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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 12:54 PM
To: Andrew.Schriner@lumen.com
Subject: Griggs application for Leonard and Kindred PU-24-386 and PU-24-387
Attachments: PU-24-386 and PU-24-387.pdf

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Thanks,

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From: Gutierrez, Rick <Rick.Gutierrez@lumen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:47 AM
To: Schock, Victor F.
Subject: RE: Griggs application for Leonard and Kindred PU-24-386 and PU-24-387

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Hello Victor,

My name is Rick Gutierrez and I'm just following up here via email on the voicemail I left you this morning. I will be responsible for addressing regulatory issues in North Dakota going forward with Andy Schriener's retirement. I look forward to meeting with you and talking to you in person soon.

Regarding the Griggs County Telephone application, we are not inclined to oppose their request, but likely will provide a letter in response to some of the comments in the filing at the appropriate time.

Feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss this or any other regulatory matters.

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For your attention...

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From: Schock, Victor F.
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Gutierrez, Rick; Topp, Jason D
Subject: Griggs PU-24-386 and PU-24-387
Attachments: 005-010.pdf

Hi Rick/Jason,

Per my discussion with Jason, I am attaching the notice of opportunity for hearing that was issued on January 8th.

Thanks,

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**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:

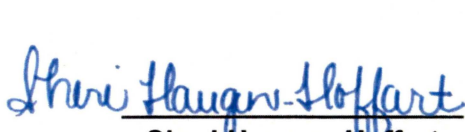
1. Qualification of the applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.
2. The ETC universal service support area to be designated.

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.

Issued: January 8, 2025
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