

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEK Communications Cooperative  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Case No. PU-18-342

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **11th day of October, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, one envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:


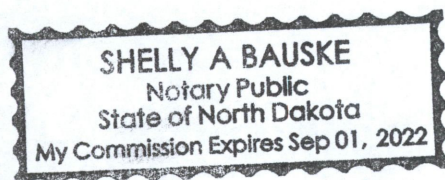
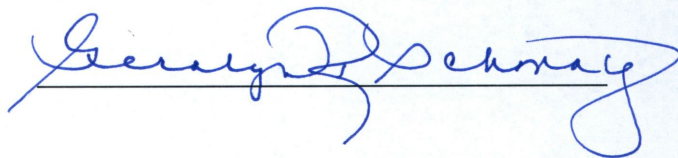
- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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On Behalf of BEK Communications Coop.  
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This **11th day of October, 2018**.

  
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
October 10, 2018

On September 13, 2018, BEK Communications Cooperative (BEK) filed an Application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund Phase II funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that BEK be designated as an ETC by February 26, 2019.

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 November 21, 2018.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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