

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Halstad Telephone Company
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-55

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 **18th day of February 2021**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

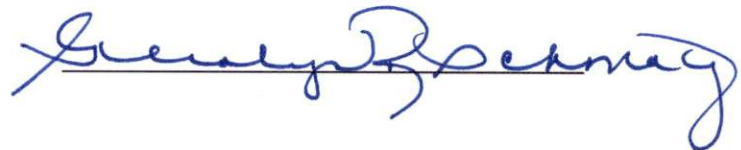
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Mark Forseth
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Halstad Telephone Company
345 2nd Ave W
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Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 3441

Mary T. Buley
Senior Telecommunications Consultant
Olsen & Thielen, Ltd
2675 Long Lake Road
Roseville, MN 55112
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 3458

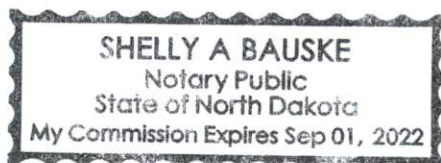
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **18th day of February 2021**.



Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, Halstad Telephone Company (Halstad) 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 Halstad be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

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 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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