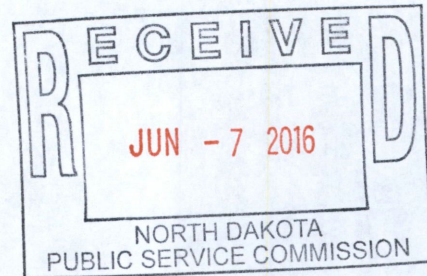




Northwest Communications Cooperative

June 3, 2016

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Executive Secretary
Capitol Building – 12th Floor
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: Exchange Boundary Change Request to Provide Service

NCC is hereby requesting the authority to provide service to a customer who is currently within Nemont Telephone Cooperative's Exchange Boundary. Along with this request is a map showing proposed adjustments to the exchange boundary between NCC & Nemont to allow NCC to provide service to them.

The proposed exchange boundary would be located one mile north of the existing exchange boundary between NCC's Alamo Exchange & Nemont's Ambrose Exchange. The new boundary would start at the center of section 30, T161N, R100W & run east 2 ½ miles to the existing north/south boundary.

The individual requesting service is:

Kyle & Bridget Johnson, 13055 91st St NW, Alamo, ND 58830

NCC is prepared to begin obtaining right-of-way and to construct buried facilities to provide service to the Johnsons. Please advise when the PSC authorizes the changes requested. If you have any questions or need additional documentation or information, please feel free to call or email at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Todd Watterud'.

Todd Watterud
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Northwest Communications Cooperative
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Application to change exchange boundaries

Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative
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Todd Watterud, Engineering Manager

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Proposed Boundary

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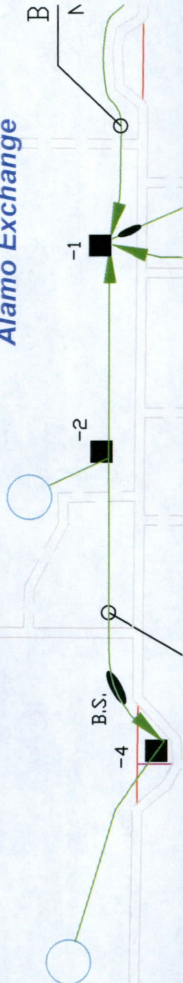
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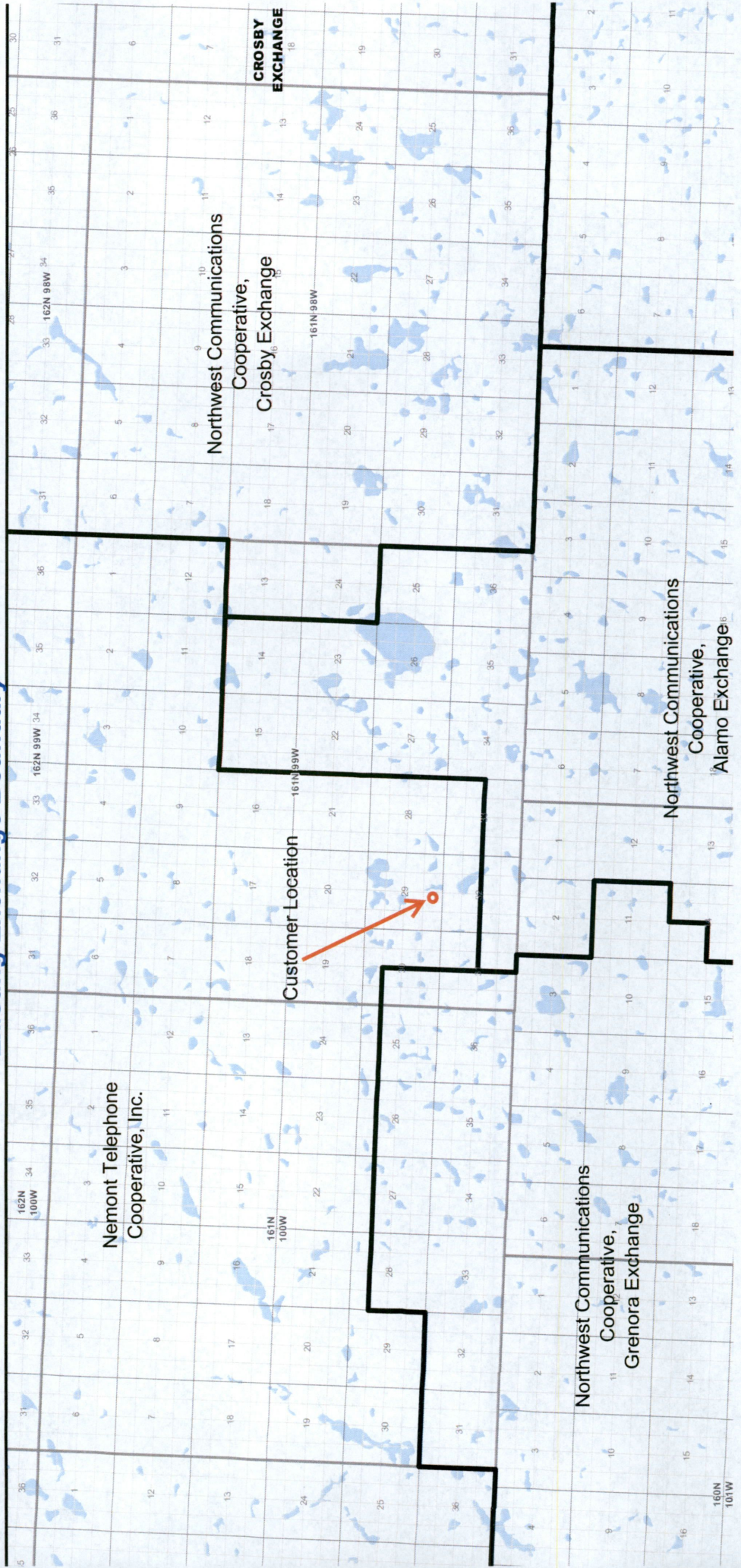
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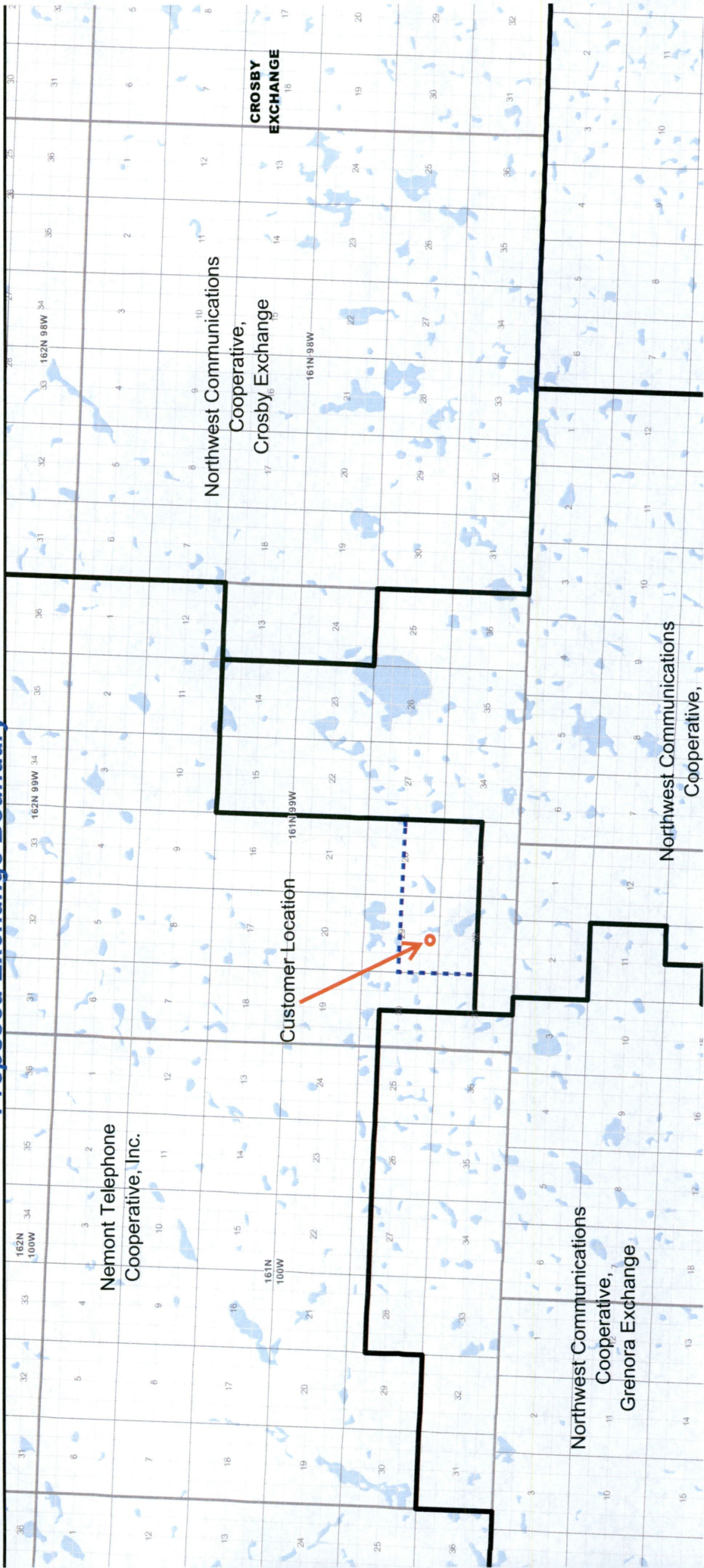
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Existing Exchange Boundary



BOUNDARY MAP NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, A COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Proposed Exchange Boundary



Todd Watterud / NCC

From: Michael Steffan [mikes@nccray.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 7:37 AM
To: Dean Rustad; Todd Watterud
Subject: Fwd: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jerry Tilley" <jerry.tilley@nemont.coop>
Date: March 29, 2016 at 4:17:12 PM CDT
To: "'Mike Steffan / NCC'" <mikes@nccray.com>
Cc: "Remi Sun" <remi.sun@nemont.coop>, "Mike Kilgore" <mike.kilgore@nemont.coop>
Subject: RE: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Hey Mike,

We have approval from the board to release this customer to be served by NCC and support your petition to the PSC.

Thanks,

Jerry

From: Mike Steffan / NCC [mailto:mikes@nccray.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:52 PM
To: 'Jerry Tilley'
Subject: RE: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Take it to your Board and let us know which direction you wish to proceed. We just need you to decide one way or the other, so we can respond to the Johnson's.

Mike Steffan, CPA
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From: Jerry Tilley [mailto:jerry.tilley@nemont.coop]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 7:59 AM
To: 'Mike Steffan / NCC'
Cc: 'Mike Kilgore'; 'Remi Sun'; 'Dean R. - NCC'; 'Todd Watterud'
Subject: RE: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Sorry Mike – I forgot to mention that we would also want to review this with our board before proceeding.

From: Jerry Tilley [mailto:jerry.tilley@nemont.coop]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 7:57 AM

To: 'Mike Steffan / NCC'
Cc: 'Mike Kilgore'; 'Remi Sun'; 'Dean R. - NCC'; 'Todd Watterud'
Subject: RE: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Mike,

We would like to review and approve a map that depicts your proposed boundary modification before moving forward. Please confirm that NCC would cover all costs for both companies associated with this change.

Thanks,

Jerry

From: Mike Steffan / NCC [<mailto:mikes@nccray.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 11:32 AM
To: 'Jerry Tilley'
Cc: 'Mike Kilgore'; 'Remi Sun'; 'Dean R. - NCC'; 'Todd Watterud'
Subject: RE: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Thanks for your response and possible path to a resolution to this question. We will attempt to look into the process to serve this customer. As we discussed, my primary concern is to provide service to this customer. Would Nemont support our application to get PC&N for this area and modification to our mutual boundaries?

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From: Jerry Tilley [<mailto:jerry.tilley@nemont.coop>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 10:20 AM
To: 'Mike Steffan'
Cc: Mike Kilgore; Remi Sun
Subject: Kyle & Bridget Johnson

Good Morning Mike,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I spoke with the engineer who did the original design work for the Johnsons and he does confirm that your facilities are closer to them than ours by about 3 miles. According to the ND PSC, the following would have to happen before you could serve this customer:

1. NCC must file application to get a separate PC&N for the area
2. NCC would then file application with mapping data to seek NDPSC approval to change exchange boundaries.
3. If approved, Nemont would then modify our tariff to exclude the location that is newly served by NCC and NCC would modify its tariff to include the new location

Remi thinks both companies would also have to file with the FCC to change the study area boundaries.

It doesn't sound like much fun but it is the reality of what must be done to satisfy the government entities involved.

Please let us know if you intend to move forward to serve this customer.

Thanks,

Jerry

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