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Mr. Steve Kahl  
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State Capitol  
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**Re: Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., Case No. PU-24-22; Substitution of Explanatory Letter**

Executive Director Kahl:

Please find enclosed a corrected letter which provides additional context for the Commission's consideration, which should be substituted for a letter dated June 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Haas'.

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Substitution of Explanatory Letter  
Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.  
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**Re: Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., Case No. PU-24-22;  
Further Explanation of Application Excluding Tribal Areas in Proposed  
Designation Area.**

Executive Director Kahl:

Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (“Assurance”) has applied to be designated as a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (Lifeline-Only ETC) for its facilities-based coverage area designated in Exhibit 3, exclusive of Tribal areas. Assurance understands that the case portfolio manager planned to contact the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission to discuss Assurance’s proposed exclusion of the Tribal areas from its initial ETC designation area in its pending application before the Commission considers granting the application.

Although Mr. Stanchina, speaking on behalf of Assurance, addressed this issue during the April 12, 2024, informal hearing presentation, Assurance provides the following for additional context for the Commission’s consideration.

Assurance Wireless is currently engaged at the national level to reach such agreements for all states for which it has sought ETC designation in 2024. Once Assurance has the necessary agreements in place, it plans to file to amend its ETC designation to cover Tribal lands within its facilities-based coverage. However, completing that process will take time.

As Mr. Stanchina explained, once those agreements are in place, Assurance planned to petition to amend its ETC designated area in North Dakota to cover Tribal areas. However, in the interim, Assurance sought ETC status for non-Tribal areas to enable it to continue serving existing ACP customers since that program has ended.



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However, if it would expedite the Commission's approval of Assurance's application, Assurance is amenable to include Tribal areas in its proposed ETC designation area (within its facilities-based coverage shown in Exhibit 3 provided the Commission understands that Assurance does not have the necessary arrangements in place to market Lifeline services in person in the Tribal areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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