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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, First Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: State Certification of Western Wireless Corporation for Federal Universal Service Funds

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that, as an eligible telecommunications carrier, WWC License LLC, a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation (Western Wireless), is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with 47 U.S.C 254(e).

The federal high-cost support Western Wireless will receive in 2003 will be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended" as outlined in 47 USC 254(e). The attached affidavit shows that Western Wireless self-certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the intended purposes.

Western Wireless respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that Western Wireless is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2003.

Sincerely,



Gene DeJordy
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS)
AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL)
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS PURSUANT)
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT)
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE)
CERTIFICATION PROCESS)

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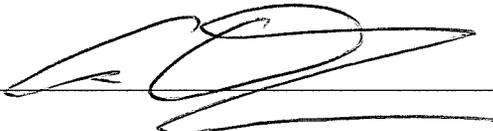
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gene DeJordy of WWC License LLC, a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Gene DeJordy. I am employed by Western Wireless in the position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by Western Wireless and how the Company uses these funds.
2. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission designated Western Wireless as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in certain non-rural telephone company exchanges and certain rural telephone company study areas in Application No. TC98-146 dated October 18, 2001.
3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Western Wireless, to the extent any are applied for and received, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the following supported

services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout Western Wireless' designated service area.

- (a) voice grade access to the public switched network;
- (b) local usage;
- (c) dual tone multi frequency signaling, or its functional equivalent;
- (d) single party service, or its functional equivalent;
- (e) access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911 service;
- (f) access to operator services;
- (g) access to interexchange service;
- (h) access to directory assistance;
- (i) toll blocking for qualifying low income customers; and
- (j) toll control for qualifying low-income customers.

3. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.



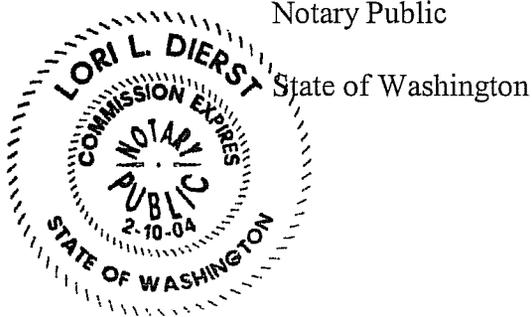
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 10th day of September, 2002.



Notary Public

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of September 5, 2002 through September 11, 2002

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT02-036 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Al Leibman, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Qwest Corporation Regarding a Billing Dispute.

Complainant states that in May 2002, he requested service from Qwest to his residence. Although the service was connected by Qwest, he did not have dial tone service in his residence. Because he felt Qwest would be unable to fix the problem in an expedient amount of time, Complainant requested that the service be disconnected. Complainant was told by the Qwest representative that the account would be closed and that there would be no charges billed to the Complainant. Complainant has since been billed by Qwest for the service. Complainant requests that Qwest remove all charges from his account.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT02-037 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Len Scherr on behalf of Sammy's Restaurant, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding a Contract Dispute.

Complainant's representative states that when he agreed to phone service from McLeod, he was not told that he was signing a term agreement and believed that he was authorizing McLeod to be Complainant's phone provider. Complainant did not receive a copy of the McLeod contract until August 27, 2002. Complainant's representative believes that the McLeod representative filled in the terms of the contract after the contract had been signed. On more than one occasion Complainant's representative states that Complainant's phone service did not work. Complainant's representative requests that Complainant be released from its McLeod service without penalty.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/10/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-121 In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 5, 2002, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford) provided information constituting Beresford's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Beresford will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/05/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-122 In the Matter of the Request of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 5, 2002, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company (Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall) provided information constituting Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/05/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-123 In the Matter of the Request of Baltic Telecom Cooperative and East Plains Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Baltic Telecom Cooperative and East Plains Telecom, Inc. (Baltic/East Plains) provided information constituting Baltic/East Plains' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Baltic/East Plains will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-124 In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. (Jefferson) provided information constituting Jefferson's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Jefferson will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-125 In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Western Telephone Company (Western) provided information constituting Western's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Western will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-126 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Valley Telephone Company (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-127 In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Splitrock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties) provided information constituting Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-128 In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel) provided information constituting Santel's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Santel will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-129 In the Matter of the Request of Great Plains Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains) provided information constituting Great Plains' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Great Plains will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-130 In the Matter of the Request of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Brookings Municipal Telephone (Brookings) provided information constituting Brookings' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Brookings will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-131 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.

On September 9, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Amendment for Internet Service Provider (ISP) Bound Traffic to the Interconnection Agreement between Black Hills FiberCom Inc. for the State of South Dakota, (Black Hills) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). According to the parties, the Amendment is a negotiated agreement between Black Hills and Qwest which was originally approved by the Commission effective January 6, 1999, in Docket TC98-205. The purpose of the Amendment is to delete paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 and replace them with language in the Amendment. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than September 30, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Initial Comments Due: 09/30/02

TC02-132 In the Matter of the Request of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Hickory Tech Corporation for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech) provided information constituting HickoryTech's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that HickoryTech will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-133 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (James Valley) provided information constituting James Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that James Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-134 In the Matter of the Request of Red River Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Red River Telecom, Inc. (Red River) provided information constituting Red River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Red River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-135 In the Matter of the Request of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Faith Municipal Telephone Company (Faith) provided information constituting Faith's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Faith will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-136 In the Matter of the Request of Kadoka Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) provided information constituting Kadoka's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Kadoka will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-137 In the Matter of the Request of Union Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Union Telephone Company (Union) provided information constituting Union's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Union will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-138 In the Matter of the Request of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company (Bridgewater) provided information constituting Bridgewater's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Bridgewater will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-139 In the Matter of the Request of Armour Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Armour Independent Telephone Company (Armour) provided information constituting Armour's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Armour will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-140 In the Matter of the Request of Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. (Dakota) provided information constituting Dakota's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Dakota will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-141 In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) provided information constituting Golden West's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Golden West will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-142 In the Matter of the Request of McCook Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) provided information constituting

McCook's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that McCook will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-143 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-144 In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. (Roberts County and RC) provided information constituting Roberts County and RC's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Roberts County and RC will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-145 In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, RT Communications (RT) provided information constituting RT's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RT will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-146 In the Matter of the Request of Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Sioux Valley) provided information constituting Sioux Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Sioux Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal

service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
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TC02-147 In the Matter of the Request of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company (Stockholm) provided information constituting Stockholm's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Stockholm will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
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TC02-148 In the Matter of the Request of Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Sully Buttes) provided information constituting Sully Buttes' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Sully Buttes will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
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TC02-149 In the Matter of the Request of Tri-County Telcom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County) provided information constituting Tri-County's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Tri-County will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
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TC02-150 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc. (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal

service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-151 In the Matter of the Request of Vivian Telephone Company d/b/a Golden West Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Vivian Telephone Company (Vivian) provided information constituting Vivian's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Vivian will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-152 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, West River Telecommunications (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-153 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, West River Telecommunications (Mobridge) provided information constituting Mobridge's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mobridge will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
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TC02-154 In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 10, 2002, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Cheyenne River) provided information constituting Cheyenne River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to

otherwise verify that Cheyenne River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/10/02
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TC02-155 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

On September 11, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed changes to its Access Services Tariff. The purpose of the changes is to correct Pricing Flexibility USOCs for six transport rate elements. There are no rate changes proposed. Qwest requests an effective date as soon as possible.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/11/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/23/02

TC02-156 In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 11, 2002, WWC License LLC, a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation, verified that WWC License LLC will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/11/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-157 In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 11, 2002, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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RE: PUC Docket TC02-156 (State Certification of Western Wireless Corporation for Federal Universal Service Funds); and PUC Docket TC98-146 (In the Matter of the Filing by GCC License Corp. for Designation as an ETC)

Dear Ms. Elofson:

With regard to the request filed by Western Wireless Corporation (WWC) in Docket TC02-156, which seeks certification from this Commission regarding WWC's use of federal universal service funding, SDTA urges the Commission to reject the filing. The filing does not include any of the cost information that has been required of other ETCs requesting universal service funding certification, and further, WWC has not yet met all of the conditions relating to its designation as an ETC, imposed as part of this Commission's Order in Docket TC98-146 dated October 18, 2001.

Last year, in issuing certifications pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, this Commission required as a condition to granting any certification that applying carriers provide some baseline data regarding expected universal service fund payments and the anticipated costs of providing all telecommunications services supported by the federal universal service mechanisms. Based on recent discussions with Commission Staff, SDTA believed that the same process would be followed this year and accordingly, all of the filings submitted by SDTA member companies contain universal service fund payment and cost information. In comparison, the WWC filing requesting certification includes no data, whatsoever.

SDTA feels strongly that Western Wireless should have to follow the same process and should be subject to the same standard of review in this Commission's review process conducted for purposes of granting the state certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. It is our position that WWC, as an ETC, should have to meet the same telecommunications service obligations imposed on all other ETCs. Along the same lines, it should also be held to an equal standard when it comes to the state certification required under FCC rules. There is absolutely no justification for treating WWC differently in the state certification process. Thus, until WWC

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Attached Affidavit for filing today.

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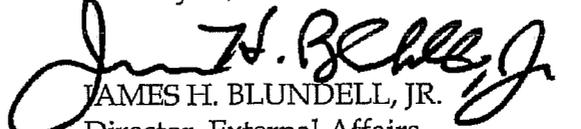
Debra Elofson
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

VIA FAX: 605-773-3809

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Attached please find an Affidavit of Gene DeJordy in support of Western Wireless's Request for Certification from the Commission in Docket No. TC02-156. Please file the Affidavit and attachments in the proceeding. I will also forward the Affidavit, and ten copies, to the Commission via FedEx.

Thank you,


JAMES H. BLUNDELL, JR.
Director, External Affairs

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BEFORE THE
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DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS)	SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	UTILITIES COMMISSION
CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL)	
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS PURSUANT)	DOCKET NO: TC02-156
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)	
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT)	AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE)	WESTERN WIRELESS'S REQUEST
CERTIFICATION PROCESS)	FOR CERTIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF KING

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gene DeJordy of WWC License LLC, a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Gene DeJordy. I am employed by Western Wireless in the position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by Western Wireless and how the Company uses these funds. This Affidavit is provided as a supplement to previous filings.

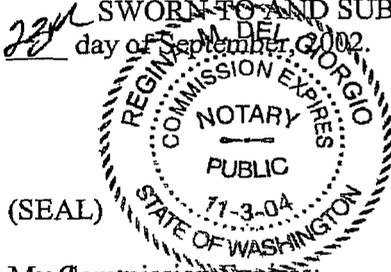
2. On September 13, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's staff requested additional information concerning Western Wireless's request for certification previously filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on September 11, 2002. Attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit A are responses to those questions setting out the question followed by Western Wireless's responses. Information contained in the responses to Exhibit A are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. Exhibit A is incorporated herein by this reference. Also attached as part of Exhibit A is a press release showing Western Wireless's investment in South Dakota in 2001.

3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Western Wireless, to the extent any are applied for and received, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.


Gene DeJordy

23rd SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 23rd day of September, 2002.




Notary Public - State of Washington

My Commission Expires:
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1. Has WWC License LLC received any federal universal service support for 2001 or 2002? If yes, provide the respective study areas and amounts.

Answer: The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("SDPUC") designated Western Wireless as an ETC in certain areas of the state outside the Pine Ridge Reservation. In those areas of the state for which the SDPUC designated Western Wireless as an ETC, Western Wireless has not commenced providing universal service pursuant to its designation and consequently has not sought or received any FUSF under the SDPUC's designation of Western Wireless as an ETC to date. Western Wireless has received a total of \$284,549 in 2001 and \$510,798 through August 2002, for a total of \$795,347, from the FUSF to serve the Pine Ridge Reservation pursuant to its designation as an ETC by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). These amounts include Federal Lifeline and Link-up support as well as Federal high cost support.

2. How much estimated year 2003 federal universal service receipts does WWC License LLC expect to receive? This should be broken down into High Cost Loop Support, Local Switching Support, Safety Net Additive Support, Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment, and Interstate Common Line Support.

Answer: The amount of FUSF Western Wireless expects to receive in 2003 is dependent on the growth in lines on the Pine Ridge Reservation, any changes in support amounts received by the ILECs that also serve Pine Ridge, and any additional markets in South Dakota that Western Wireless launches in 2003. Western Wireless expects customer line counts for the Pine Ridge Reservation reported in 2002 to grow approximately 300% from those reported in 2001 (from 1,652 to more than 4,500 customers) and to grow at least 10% from 2002 to 2003. Therefore, we expect the amount of FUSF received in 2003 to be at least 10% greater than the amount we expect to receive in 2002. Western Wireless expects to continue to receive approximately \$20,000 per month in Federal high cost support through the end of 2002 and at least \$22,000 per month in federal high cost support in 2003 for a total of approximately \$264,000 in 2003. It is difficult to estimate the amount of FUSF the company may receive in 2003 for universal service markets other than the Pine Ridge Reservation because plans for launching universal service in our markets have not been finalized. Without a history of service or a finalized plan for launching the service, any additional estimates would be guess work.

3. How many customers, by study area, are receiving service from WWC License LLC in South Dakota?

Answer: On the Pine Ridge Reservation, there are three ILEC study areas, or parts of study areas, within the boundaries of the Reservation: Golden West Telephone Company, Great Plains Telecommunications, and Fort Randall Telephone Company.

As of December 2001, as reported in the most recent universal service filing with USAC, Western Wireless reported a total of 1,652 customers on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

4. How does WWC License LLC refer to the ETC granted by the FCC for the Pine Ridge Reservation? Is this a study area? Please provide an explanation for the reference used by WWC License LLC.

Answer: The FCC order designating Western Wireless as an ETC for FUSF purposes does not, in contrast to the typical ETC designation, approve a service area identical to the boundaries of an ILEC service area boundary. Instead, the FCC approved an ETC service area identical to the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation, as established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As stated above, this ETC service area includes the study areas, or parts of study areas, of three ILECs. Thus, the area referred to on the Pine Ridge Reservation is not identical to the study area of an ILEC *per se*. The study area code for Golden West Telecommunications is #391659, the study area code for Great Plains Communications is #391660, and the study area code for Fort Randall Telephone Company is #371577. The study area code for Western Wireless in South Dakota is #399001.

5. Please provide estimated year 2003 expenditures for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service funding for WWC License LLC.

Answer: As mentioned in response to question number two above, because plans for launching universal service have not been finalized, the expenditures for providing, maintaining, and upgrading facilities and services in 2003 cannot currently be estimated. However, the attached press release from September of last year illustrates the commitment of Western Wireless to make continuous investments in network infrastructure in order to provide the highest quality experience for our customers. The press release states that Western Wireless invested approximately \$119 million in network infrastructure in South Dakota in 2001, and we have made similar investments in 2002. Although it is impossible to predict the precise amount to be spent in 2003, the investments made in 2001 are (1) capital in nature and, therefore, to be amortized into future years, and (2) suggest similar investments in future years. The FUSF support received by Western Wireless will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act and, given the historical costs and possible available support to be received, the costs of providing, maintaining, and upgrading such facilities will readily exceed any support funds received.

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cellular One Announces \$119 Million Investment in South Dakota for Wireless Infrastructure and Service Advancements

*Local communities to benefit from massive investment
in nation's largest dedicated rural wireless network*

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. –September XX, 2001–Cellular One announced today that by the end of 2001, the company will have invested approximately \$119 million in South Dakota's wireless infrastructure, the largest dedicated rural wireless investment in the state by any carrier. This investment includes a \$38 million digital upgrade of its wireless network in South Dakota. In building on its legacy of service to rural America, Cellular One's South Dakota investment will result in a significantly increased capacity for wireless calls, improved billing services and advancements in customer service.

"Today marks a new era in Cellular One's long time commitment of providing high quality wireless service to the residents of the state of South Dakota," said Mikal Thomsen, president and chief operating officer of Western Wireless Corporation (Nasdaq: WWCA). "Cellular One understands that our customers have a choice in their wireless provider and our \$119 million investment illustrates our passion for providing our South Dakota customers with the most advanced wireless technology available. Our customers should also know that Cellular One will continue to invest in South Dakota to ensure that our system remains competitive and world class."

Covering over 820,000 square miles in the West and Midwest (including over 39,000 miles of interstate and state highways), Cellular One's network serves more than one million customers and is the largest wireless network devoted to rural communities in the U.S.

“Cellular One has taken the time to listen to our customers and we understand that they want reliable coverage and exceptional customer service,” said Michele Lilleholm, Cellular One’s Director of Sales for South Dakota, based out of Sioux Falls. “Going forward, we will continue to be the leading investor in our local rural wireless network as well as work to earn the business of our valued and loyal customers.”

Cellular One’s investment in South Dakota includes:

- \$38 million digital upgrade for 2001, significantly increasing system capacity, with additional investments in 2002.
- \$119 million total investment in towers, antenna, base stations, switches and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses.
- A 100 percent increase in statewide system capacity.

About Cellular One

Based in Bellevue, Wash., Western Wireless Corporation operates under the Cellular One name and is a leading provider of rural communications in the Western United States. The company owns and operates wireless cellular phone systems marketed under the Cellular One national brand name in 19 western states. Western Wireless provides service to more than a million customers. For more information about Western Wireless, visit www.wireless.com.

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RE: Docket No. TC02-156
Western Wireless Corporation

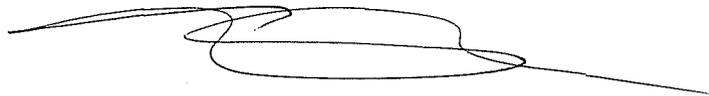
Dear Ms. Elofson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Certificate of Service showing that the Affidavit of Gene DeJordy was provided to Brian Meyers and Richard Coit. While Mr. Coit has not sought to intervene, he did write a letter raising issues with the application.

Because he has not specifically requested to intervene, it does not appear that the regulations would require he be served with the Affidavit. However, given that he noted in his letter of last week that Mr. Meyers would be attending and raising concerns of the SDTA, I have provided a copy of the Affidavit via fax to Mr. Meyers and Mr. Coit's office.

The original plus ten of this document will be hand delivered to your office tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Talbot J. Wiczorek

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BEFORE THE
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DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS)	SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)	
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE)	
CERTIFICATION PROCESS)	

The undersigned hereby certifies that I served a true and correct copy of the Affidavit in Support of Western Wireless's Request for Certification upon the following persons on the 23rd day of September 2002, by faxing to and mailing via U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to said addresses, to wit:

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF WWC)	ORDER DENYING
LICENSE LLC FOR CERTIFICATION)	CERTIFICATION
REGARDING ITS USE OF FEDERAL)	
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT)	TC02-156

On September 11, 2002, WWC License LLC (Western Wireless), a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation, submitted a letter requesting that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with 47 U.S.C. section 254(e). Western Wireless attached an affidavit which it stated "shows that Western Wireless self-certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the intended purposes."

On September 23, 2002, the Commission received an additional affidavit from Western Wireless. Attached to the affidavit was Exhibit A which contained responses to questions from Commission Staff regarding its filing. By data request dated September 13, 2002, Commission Staff had requested that Western Wireless "provide estimated year 2003 expenditures for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service funding for WWC License LLC." In response, Western Wireless stated that its plans for launching universal service had not been finalized so "the expenditures for providing, maintaining, and upgrading facilities and services in 2003 cannot currently be estimated." Western Wireless attached a press release from September of 2001 stating that by the end of 2001, "the company will have invested approximately \$119 million in South Dakota's wireless infrastructure...." The response further stated that "[a]lthough it is impossible to predict the precise amount to be spent in 2003, the investments made in 2001 are (1) capital in nature and, therefore, to be amortized into future years, and (2) suggest similar investments in future years." The response further stated that Western Wireless had not commenced providing universal service pursuant to its designation by the Commission, but had received a total of \$795,347 from the federal Universal Service Fund to serve the Pine Ridge Reservation pursuant to Western Wireless' designation as an ETC by the FCC.

At its September 24, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Given the interrelated nature of the dockets, the Commission also considered Western Wireless' compliance filing for Docket TC98-146, In the Matter of the Filing By GCC License Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. In that docket, Western Wireless had been granted ETC status for non-rural areas in South Dakota, and had been granted ETC status for some rural areas, upon its compliance with certain conditions as stated in the order. Western Wireless did not appeal or ask for reconsideration of the conditions. The Commission points out that although the order regarding the rural areas had been issued on October 18, 2001, Western Wireless did not make a compliance filing until August 29, 2002. The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA), an original intervenor in Docket TC98-146, objected to the

Commission approving Western Wireless' compliance filing, stating Western Wireless has not shown that it has complied with the Commission's order. In addition, Commission Staff had issued a data request to Western Wireless regarding the compliance filing. However, Western Wireless had not responded to the request until September 24, 2002 (the day of the Commission meeting), and thus, Staff did not have sufficient time to review Western Wireless' responses. However, Commission Staff's initial reaction to Western Wireless' responses was that Staff would have additional questions based on the responses. Thus, the Commission deferred action on the compliance filing in Docket TC98-146, which meant that Western Wireless had not yet met the conditions to become an ETC in the rural areas in South Dakota.

Since Western Wireless is not yet an ETC for the rural areas as stipulated to by Western Wireless and SDTA in Docket TC98-146, the Commission finds it is unable to certify Western Wireless for high-cost support for those areas.¹ The Commission further finds that Western Wireless could have avoided any delay in receiving certification if it had filed its compliance filing in a timely manner, and answered Staff's data request in a timely manner. Instead, Western Wireless waited for almost one year to submit its compliance filing and then failed to promptly respond to Staff's questions in a manner that would have enabled Staff, as well as the Commission, to review any changes to its compliance filing. The Commission was then required to defer action on the compliance filing in Docket TC98-146.

In addition, the Commission points out that pursuant to the FCC's order, the FCC had determined that states must file annual certifications with the FCC in order "to ensure that carriers use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, FCC 01-157, ¶ 187 (rel. May 23, 2001) (*MAG Order*). Further, in a prior order, the FCC stated that:

For example, a state could adjust intrastate rates, or otherwise direct carriers to use the federal support to replace implicit intrastate universal service support to high-cost rural areas, which was formerly generated by above-cost rates in low-cost urban areas, that has been eroded through competition. A state could also require carriers to use the federal support

¹ The Commission notes that the areas served by South Dakota's only non rural company, Qwest, are not eligible for high-cost support. The Commission further notes that Western Wireless stated that it had requested certification from the FCC for tribal members living on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Commission notes that the FCC had previously found that the Tribe has jurisdiction with respect to Western Wireless' service provided to tribal members on the Pine Ridge Reservation. See *In the Matter of Western Wireless Corporation Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 96-43, FCC 01-284.

to upgrade facilities in rural areas to ensure that services provided in those areas are reasonably comparable to services provided in urban areas of the state. These examples are intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive. As long as the uses prescribed by the state are consistent with section 254(e), we believe that the states should have the flexibility to decide how carriers use support provided by the federal mechanism.

Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, FCC 99-306, ¶ 96 (rel. Nov. 2, 1999). The FCC stated that it anticipated "that states will take the appropriate steps to account for the receipt of federal high-cost support and ensure that the federal support is being applied in a manner consistent with section 254. . . ." *Id.* at ¶ 95. The FCC required local carriers and competitive eligible telecommunications carriers to "formulate plans to ensure compliance with section 254(e), and present those plans to the state, so that the state may make the appropriate certification to the [FCC]." MAG Order, at ¶ 188.

Thus, in order to fulfill its duties under the FCC's order, the Commission has required its carriers to submit estimates of its federal universal service amounts for the upcoming year in addition to its estimated expenditures for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services. Western Wireless failed to do so. Instead it submitted a 2001 press release concerning its investment in the year 2001.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission is unable to provide certification to the FCC that Western Wireless will use federal support in a manner consistent with section 254(e).

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of September, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Helaine Kalbs</u>
Date:	<u>9/27/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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