

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DERRICK F. BULAWA IN SUPPORT OF JOINT APPLICATIONS FOR  
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ("CPCN") AND FOR  
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ("ETC")**

Derrick F. Bulawa STATES UNDER OATH:

1. My name is Derrick F. Bulawa and I am the President of Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC ("ICTC").
2. I submit this affidavit in support of ICTC's application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the Absaraka exchange which is being assigned by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc. ("Absaraka").
3. I am familiar with North Dakota Administrative Code, §69-09-05-12, which addresses ETC application requirements.

In support of §69-09-05-12(2)(a): The proposed service area consists of the Absaraka North Dakota exchange in its entirety. The incumbent local exchange carrier and ETC serving the Absaraka exchange is Absaraka. Absaraka has stated its intention to transfer its CPCN and ETC designation in the Absaraka exchange (see Affidavit of Steve Monilaws). Absaraka will continue to provide local service until all members in the Absaraka exchange have been connected to ICTC.

In support of §69-09-05-12(2)(b): ICTC currently meets all ETC obligations in its currently designated service area, and will continue to meet those obligations in the Absaraka exchange.

In support of §69-09-05-12(2)(c): ICTC will not require a waiver of any ETC requirements.

In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(a): ICTC is committed to provide service throughout the proposed service area to all customers making a reasonable request for service. I certify that (1) ICTC will provide service in a timely manner where the network passes the potential customer and (2) ICTC will provide service within a reasonable period time if the potential customer is within the proposed designated service area but outside existing network coverage if service can be provided at reasonable cost.

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In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(b) -Estimated amount of expected federal high cost universal service support to be received in the first year following designation as ETC and projected use of support:

(a) Estimated Alternative Cost Allocation Model (ACAM) funding for the next 12 months is forecast to be \$109,431 per year ACAM Support

(b) Specific construction, maintenance or upgrade projects:

The project will consist of burying Fiber to the Premise to all customers incorporating the customers into ICTC Buffalo Exchange.

(c) How service will be improved by each project:

The Fiber to the Premise project will offer an Active Ethernet 1Gig to each subscriber premise to deliver voice, data and video services, including expanded EAS. After this project has been completed, the Absaraka exchange will have satisfied all ACAM buildout requirements.

In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(c): I certify that ICTC has a reasonable amount of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(d): I certify that ICTC will satisfy applicable consumer protection and consumer standards established by the Commission.

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In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(e): I certify that ICTC will offer a local usage plan similar to the plan offered by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

In support of §69-09-05-12(3)(f): I acknowledge that the Commission has the authority to require ICTC to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event no other ETC is providing equal access in the proposed service area.

In consideration of the foregoing, ICTC hereby requests the Commission grant its request for transfer of its CPCN and ETC designation for the Absaraka, North Dakota exchange to ICTC. ICTC has demonstrated its ability to meet all criteria for an ETC in its currently designated service area and will continue to do so for the Absaraka service area.

Dated this 24 day of June, 2019.

INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

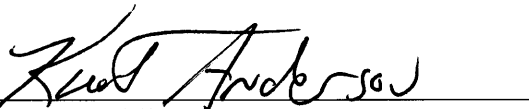


By: Derrick Bulawa, President

State of North Dakota

County of Kidder

On this 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Derrick F. Bulawa known to me to be the person described in and executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires May 15, 2020

