

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

Qwest Corporation
Designated Eligible Carrier – Partial Relinquish
Application

Case No. PU-25-233

MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF BENJAMIN H. DICKENS, JR. *PRO HAC VICE*

¶1 Pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules, Griggs County Telephone Co. (“Objector”), hereby respectfully moves the Public Service Commission for an Order admitting Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. of the law firm Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens & Prendergast, LLP, located at 2120 L Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20037, to practice on behalf of Objector, for the limited purpose of participating in the above-captioned case. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

¶2 Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. has been admitted to, and is in good standing to appear before, the following courts:

- (a) District of Columbia (admitted 1996).
- (b) Florida (admitted 1977)
- (c) U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- (d) U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Dickens Aff. at ¶ 2.

¶3 Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. has not previously been admitted *pro hac vice* any other action in the State of North Dakota and has never registered for admission in North Dakota under Admission to Practice Rule 3. Id. at ¶ 7.

¶4 Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. is not presently subject to a disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction. Id. at ¶ 4.

¶5 Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. is not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which he is licensed. Id. at ¶ 5.

[¶6] Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. is not presently, and has never been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction. Id. at ¶ 6.

[¶7] The Affidavit of Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. is being filed along with this Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* in compliance with Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.

[¶8] Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. has designated Timothy Richard and Kasey McNary as associate lawyers who are admitted and licensed to practice law in this state. Id. at ¶ 3.

[¶9] A copy of this motion and the affidavit are also being filed with the State Board of Law Examiners with the requisite fee of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) for 2026.

[¶10] WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests admission of Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. for the special and limited purpose of participating in the above-captioned case on behalf of Objector.

Dated: January 9, 2026

/s/ Kasey D. McNary

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**AFFIDAVIT OF BENJAMIN H. DICKENS, JR.
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

State of Florida)
) SS
County of Hillsborough)

Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr., being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

[¶1] I seek admission *pro hac vice* to appear in the above-entitled action and participate on behalf of Griggs County Telephone Co. (“Objector”) in proceedings before the Public Service Commission. Accordingly, this affidavit is submitted as certification of compliance with North Dakota Admission to Practice Rule 3.

[¶2] I am an attorney admitted and licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, Attorney Registration No. 449892, the state of Florida, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I am and have been a member in good standing of the Florida bar since 1977, Attorney Registration No. 242764, and the District of Columbia since 1996. I have also been admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and the Eleventh Circuit.

[¶3] I designate Timothy Richard and Kasey McNary of Serkland Law Firm as associate lawyers who are admitted and licensed to practice law in the state of North Dakota.

[¶4] I am not presently subject to disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction.

[¶5] I am not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which I am licensed.

¶6 I am not now, nor have I ever been, suspended or disbarred in any jurisdiction.

¶7 Within the last three years, I have not previously been admitted pro hac vice in North Dakota, nor have I registered under Admission to Practice Rule 3. In three matters before the Public Service Commission, two of which have concluded, I signed cover letters and confidential treatment requests in connection with client applications. These filings were made in reliance on guidance from Commission staff that pro hac vice admission was not required, and were of a type that the Commission permits to be made by non-lawyer representatives.

¶8 My office address is 2120 L Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20037; my email address is bhd@bloostonlaw.com; and my phone number is (202) 659-0830.

¶9 The required fee has been remitted to the State Board of Law Examiners.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2026.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 2026.



Notary Public

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ORDER FOR ADMISSION OF BENJAMIN H. DICKENS, JR. *PRO HAC VICE*

[¶1] Pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules, a motion has been filed seeking the admission *pro hac vice* of Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr., with the law firm of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens & Prendergast, LLP, to appear and participate in the above-captioned matter with Timothy Richard and Kasey McNary with the Serkland Law Firm. The Public Service Commission, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in this matter, finds the movant has complied with all provisions of Rule 3 and, therefore,

[¶2] IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. be and hereby is granted permission to practice *pro hac vice* before the Public Service Commission for the purposes of representing Objector Griggs County Telephone Co. in the above-captioned matter.

BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER
OR HEARING OFFICER:

Commissioner
North Dakota Public Service Commission