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Victor Schock Director, Public Utilities Division
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: In the Matter of the Annual Report to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for

Essential Telecommunications Carrier Certification for Halstad Telephone Company
- SAC 389002 Case No. PU-26-15

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Halstad Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

As supplemental information to the FCC 481 Annual Report the Company includes Exhibits provided in previous years as part of the Annual Report pursuant to sections 69-09-05-12 and 69-0905-12.1 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and Section 49-21-01.7(12) of the North Dakota Century Code and a Request to Protect Trade Secret Information on behalf of Halstad Telephone Company.

A copy of each of these documents has also been provided by email to ndpsc@nd.gov. In a separate sealed envelope, marked "Trade Secret - Private," is Halstad Telephone Company's Trade Secret Exhibit A.

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The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1st of this year that Halstad Telephone Company is eligible to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2027.

Please contact me if further information is required.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures