

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BEK Communications Cooperative
Valley City Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-25-285

**BEK Communications Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application**

Case No. PU-25-286

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING

On November 4, 2025, BEK Communications Cooperative (BEK) filed an application requesting authorization to provide local exchange telecommunications services as the incumbent local exchange carrier in the area currently known as the Valley City exchange in North Dakota. The Valley City exchange is currently served by CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CenturyLink).

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-25-285 are:

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

Also on November 4, 2025, BEK filed an application requesting that BEK be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the Valley City exchange area, Case No. PU-25-286.

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-25-286 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 the designated.

3. Whether it is in the public interest to designate BEK as an ETC in the Valley City local exchange area for the purposes of receiving universal service support.
4. Whether, upon designation of BEK as an ETC for the Valley City exchange, CenturyLink's designation as an ETC for the Valley City exchange 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 January 2, 2026.** 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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