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To All Companies with ETC Designation:

RE: Case No. PU-24-15: Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible
Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires States that desire ETCs subject to State jurisdiction to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program file an annual certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

This letter is a reminder that any ETC that desires to have North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) file annual certification to the FCC must file with the NDPSC a sworn affidavit. **The affidavit must be executed by a corporate officer and attest that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier was used in the preceding calendar year (2023) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2025) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended as required by Section 254e of the Telecommunications Act.** Also, the affidavit must clearly reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Please file your affidavits with the ND PSC by August 1, 2024. Following the submission of affidavits, the NDPSC will prepare an order for filing with the FCC and USAC by September 1, 2024.

This letter is also a reminder that any ETC that desires to have the NDPSC file annual certification to the FCC **must file with the NDPSC before August 1, 2024**, an annual report in compliance with North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-05-12.1.

If you have any questions, please call me at (701) 328-3397.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor Schock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victor Schock
Director of Public Utilities

**Via Email to addresses on the Public Service Commission's ETC email list –
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ETC Designation Reminder Letter
Public Service Commission
Victor Schock

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Subject: 2024 ETC Designation Letter
Attachments: ETC Designation Reminder Letter.pdf

Hello!

Attached please find a letter reminding rural designated eligible telecommunications carriers to file affidavits regarding 2023 USF funding with the ND Public Service Commission by August 1, 2024.

Also, as stated in the letter, the affidavit must clearly reference WC Docket No. 14-58. If you have any questions, please contact Victor Schock at 701-328-3397 or e-mail him at vschock@nd.gov.

Thanks and have a great day!

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