

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Global Connection Inc. of America
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-24-288

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On July 3, 2024, Global Connection Inc. of America (GCIA) filed an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart E. Such designation is also known as Lifeline-only ETC designation. GCIA proposes to provide wireless prepaid Lifeline universal services to qualifying low-income North Dakota customers by reselling another carrier's facilities.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by September 6, 2024.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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