

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

August 22, 2024

Steven Kahl
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Joint Applications of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Midstate Telephone Company, LLC, and Midstate Communications, Inc. For Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation

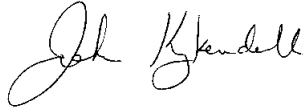
Dear Steven Kahl:

JSI files the above-referenced applications (“Joint Applications”) on behalf of Reservation Telephone Cooperative (“RTC”), Midstate Telephone Company, LLC (“Midstate Tel Co”), and Midstate Communications, Inc. (“Midstate Comm.”). The Joint Applications request Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.’s relinquishment of the study areas and assignment of those study areas to RTC. The study areas will be merged into RTC’s study area. Enclosed for filing are the original and seven (7) copies of the following:

- Joint Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
- Joint Application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation
- Attachment 1 – Application for Trade Secret Protection
- Attachment 2 – Affidavit of Shane D. Hart, RTC, Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.
- Attachment 3 – RTC Articles of Incorporation
- Attachment 4 – RTC Certificate of Good Standing
- Attachment 5 – Maps of Current and Revised Service Areas
(Electronic copy of GIS Maps also provided via Email)
- Attachment 6 – Financial Statement – TRADE SECRET

Any questions regarding the filing may be directed to the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below or by email at John.Kuykendall@jsitel.com.

Sincerely,



John Kuykendall
Regulatory Advisor

On behalf of

Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Midstate
Telephone Company, LLC, and Midstate
Communications, Inc.

Enclosures

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, MIDSTATE TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LLC, AND MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S JOINT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Reservation Telephone Cooperative (“RTC”) is a rural cooperative incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) organized under the laws of the state of North Dakota. It is owned by its member subscribers and is located at 24 North Main Street, P.O. Box 68, Parshall, ND 58770. RTC, under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission in Case No. PU-13-229, provides local telecommunications services, high speed Internet access services, video services and access services to residential and business in twenty-three exchanges of Study Area 381632 throughout northwestern North Dakota. Specifically, RTC provides service to 5,700 voice customers, 14,500 internet customers, and 2,900 video customers in the exchanges.

Midstate Telephone Company, LLC (“Midstate Tel Co”) is a rural ILEC corporation organized under the laws of North Dakota located at 24 North Main Street, P.O. Box 68, Parshall, ND 58770. Midstate Tel Co, under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission in Case No. PU-13-258, provides local telecommunications and high-speed Internet access services in the network exchanges that serve the portion of Study Area 381617 in the state of North Dakota.

Midstate Communications, Inc. (“Midstate Comm.”), is a rural ILEC corporation organized under the laws of North Dakota located at 24 North Main Street, P.O. Box 68, Parshall, ND 58770. Midstate Comm., under a Certificate of Public Convenience and

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Necessity issued by the Commission in Case No. PU-13-257 provides local telecommunications and high-speed Internet access services in the network exchanges that serve the portion of Study Area 381638 in the state of North Dakota.

RTC, Midstate Tel Co, and Midstate Comm. submit this joint application for Commission approval pursuant to section 69-09-05-11 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (“N.D.A.C.”) for Midstate Tel Co to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5803 for the Stanley exchange and Number 5801 for the Medora exchange that serves Study Area 381617 and Midstate Comm. to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5799 for the Beach exchange that serves Study Area 381638 and to assign all three of these exchanges (hereinafter referred to as the “Exchanges”) to RTC. A joint application is also made for Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. to relinquish its designated ETC study area to exclude such Exchanges and for RTC to expand its designated ETC study area to incorporate such Exchanges (see Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Midstate Communications, Inc., and Midstate Communications, Inc.’s Joint Application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, following).

In support of section 69-09-05-11.3 of the N.D.A.C.), RTC submits it has demonstrated its fitness and ability to provide adequate essential and nonessential telecommunications services by virtue of the provision of such services to RTC exchanges since 1951. RTC acquired Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.’s study areas at the end of 2021¹ and subsequently sold one exchange, the Portal exchange, to

¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Midstate Telephone Company LLC and Midstate Communications, Inc. to Reservation Telephone Cooperative, WC Docket No. 21-424,

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Northwest Communications Cooperative, Inc.² Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.'s relinquishment of the Exchanges to RTC is motivated by the fact that consolidating the study areas into one will create significant savings by reducing the three audits that RTC performs for the three separate study areas and the two cost studies that RTC performs for the two cost-based study areas into one audit and one cost study. Additionally, consolidating the study areas will decrease the amount of time and expense in accounting and other administrative tasks. The resulting cost savings will permit greater resources for network investment which will ultimately benefit RTC's customers

The Commission has authority under section 49-21-01.7(7) of the North Dakota Century Code ("N.D.C.C.") to act upon applications dealing with certificates of public convenience and necessity. Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. hereby apply to relinquish their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Case No. 13-258 and Case No. 13-257 for the Exchanges pursuant to section 69-09-05-11(6) of the N.D.A.C. RTC hereby applies to the Commission pursuant to section 49-03.01 of the N.D.C.C. and section 69-09-05-11 of the N.D.A.C. for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Exchanges and to assign these Exchanges to RTC. As part of this transaction,

Public Notice, DA 21-1411 (rel. Nov. 10, 2021) (stating that the petitioners may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of the Public Notice unless otherwise notified by the FCC which did not occur).

² See, Application Granted for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Midstate Telephone Company, LCC by Northwest Communications Cooperative, Inc.; Joint Petition Granted for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36 of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket No. 22-397, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, DA 23-143 (WCB Feb. 23, 2023) & Northwest Communications Cooperative, Inc. and Midstate Telephone Company, LLC Joint Petition for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules et al., WC Docket No. 22-434 et al., Order, DA 23-242 (WCB March 22, 2023).

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RTC's study area (SAC 381632) contains twenty exchanges that are separated into two divisions:³

- Division 1: Arnegard, Douglas, Emmet, Garrison, Keene, Kenmare, Makoti, Mandaree, Max, New Town, Norma, Parshall, Plaza, Roseglen, Ross, Ryder, Spencer, and Squaw Gap.
- Division 2: Alexander and Watford City.

RTC seeks to merge the Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. study areas and the Exchanges into Division 1 of the RTC study area.⁴ The maps contained in **Attachment 5** depict the pre- and post-merger of these study areas.

³ Division 2 of the Reservation study area was created when the FCC granted a waiver of the study area boundary freeze in 2003 to permit RTC to add lines acquired from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota to its existing North Dakota study area. *See Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. Reservation Telephone Cooperative and Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota Joint Petition for Waiver of the Study Area Boundary Freeze Codified in the Part 36, Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules Petition for Waiver of Sections 61.41(c)(2), 69.3(e)(11) and 69.605(c) of the Commission's Rules*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 03-216 (rel. Jan. 28, 2003 ("Citizens Acquisition Order")). The portion of the study area which was existing at that time is known as Division 1.

⁴ After the merger, Division 2 will continue to exist as it is now with SVS flowing only to the Alexander and Watford City exchanges.

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The Applicants ask that the Commission grant the instant application without a hearing if no interested party has requested a hearing on this application after receiving at least twenty (20) days' notice of opportunity to request such a hearing.

Dated this 22nd day of August 2024.



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**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, MIDSTATE TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LLC, AND MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
JOINT APPLICATION FOR
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION**

The Commission has designated Reservation Telephone Cooperative (“RTC”) as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) to receive universal service support under Sections 214 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. RTC (SAC 381632) receives such support in the following North Dakota exchanges:

- Division 1: Arnegard, Douglas, Emmet, Garrison, Keene, Kenmare, Makoti, Mandaree, Max, New Town, Norma, Parshall, Plaza, Roseglen, Ross, Ryder, Spencer, and Squaw Gap.
- Division 2: Alexander and Watford City.

The Commission has designated Midstate Telephone Company, LLC (“Midstate Tel Co”) as an ETC to receive universal service support under Sections 214 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Midstate Tel Co receives such support in the following North Dakota exchanges: Stanley and Medora.

The Commission has designated Midstate Communications, Inc. (“Midstate Comm.”) as an ETC to receive universal service support under Sections 214 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Midstate Comm. receives such support in the following North Dakota exchange: Beach.

In this joint application, Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. propose to relinquish their customers and ETC designations in SAC 381617 and SAC 381638 and

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assign such designations to RTC in conjunction with the Commission granting RTC's request to expand its ETC-designated geographical service area to include SAC 381617 and SAC 381638.

RTC acquired Midstate Telephone Company and Midstate Communications study areas at the end of 2021¹ and subsequently sold one exchange, the Portal exchange, to Northwest Communications Cooperative, Inc.² RTC seeks to merge the Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.'s study areas into Division 1 of the RTC SAC 381632.³ The maps contained in **Attachment 5** depict the pre- and post-merger of these study areas.

Subsequent to the transaction, Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. will no longer have customers in North Dakota and thus request that the Commission relieve the Companies of all ETC obligations when the Commission approves RTC's request to expand its ETC designated area to include SAC 381617 and SAC 381638 and to merge the three commonly-owned study areas in the same state.

It is in the public interest to expand the RTC ETC designated service area to incorporate SAC 381617 and SAC 381638. The public interest is served by the increased administrative and operational efficiencies gained by consolidating these study areas. For

¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Midstate Telephone Company LLC and Midstate Communications, Inc. to Reservation Telephone Cooperative, WC Docket No. 21-424, Public Notice, DA 21-1411 (rel. Nov. 10, 2021) (stating that the petitioners may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of the Public Notice unless otherwise notified by the FCC which did not occur).

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example, consolidating the study areas into one will create significant savings by reducing the three audits that RTC performs for the three separate study areas and the two cost studies that RTC performs for the two cost-based study areas into one audit and one cost study. Additionally, consolidating the study areas will decrease the amount of time and expense in accounting and other administrative tasks. The resulting cost savings will permit greater resources for network investment which will ultimately benefit RTC's customers.

The Commission has authority under section 49-21-01.7(13) of the North Dakota Century Code to designate geographic service areas for ETCs to receive universal service support under sections 214 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). RTC satisfies the requirements of section 214(e) of the Act for designation as an ETC in SAC 381632.

RTC is a common carrier that will offer voice telephony services supported by universal service over its own facilities and will advertise the availability and rates for such services in SAC 381632, including:

- Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge;
- Access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in SAC 382247 has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems;
- Lifeline support and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers

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RTC, Midstate Tel Co, and Midstate Comm. ask that the Commission grant this application without a hearing if no interested party has requested a hearing on this application after receiving at least twenty (20) days' notice of opportunity to request such a hearing.

Dated this 22nd day of August 2024.



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APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

COMES NOW, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (“RTC” or “the Company”) and respectfully moves the Commission for entry of a trade secret protective order under section 69-02-09-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret information as defined by section 47-25.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1. A general description of the nature of the information sought to be protected.

RTC wishes to protect from the disclosure of financial information contained in the Financial Statement (Attachment 6 in its entirety).

2. Explanation of why the information derives independent economic value.

The financial information could have economic value to potential competitors. This type of information in a competitive telecommunications marketplace is highly sensitive, and its public disclosure could place RTC at an unfair competitive disadvantage.

3. An explanation of why the information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.

The Company maintains the confidentiality of its financial information and does not make it readily available by proper means to competitors or the general public.

4. A general description of the persons or entities that would obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information.

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If disclosed, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers could use the financial information against RTC's interests.

5. A specific description of known competitors and competitors' goods and services that is pertinent to the tariff or rate filing.

Not Applicable.

6. A description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information.

RTC's financial information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents of the Company who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities or to third persons pursuant to an agreement to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

In accordance with section 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, RTC provides one copy of the trade secret material in the enclosed sealed envelope labeled: ATTACHMENT 6-TRADE SECRET — PRIVATE.

Respectfully submitted on August 22, 2024.



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**AFFIDAVIT OF SHANE D. HART IN SUPPORT OF JOINT APPLICATIONS
FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
("CPCN") AND FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ("ETC")**

SHANE D. HART STATES UNDER OATH:

1. My name is Shane D. Hart, and I am the CEO/General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Midstate Telephone Company, LLC, and Midstate Communications, Inc.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's ("RTC") application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") in the exchanges of Stanley, Medora, and Beach ("Exchanges") that serve Study Areas 381617 and 381638, which Midstate Telephone Company, LLC ("Midstate Tel Co") and Midstate Communications, Inc. ("Midstate Comm.") are relinquishing, to assign the Exchanges to RTC, and to expand the RTC ETC designated geographic service area to incorporate the relinquished Exchanges. As part of this transaction, RTC is seeking to merge the acquired Study Areas 381617 and 381638, with its existing Study Area 381632. RTC seeks to merge the three commonly-owned study areas in the same state of North Dakota.
3. I am familiar with section 69-09-05-12 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, which addresses ETC application requirements.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 2.a: The proposed service area consists of the Exchanges in its entirety. Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. are the current incumbent local exchange carriers and ETCs serving the Exchanges. Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. intend to relinquish their CPCN and ETC designation in the Exchanges. Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. will continue to provide local service until all customers in the Exchanges have been connected to RTC.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 2.b: RTC currently meets all ETC obligations in its designated service area and will continue to meet those obligations in the Exchanges.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 2.c: RTC will not require a waiver of any ETC requirements.

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In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.a: RTC is committed to providing service throughout the proposed service area to all customers making a reasonable request for service. I certify that (1) RTC will provide service in a timely manner where the network passes the potential customer, and (2) RTC will provide service within a reasonable period of time if the potential customer is within the proposed designated service area but outside existing network coverage, if RTC can provide service at a reasonable cost.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.b – Estimated amount of expected federal high-cost universal service support to be received in the first year following designation as ETC and projected use of support:¹

(a) Estimated High-Cost Loop:	\$2,898,419
Estimated CAF-BLS	\$18,836,386
Estimated Safety Valve Support	\$128,956
Estimated Intercarrier Compensation	<u>\$904,973</u>
	\$22,768,734

(b) Specific construction, maintenance, or upgrade projects:

The project will consist of network upgrades and burying Fiber to the Premise for all customers and incorporating the customers into RTC's service area.

(c) How service will be improved by each project:

The Fiber to the Premise project will offer Active Ethernet 1 Gbps service to each subscriber premise delivering voice, data, and video services, including Company Wide EAS.

(d) Projected start/completion date for each improvement and estimated investment for each improvement, and estimated population that will be served by each improvement:

Pending approval, the projected start date of the project will be January 1, 2025, with completion by December 31st, 2025. The estimated investment in fiber, outside plant material, central office electronics, and optical network termination equipment is projected to be \$7,227,000 to serve 33,000 customers.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.c: I certify that RTC has a reasonable amount of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able

¹ The projected use of support is explained under 3(d) below. The estimated amount of projected investments shown under 3(d) below is not included in the impact on high-cost universal service support to be received in the first year due to the time lag in the high-cost universal service support mechanism between when improvements are made and when they are reimbursed.

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to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

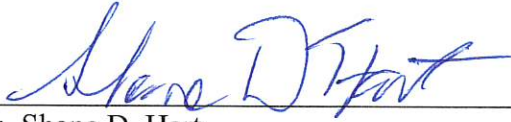
In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.d: I certify that RTC will satisfy applicable consumer protection and consumer standards established by the Commission.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.e: I certify that RTC will offer a local usage plan similar to the plan offered by Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm.

In support of section 69-09-05-12 3.f: I acknowledge that the Commission has the authority to require RTC to provide equal access to long-distance carriers in the event no other ETC is providing equal access in the proposed service area.

In consideration of the foregoing, RTC asks the Commission to grant its request for expansion of its CPCN and ETC designation to incorporate the Exchanges, which Midstate Tel Co and Midstate Comm. are relinquishing. RTC has demonstrated its ability to meet all criteria for an ETC in its currently designated service area and will continue to do so for the expanded service area.

Dated this 22nd day of August 2024.

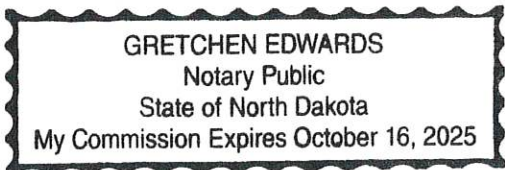


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State of North Dakota

County of MOUNTAIN

On this 22nd of August 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Shane D. Hart, known to me to be the person described in and executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.





Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Attachment 3

RTC Articles of Incorporation

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that Restated Articles of Incorporation of

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

duly signed and verified pursuant to the North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Restated Certificate of Incorporation to

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE.

Effective Date: September 17, 2002

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

970 769

North Dakota Cooperative Association
SUBMIT DUPLICATE ORIGINALS

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file# 6784 Fee: \$20.00

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
To The
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, the undersigned Association adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. The name of the cooperative association is Reservation Telephone
Cooperative

ARTICLE 2. The following amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the members of the association on July 12, ~~19~~ 2002, in the manner prescribed by Chapter 10-15, North Dakota Century Code:

NDCC - 10-15-11

ARTICLE 3. The total number of members of the cooperative association is 5790.

ARTICLE 4. The number of members voted for such amendment was 229; and the number of members voted against such amendment was none.

Dated August 30th, ~~19~~ 2002.

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

(Name of Association)

By Hilman Anderson

(President or Vice President)

and _____

(Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

VERIFICATION

HILMAN ANDERSON, being first duly sworn says that he is the

(Name of one of the officers signing above)

PRESIDENT and that he has read the foregoing application and knows

(Title)

the contents thereof, and verily believes the statements made therein to be true.

Dean S. Selvey Attorney for
(Verification officer signature) Reservation Telephone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August, ~~19~~ 2002.

PEGGY J. REINISCH
Notary Public, State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires: Dec. 9, 2006

Peggy J. Reinisch
(Notary Public)

Notary Seal

My Commission expires December 9, 2006

Certificate No. _____

Filing Date 9-17-02 19 _____

[Signature] By NS
Secretary of State

**RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

1. The name of the cooperative is Reservation Telephone Cooperative.
2. The primary purpose for which the cooperative is organized is to furnish, improve, and expand communication service and secondarily such other purposes as authorized by law.
3. The cooperative is organized without capital stock and the property rights and interests of the members shall be unequal. The general rules applicable to all members by which property right and interest respectively of each member shall be determined and fixed are as follows: Upon dissolution, after
 - (a) all debts and liabilities of the cooperative shall have been paid, and
 - (b) all capital furnished through patronage shall have been retired as provided in the bylaws, the remaining property and assets of the cooperative shall be distributed among the members and former members in the proportion which the aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all such members.
4. The principal place of business of the cooperative is 24 N Main Street, Parshall, ND and the post office address is PO Box 68, Parshall, ND 58770-0068.
5. The primary facilities of the cooperative shall be constructed in the counties of Mountrail, McLean, McKenzie, Ward, Renville, Burke, Williams, Dunn, Golden Valley and Billings of North Dakota and Richland and Wibaux of Montana. Any secondary facilities of the cooperative may be constructed in all other counties of the States of North Dakota and Montana.
6. It is the election of the corporation to come under the Cooperative Laws of North Dakota.
7. The bylaws of the cooperative shall specify the number, territorial designation, and term of office of its directors.
8. These restated Articles of Incorporation shall supersede all existing Articles of Incorporation and amendments thereto of Reservation Telephone Cooperative.

Attachment 4

RTC Certificate of Good Standing

State of North Dakota SECRETARY OF STATE



Certificate of Good Standing of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

SOS Control ID#: 0000018948

Certificate #: 024621116-1

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the state of North Dakota, hereby certifies that, according to the records of this office,

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

a Cooperative Association - Domestic was formed under the laws of NORTH DAKOTA and filed with this office effective October 16, 1951. This entity has, as of the date set forth below, complied with all applicable North Dakota laws.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing.

DATE: January 8, 2024




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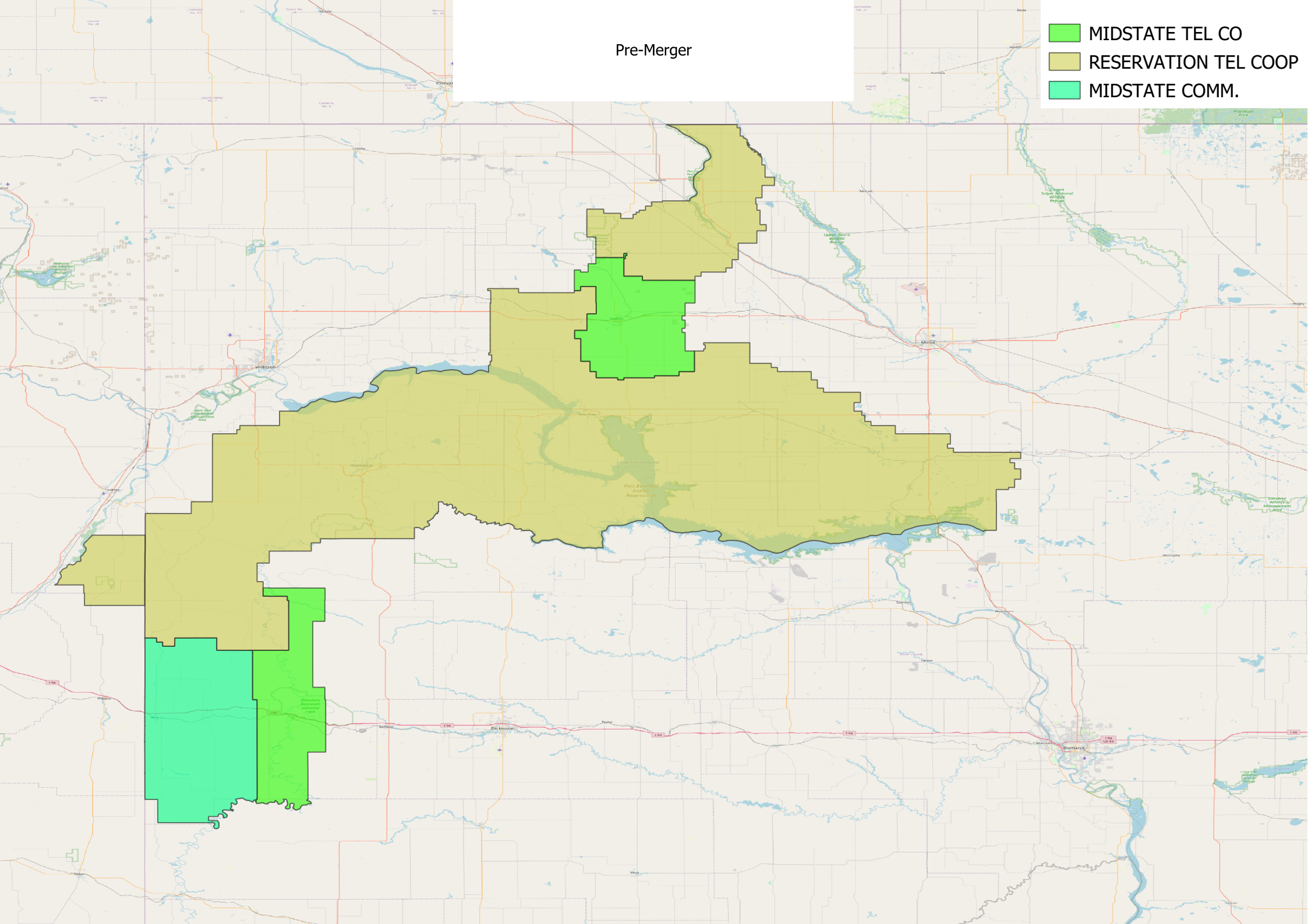
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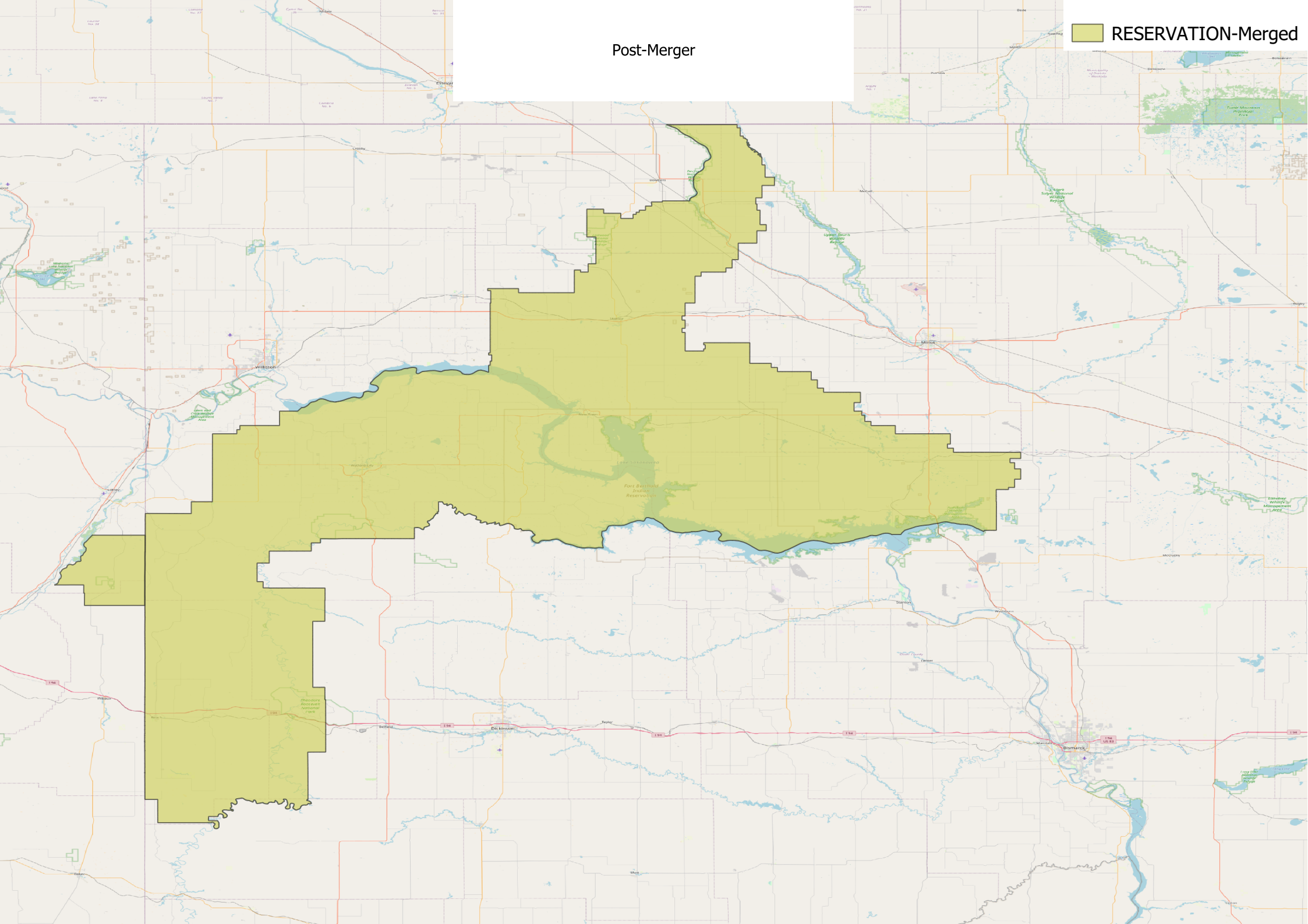
Pre-Merger

-  MIDSTATE TEL CO
-  RESERVATION TEL COOP
-  MIDSTATE COMM.



Post-Merger

 RESERVATION-Merged



Attachment 6

Financial Statement – TRADE SECRET