.85