

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Griggs County Telephone Co.
Leonard and Kindred Exchanges
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-24-386

**Griggs County Telephone Co.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-24-387

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING

On December 23, 2024, Griggs County Telephone Co. (Griggs) filed an application requesting authorization to provide local exchange telecommunications services as the incumbent local exchange carrier in the areas currently known as the Leonard exchange and the Kindred exchange in North Dakota. The Leonard and Kindred exchanges are currently served by CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CenturyLink).

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-24-386 are:

1. Fitness and ability of Griggs to provide local exchange telecommunications services.
2. Adequacy of Griggs's proposed telecommunications services.
3. Technical, financial and managerial ability of Griggs to provide telecommunications services.
4. Whether, upon granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Griggs to provide local exchange telecommunication services in the areas currently known as the Leonard and Kindred exchanges, CenturyLink's certificates of public convenience and necessity should be relinquished or transferred to competitive local exchange service?

Also on December 23, 2024, Griggs filed an application requesting that Griggs be designated as an essential telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the Leonard and Kindred exchange areas, Case No. PU-24-387.

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-24-387 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 Griggs as an ETC in the Leonard and Kindred local exchange areas for the purposes of receiving universal service support?
4. Whether, upon designation of Griggs as an ETC for the Leonard and Kindred exchanges, CenturyLink's designation as an ETC for the Leonard and Kindred exchanges should be relinquished or transferred to competitive local exchange service?

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 February 21, 2025.** 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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