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**RE: ETC FILING**

We hereby enclose for filing on behalf of Northwest Communications Cooperative an original and one copy of the Annual Report for Essential Telecommunications Carrier Certification to the North Dakota Public Service Commission. This submission is submitted pursuant to sections 69-09-05-12 and 69-09-05-12.1 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and section 49-21-01.7(12) of the North Dakota Century Code.

Also enclosed is an original and one copy of the Public Exhibit A to accompany the Annual Report for Essential Telecommunications Carrier Certification. The enclosed Proprietary and Confidential Trade Secret information, which is in a separate sealed envelope for this company, corresponds with the public document that was signed by the company listed above and is the Exhibit A information for this company.

Very truly yours,

DJH/tb  
Enclosures

cc: Northwest Communications Cooperative

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ND Admin Code Section 69-09-05-12.1 Annual Report - redacted  
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### ESSENTIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, on behalf of the telecommunications company named below (the Company), does hereby state and certify, as follows:

1. The Company will provide service on a timely basis to requesting customers within the Company's designated service area where the Company's network already passes the potential customer's premises, and

2. The Company will provide service, within a reasonable period of time, if the potential customer is within the Company's designated service area but outside the Company's existing network coverage, if service can be provided at a reasonable cost by:

- a. Modifying or replacing the requesting customer's equipment;
- b. Deploying a roof-mounted antenna or other equipment;
- c. Adjusting the nearest cell tower;
- d. Adjusting network or customer facilities;
- e. Reselling services from another carrier's facilities to provide service; or
- f. Employing, leasing, or constructing an additional cell site, cell extender, repeater, or other similar equipment.

3. The Company is able to remain functional in emergency situations and has a reasonable amount of back-up 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.

4. The Company is satisfying and will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards. (If wireless service is involved, the Company has and will comply with the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's Consumer Code for wireless service. If a wireless service complies with another standard, that is explained herein.)

5. If the Company is a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, it will offer a local usage plan comparable to the one offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier in the designated service area.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and is submitted on behalf of the Company named below. The information is submitted in the year 2020.

Northwest Communications Cooperative  
Company

By: Joseph A. Berke  
Its: GM/CEO

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EXHIBIT A

This Exhibit A is supplemented by a non-public Exhibit A labeled "Trade Secret – Private." The Company does not waive any rights to Trade Secret Protection by referencing this "Trade Secret – Private" information in this form.

1. The amount of high-cost universal support the Company received in the prior calendar year and estimate of the amount of high-cost universal support it anticipates receiving in the next calendar year (the calendar year following the date of this report) are listed below:

**Year 2019 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

High Cost Loop Support	\$2,716,270
Local Switching Support	\$505,602
Interstate Common Line Support	\$3,757,324
Safety Net Additive Support	\$
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$ <u>          0</u>
TOTAL	\$6,979,196

2. The changes, if any, from reports previously filed with the Commission are, as follows (changes that are deemed proprietary are included on a non-public Exhibit A):

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Company Name: Northwest Communications Cooperative

