

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Reservation Tel / Midstate Tel / Midstate Comm
Stanley, Medora and Beach Exchanges
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-24-319

**Reservation Tel / Midstate Tel / Midstate Comm
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING

On August 22, 2024, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC), Midstate Telephone Company (MTC), and Midstate Communications, Inc. (MCI) filed a joint application requesting authorization to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the areas currently known as the Stanley exchange, Medora exchange, and the Beach exchange in North Dakota. The Stanley and Medora exchanges are currently served by MTC and the Beach exchange is currently served by MCI, Case No. PU-24-319.

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-24-319 are:

1. Fitness and ability of RTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services.
2. Adequacy of RTC's proposed telecommunications services.
3. Technical, financial and managerial ability of RTC to provide telecommunications services.
4. Whether, upon granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to RTC to provide local exchange telecommunication services in the areas currently known as the Stanley and Medora exchanges, MTC's certificates of public convenience and necessity should be relinquished and in the area known as the Beach exchange if MCI's certificate of public convenience and necessity should be relinquished?

Also on August 22, 2024, RTC, MTC, and MCI filed a joint application requesting that RTC be designated as an essential telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the Stanley, Medora, and Beach exchange areas, Case No. PU-24-320.

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-24-320 are:

1. Qualification of the applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.

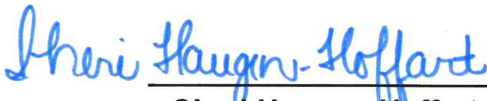
2. The ETC universal service support area to be designated.
3. Whether it is in the public interest to designate RTC as an ETC in the Stanley, Medora, and Beach local exchange areas for the purposes of receiving universal service support?
4. Whether, upon designation of RTC as an ETC for the Stanley, Medora and Beach exchanges, MTC's designation as an ETC for the Stanley and Medora exchanges and MCI's designation as an ETC for the Beach exchange should be relinquished?

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 October 25, 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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