

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**North Dakota Network Co.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Cancellation / Application**

Case No. PU-18-91

ORDER ON ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

May 29, 2018

Preliminary Statement

On July 31, 2003, the Commission designated North Dakota Network Co. (NDNC) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service financial support for providing universal telecommunications services, in the study area served by SRT Communications, Inc. in North Dakota, using wireless personal communications facilities, Case No. PU-2048-03-235.

On March 22, 2006, the Commission designated NDNC as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service financial support for providing universal telecommunications services in the expanded area in which NDNC is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission for provision of wireless personal communications services in North Dakota (Basic Trading Area 229), Case No. PU-05-653.

On March 13, 2018, the Commission received notice of NDNC's intention to relinquish its ETC designations.

On March 29, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Comment providing until close of business on May 15, 2018 to receive comments. No comments were received.

Discussion

NDNC intends to relinquish its designations as an ETC since, as of February 28, 2018, NDNC is no longer providing wireless services.

Under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. section 54.205, the Commission shall permit a carrier to relinquish its ETC designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the state commission shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The state commission shall establish a time, not to

exceed one year after the state commission approves such relinquishment under this section, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

The Commission has reviewed the documents in this proceeding and finds that it has not been shown that customers served by the relinquishing carrier will not continue to be served by the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers.

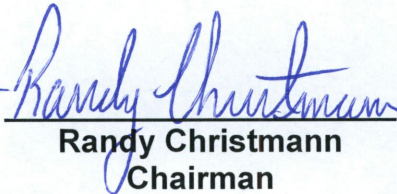
Order

The Commission orders that North Dakota Network Co.'s relinquishment of its July 31, 2003 designation and its March 22, 2006 designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier is permitted.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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