

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

West River Telecommunications Cooperative
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Case No. PU-22-42

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 **24th day of February 2023**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

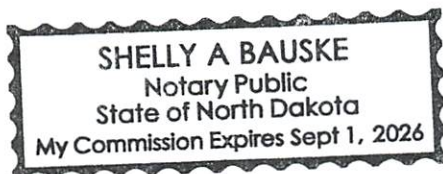
- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Marlene Bennett
Consortia Consulting
2100 Highland Way Suite V
Mitchell, SD 57301
Cert. No. 7021 2720 0000 4438 6910

The address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **24th day of February 2023**.



Notary Public

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Preliminary Statement

On June 14 and July 22, 2022, West River Telecommunications Cooperative filed protected documents in the captioned case.

On January 3, 2023, Staff reviewed the protected documents of West River Telecommunications Cooperative and issued an opinion.

Discussion

Staff concluded that without an application for the protection of the information, or an explanation of why an application is not necessary, Staff cannot evaluate the merits for the protection of the information. Staff issued this response as a determination that the information does not qualify.

Order

The Commission orders the June 14 and July 22, 2022, West River Telecommunications Cooperative protected information filings are determined not to qualify as being protected.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner