

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daktel Communications LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-41

AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021

On January 21, 2021, Daktel Communications LLC (Daktel) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Daktel be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. Daktel also filed an application for designation as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart E. Such designation is also known as Lifeline-only ETC designation. Daktel proposes to provide Lifeline universal services to qualifying low income North Dakota customers using its own facilities.

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 March 29, 2021.** 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

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