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ND Public Service Commission  
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
600 E Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Mr. Darrell Nitschke

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.416 (b), West River Telecommunications hereby provides the Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form (FCC Form 555) to the ND PSC pursuant to the filing instructions outlined in WC Docket No. 11-42. In this docket, the FCC adopted Lifeline reforms which required eligible telecommunication carriers to recertify each existing Lifeline subscriber's ongoing eligibility. Subscribers who failed to recertify their eligibility were required to be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program.

In its continued efforts to eliminate fraud in the Lifeline program, USAC implemented the National Verifier in 2018. Because of the transition there weren't any recertifications performed in 2019. Going forward USAC will be conducting the recertification process instead of WRT.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Jeff Hayden  
Customer Service Manager

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**FCC Form 555 – ETC Annual Lifeline Certification**

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