

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-22-384

**North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-22-385

**North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
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**Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-22-387

**North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-22-388

ORDER

December 14, 2022

Preliminary Statement

On October 10, 2022, applications for modification of Order were filed by: Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership; North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership; North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership; Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership; and North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership, all d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless seeks to eliminate Order Paragraph 8 from the Commission’s original Order granting eligible telecommunication carrier status to each entity dated October 22, 2003. Order Paragraph 8 requires each entity to file quarterly reports to the Commission describing the status of its wireless E-911 implementation in North Dakota.

On October 27, 2022, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until December 9, 2022, for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response or request for hearing was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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1. Should the Commission eliminate the requirement to file quarterly E-911 implementation reports?
2. Is there other relevant information the Commission should consider?

Discussion

Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership, North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership, North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership, Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership and North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership all operate in North Dakota as Verizon Wireless (Verizon).

Verizon has requested the Commission eliminate Paragraph 8 from its Order dated February 25, 2004 (Order), in Case Nos. PU-1226-03-597, PU-386-03-598, PU-897-03-599, PU-1225-03-600 and PU-338-03-601.

At the time of the Order, the ability of a 911 call placed from a wireless telephone to be routed to the geographically appropriate public safety answering point was in the early stages of development. In recognition of the importance of this Enhanced 911 (E-911) implementation, the Commission included a requirement to file quarterly reports on the status of each companies' E-911 implementation in North Dakota.

By approximately 2007, E-911 was fully implemented by Verizon in North Dakota.

Based on the record and having received no objections, the Commission finds that the requirement to file quarterly E-911 implementation reports should be removed.

Order

The Commission orders:

1. Order Paragraph 8 from the Commission's February 25, 2004, Order in Case Nos. PU-1226-03-597, PU-386-03-598, PU-897-03-599, PU-1225-03-600 and PU-338-03-601 is eliminated.

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