

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Badger Communications LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-26-213

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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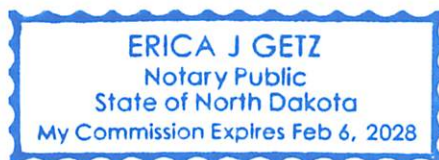
- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Thomas Ong
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Badger Communications
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **7th day of October 2026**.



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On June 16, 2026, Badger Communications LLC (Badger) filed an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart E. Such designation is also known as Lifeline-only ETC designation. Badger proposes to provide wireless prepaid Lifeline universal services to qualifying low-income North Dakota customers by using a combination of its own facilities and reselling another carrier's facilities.

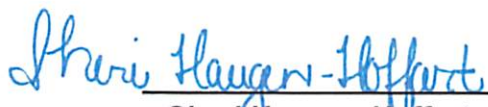
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

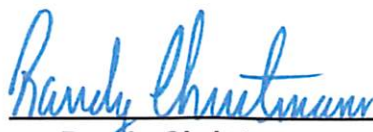
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

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 November 20, 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.

Issued: October 6, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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