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RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFICATION

Wolverton Telephone Company files this certification statement pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, released May 8, 1997. In Section VII, Paragraph 310 of the Order, the FCC stated that a carrier "must notify the Commission and its state commission that, for purposes of universal service support determinations, it meets the Section 3(37) definition of a rural carrier." Section 3(37) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act (the "Act") defines a "rural telephone company."

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Wolverton Telephone Company hereby certifies that:

1. Wolverton Telephone Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Act, 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). Wolverton Telephone Company satisfies alternative definition (37)(B), fewer than 50,000 access lines.
2. Wolverton Telephone Company provides telephone exchange service including exchange access in the following exchange areas in North Dakota:

469 Walcott
998 Christine
3. The "service area" or "study area" of Wolverton Telephone Company is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for purposes of section 214 of the Act and Wolverton Telephone Company's designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area. The total number of access lines served is 325, as published in the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1998-99 Directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies.
4. Wolverton Telephone Company has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the Act 47 U.S.C. 214(e) by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Dated this 16 day of December, 1998.

By



Paul Ihland

Its General Manager