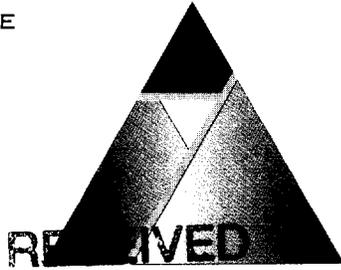


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Loretel Systems, Inc. files this certification statement pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, released May 8, 1997. In Section VII, Paragraph 310 of the Order, the FCC stated that a carrier "must notify the Commission and its state commission that, for purposes of universal service support mechanisms, 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."

Loretel Systems, Inc. certifies that:

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

701-860 – West Perley /Hendrum
3. The "service area" or "study area" of Loretel Systems, Inc. is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for purposes of Section 214 of the Act and Loretel Systems, Inc.'s designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area. The total number of access lines is 50, as published in the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1999-2000 Directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies.
4. Loretel Systems, Inc. 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 22nd day of October, 1999

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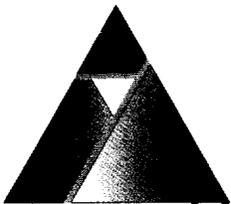
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