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North Dakota Public Service Commission
Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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Via U.S. Mail and via e-mail to ndpsc@nd.gov

RE: CAF, ICC and ARC filings in accordance with Sections 54.304(d)(1) and 51.917(d)(vii) of the FCC Rules

Dear Mr. Kahl,

Attached hereto are several documents being filed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (DRN) in accordance with Sections 54.304(d)(1) and 51.917(d)(vii) of the FCC Rules. The documents are being filed in hard copies and in electronic format. Due to the printed formatting of the data compilations it may be easier for you to review those documents in their electronic form. **DRN is also seeking trade secret protection in association with this filing. Sent herewith is a Redacted Copy of the filings for the public and one Non-Redacted Copy of the filings that are marked "Confidential – Further Disclosure Not Permitted" on the documents with trade secret information.**

The Documents sent herewith include the following:

1. Application for Protective Order and Trade Secret Protection of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative;
2. Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the CAF ICC Data Reported;
3. Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Eligibility for CAF/ICC Recovery;
4. Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Not Seeking Duplicative Recovery;
5. Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Data Reported on Behalf of Reporting Carrier;
6. The Intrastate TRP report, which displays the proposed intrastate tariff at the rate element level;
7. The post true-up Access Recovery Charge Output report, which has the residential ARC revenue and lines at the exchange level, as well as the post true-up ARC rates and revenue for SLB and MLB;

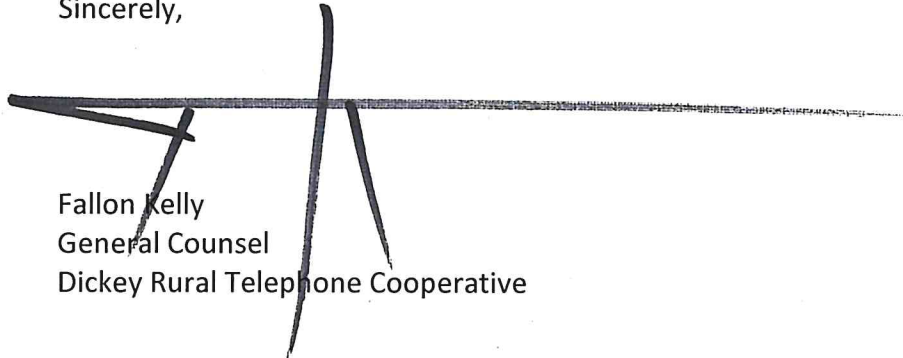
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8. The post true-up CAF ICC amount on the USAC report.
9. Redacted versions of items listed above as items 6, 7, and 8.

The originals of these documents were filed with the FCC but the copies sent herewith are true and accurate copies of those that were filed with the FCC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fallon Kelly", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the middle of the line.

Fallon Kelly
General Counsel
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
AND TRADE SECRET PROTECTION OF:
DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

The company named above hereby moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for an Order under Chapter 69-02-09 and Section 69-02-09-04 of the North Dakota Administrative Code granting Trade Secret Protection to certain of the materials filed by the company, which documents and information are being filed herewith in compliance and in accordance with Sections 54.304(d)(1) and 51.917(d)(vii) of the FCC rules.

1. Description. The information which the entity named above wishes to have designated as Confidential is stamped/marked as "CONFIDENTIAL-FURTHER DISCLOSURE NOT PERMITTED".

In general, the information so designated for the company consists of the following, copies of which are filed herewith:

- a. The Intrastate TRP report, which displays the proposed intrastate tariff at the rate element level;
- b. The post true-up Access Recovery Charge Output report, which has the residential ARC revenue and lines at the exchange level, as well as the post true-up ARC rates and revenue for SLB and MLB;
- c. The post true-up CAF ICC amount on the USAC report;

2. The information so designated by the applicant company derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to other persons because the information is maintained as proprietary information and is not shared with the public or competitors except in a more general sense. The level of detail

involved would easily allow competitors to determine the level of support and the cost of service to study areas and exchanges in each company's service areas.

3. The information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons because it contains a description of matters which is only reviewed and known by the highest management level personnel and includes descriptions of revenue and customer penetration and other such information in detail not available to those outside the management group.

4. A general description of those persons or entities that could obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information are competitor or potential competitors which include wireless providers, cable television providers, competitive local exchange carriers, internet providers, dish networks and other local exchange carriers.

5. A specific description of the known competitors and competitors' goods and services that are pertinent to this filing are:

- a. AT&T and Verizon: cellular, CMRS and data plans
- b. Midcontinent Communications: video, internet and telecommunications
- c. CenturyLink: voice, data and video services

In addition to these providers and their successors in interest, there is a host of competing technologies and providers on a national scale and a local scale, such as Vonage and other providers of internet and voice over the internet providers ("VOIP") services.

6. A description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information includes assuring that access to the information is restricted to the employees and management-level persons who have a need to know the information and it is not disclosed to persons outside the company except under strict circumstances.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2024.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER.

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the CAF ICC Data Reported

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual data reported; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: **DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP.**

Troy Radermacher

Digitally signed by Troy Radermacher DN cn=Troy Radermacher, email=radermacher@dtrel.com, O=dickey rural tel coop., F=Ellendale ND 58436, Date:5/24/2024

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date: **5/24/2024**

Printed name of Authorized Officer: **Troy Radermacher**

Title or position of Authorized Officer: **CFO**

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: **701-344-6061**

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier

381611

Filing Due Date for this form
(mm/dd/yyyy)

6/17/2024

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN OFFICER OF THE REPORTING CARRIER

Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Eligibility for CAF/ICC Recovery

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reporting carrier on this form certifies that it has complied with Eligible Recovery §51.917(d) and Access Recovery Charge §51.917(e) and is eligible to receive the CAF/ICC support requested pursuant to §51.917(f).

Name of Reporting Carrier: **DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP.**

Troy Radermacher

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Signature of Authorized Officer or employee:

Date: **5/24/2024**

Printed name of Authorized Officer or employee: **Troy Radermacher**

Title or position of Authorized Officer or employee: **CFO**

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TO BE COMPLETED BY AN OFFICER OF THE REPORTING CARRIER

Certification of Officer for Rate-of-Return Carrier Not Seeking Duplicative Recovery

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reporting carrier is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism as per §51.917(d)(vii).

Name of Reporting Carrier: **DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP.**

Troy Radermacher

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Signature of Authorized Officer or employee:

Date: 5/24/2024

Printed name of Authorized Officer or employee:

Troy Radermacher

Title or position of Authorized Officer or employee:

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Telephone number of Authorized Officer or employee:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING DATA ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Data Reported on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I certify that (Name of Agent) National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the data provided to the Authorized Agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the actual data provided to the Authorized Agent is accurate.

Name of Authorized Agent : National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc.

Name of Reporting Carrier: DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP.

Troy Radermacher
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Date: 5/24/2024

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Troy Radermacher

Title or position of Authorized Officer: CFO

Telephone number of authorized officer: 701-344-6061

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 381611 Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy) 6/17/2024

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Study Area: DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP. (ID: 381611)

Access Recovery Charges

Test Period 2024-25 Pre-True-up View Test Period 2024-25 Post-True-up (Filing) View

Test Period 2024-2025 Post-True-up (Filing) View

Exchange/Zone Name	Residential Lines excluding Lifelines	Residential ARC	Residential ARC Revenue	SLB Lines	SLB ARC	SLB ARC Revenue	MLB Lines	MLB ARC	MLB ARC Revenue	Total ARC Revenue
Ashley	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED							REDACTED
Crele										
Dickey										
Edgeley										
Ellendale										
Forbes										
Forman										
Fort Ransom										
Fredonia										
Fullerton										
Guelph										
Gwinner										
Jud										
Kathryn										
Kulm										
LaMoure										
Lisbon										
Litchville										
Marion										
Merricourt										
Milnor										
Nelvik										
Oakes										
Venturia										
Verona										
Study Area Summary										



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Study Area: DICKEY RURAL TEL COOP. (ID: 381611)

Settlement Type: Cost

CONNECT AMERICA FUND
[Data to be provided to USAC/FCC in June 2024 for CAF ICC Purposes]

Test Period 7/2/24-6/30/25 Post True-up (Filing) View

Rate-of-Return (ROR) Carrier Revenue Requirement

1	2011 Interstate Switched Access Revenue Requirement
2	FY 2011 Intrastate Terminating Switched Access Revenues
3	FY 2011 Net Reciprocal Compensation Revenues
4	2011 ROR Carrier Base Period Revenue (Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3)
5	ROR Carrier Baseline Adjustment Factor (0.95 ^ 13)
6	ROR Carrier Revenue Requirement (Line 4 x Line 5)
7	Pool Administration Expenses
8	Total ROR Carrier Revenue Requirement (Line 6 + Line 7)

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Revenues from Reformed Inter-carrier Compensation (ICC) Rates

9	Interstate Switched Access Revenues
10	Interstate Allocated Switched Access Revenues#
11	Transitional Intrastate Access Service Revenues
12	Net Transitional Reciprocal Compensation Revenues
13	Total ICC Revenue (Line 10 + Line 11 + Line 12)

Eligible Recovery

14	TRS Increment
15	Regulatory Fees Increment
16	NANPA Increment
17	Interstate Local Switching Support for Price Cap Affiliates or Estimated Duplicate LSS Costs in CAF II
18	Adjustment for Double Recovery or Corrections
19	Test Period 22/23 Trueup - Net Impact on Total Eligible Recovery
20	Eligible Recovery (Line 8 - Line 13) + (Line 14 + Line 15 + Line 16 + Line 18 + Line 19) - (Line 17)

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Revenues from Access Recovery Charges (ARC)

21	Residential ARC Revenues
22	Single Line Business ARC Revenues
23	Multi-Line Business ARC Revenues
24	Total ARC Revenues (Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23)

Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support**

25	Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support (Line 20 - Line 24)
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Revised CAF ICC Support with Imputed ARC Revenues for Broadband-Only Loops

26	Imputed ARC revenue for broadband-only loops
27	Adjusted Test Period 2024-2025 CAFICC Support (Line 25 - Line 26)

NOTES:

#Per FCC Designation Order, calculated as (Sum of Line 9 for all TS pool participants) * (Line 1/ Sum of Line 1 for all TS pool participants)
**NECA estimate provided for informational purposes only - actual to be calculated by USAC.

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