

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re Application of West River)
Telecommunications Cooperative Requesting)
Trade Secret Protection Pursuant to North Dakota)
Administrative Code 69-02-09-01 for Confidential)
Local Rate Floor Data Collection)

Application No. _____



Application for Trade Secret Protection for Confidential Financial Information

West River Telecommunications Cooperative (“West River”) hereby files this Application requesting Trade Secret Protection for the submission of required Confidential Local Rate Floor Data Collection with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. To comply with the Federal Communication Commission’s (“FCC”) reporting requirements in 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (h) and (i), West River is required to provide to the FCC, the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) and the relevant state commission and Tribal Government, a copy of the company’s NECA Local Rate Floor Data Collection, including access lines by type, exchange and rate. West River requests the Commission grant trade secret protection to the information submitted to the Commission within the company’s NECA Local Rate Floor Data Collection. West River’s access line information is confidential and competitively sensitive business information that is not otherwise available from public sources.

2. NECA files this same information with the FCC and USAC under confidential cover.

3. West River has properly stamped all documentation as confidential. Disclosure of this information to competitors or other parties with whom West River does business may allow those parties to gain a significant advantage in the marketplace or may adversely impact West River in the course of business negotiations. This information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons because it is prepared and maintained in a confidential nature and disclosure of this information could harm the commercial and business interests of West River.

4. 69-02-09-01(5) is not germane to West River’s Application.

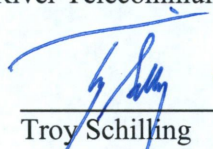
5. West River employs measures both internally and externally to keep all detailed access line information confidential. Only authorized employees, board members and other authorized third parties, such as the consultants have the authority to view the detailed access line information as provided to NECA.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, West River Telecommunications Cooperative requests that the Commission approve the request for trade secret protection for the included financial information stamped confidential.

Dated: June 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
West River Telecommunications Cooperative

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West River Telecommunications Cooperative