

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Red River Rural Telephone Association
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application**

Case No. PU-21-88

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH**

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- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

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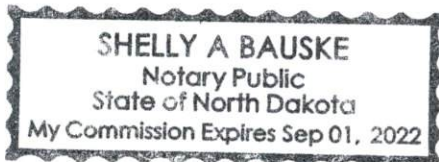
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this **4th day of March 2021**.



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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

March 3, 2021

On February 17, 2021, Red River Rural Telephone Association (Red River) 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 Red River 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 April 12, 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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