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October 11, 2013

By Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42
2013 ETC Annual Report of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Study Area Code 381611

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative "Dickey Rural", JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.[1] Dickey Rural seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.[2] The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President
301-459-7590
jkuykendall@jsitel.com

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

[1] 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.
[2] *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	7013446016
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	tschilling@drtel.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
			(check box when complete)	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)		
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	✔	✔
<210>	✔ <-- check box if no outages to report			
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	✔	
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)		
<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)			
<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)		
<400>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		✔	✔
<410>	Fixed	0.0		
<420>	Mobile			
<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)			
<440>	Fixed			
<450>	Mobile			
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	✔	✔
<510>	381611nd510	(attached descriptive document)	✔	✔
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	✔	✔
<610>	381611nd610	(attached descriptive document)	✔	✔
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)		
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)		
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	✔	✔
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? ● ○	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	✔	
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)		
<1010>		(attach descriptive document)		
<1100>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? ● ○	(if not, check to indicate certification)		
<1110>		(complete attached worksheet)		
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)		✔

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>		(check to indicate certification)		
<2005>		(complete attached worksheet)		

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>		(check to indicate certification)	✔	
<3005>		(complete attached worksheet)	✔	

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) ○ ●
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) ○ ○

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	☐
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	☐
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality	☐
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage	☐
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity	☐
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	☐

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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<a> NORS Reference Number	<b1> Outage Start Date	<b2> Outage Start Time	<b3> Outage End Date	<b4> Outage End Time	<c1> Number of Customers Affected	<c2> Total Number of Customers	<d> 911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	<e> Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	<f> Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	<g> Service Outage Resolution	<h> Preventative Procedures

-- See attached worksheet --

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2013
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

<703>

<a1>	<a2>	<a3>	<b1>	<b2>	<b3>	<b4>	<b5>	<c>
State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**SAC (CETC)**	**Rate Type**	**Residential Local Service Rate**	**State Subscriber Line Charge**	**State Universal Service Fee**	**Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge**	**Total per line Rates and Fees**
				-- See attached worksheet				
				--				

(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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<a1>	<a2>	<b1>	<b2>	<c>	<d1>	<d2>	<d3>	<d4>
State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**Residential Rate**	**State Regulated Fees**	**Total Rate and Fees**	**Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)**	**Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)**	**Usage Allowance (GB)**	**Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {*select*}**

-- See attached worksheet --

(800) Operating Companies
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Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**

-- See attached worksheet --

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

381611nd920

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

		Select (Yes,No, NA)
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;	Yes
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	Yes
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	Yes
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	Yes
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	Yes
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	Yes
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	Yes
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	Yes
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	Yes

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP http://www.drtel.com/telephone/related-topics/

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ✔

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ✔

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ✔

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)} ☐

<2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)} ☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification ☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband ☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2019> Interim Progress Certification ☐

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions — Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

(3010)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 3012,	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	☐
(3011)	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}		☑ (Yes/No)
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report		☑ (Yes/No)
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		☑
(3016)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		☑
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	381611nd3017
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?		☐ (Yes/No)
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains :		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		☐
(3020)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		☐
(3021)	Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		☐
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,		☐
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		☐
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		☐
(3025)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		☐
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer: Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filing Due Date for this form:

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I certify that (Name of Agent) Cassandra Heyne, JSI **is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.**

Name of Authorized Agent: Cassandra Heyne, JSI

Name of Reporting Carrier: DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 10/11/2013

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Troy Schilling

Title or position of Authorized Officer: Financial Managers, CFO

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 701-344-6016

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 381611 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: John Staurulakis, Inc.

Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 10/11/2013

Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Cassandra Heyne

Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Senior Analyst

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 3014597590

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 381611 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013

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Attachments

(800) Operating Companies
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Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.		Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules:

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,[1] the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."[2] The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.[3] In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."[4]

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under federal law and, to a limited extent under North Dakota state law as a telecommunications carrier subject to North Dakota Public Service Commission regulation. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to state requirements that the Company complies with consumer protection and service quality standards pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Article 69, including customer requests for lowest price

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[1] *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("*2005 ETC Order*").
[2] *Id.* at para. 28.
[3] *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.
[4] *Id.* at n. 72.

service alternatives (69-09-05-01), discontinuance of telecommunications services (69-09-05-02), deposits and guarantees (69-09-05-03); (2) truth-in-billing requirements, and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)[1] and North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-05-12. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company's central office can maintain 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements, and a permanent auxiliary power unit is installed which can be delivered and connected within four hours. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites capable of running for a minimum of 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out

[1] Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. They will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company tests the batteries at least once per year.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.
Dickey Rural Access, Inc.

Via U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested

December 12, 2012

Robert Shepherd, Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
PO Box 509
Agency Village, SD 5762-0509

Dear Robert Shepherd:

Dickey Rural Networks ("DRN'), an independent telecommunications provider serving the rural southeastern North Dakota area, wishes to engage with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal government about broadband availability and opportunities on Tribally-owned lands within our service area. DRN has been providing telecommunications and broadband services to the northwest corner of the Lake Traverse Reservation in North Dakota 1996 and we are interested in learning about any additional telecommunications needs that your community may have.

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) comprehensively reformed the Universal Service Fund (USF) which helps companies like DRN provide state-of-the-art communications services in high-cost and rural areas. Among the reforms, the FCC adopted a rule requiring Eligible Telecommunications Carriers who receive high-cost USF support to engage **annually** with Tribal leaders about broadband deployment on Tribally-owned lands and report on five specific outreach activities. In July 2012, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs Policy (ONAP) issued specific guidance on outreach and engagement activities between telecommunications providers and Tribal governments. These initial outreach and engagement activities must take place by the end of 2012.

DRN is pleased to inform you that our company provides high-speed fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband to 100% of our service area, including any customers located on the Lake Traverse Reservation within our service area. DRN respectfully invites you and other leaders from the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate government to discuss additional ways that we can meet your telecommunications and broadband needs. Specifically, DRN would like to discuss the following items:

- Needs assessment and deployment planning focused on anchor institutions (such as schools, libraries and health centers);
- Feasibility and sustainability planning;

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- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- Rights of way, permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation processes;
- Compliance with Tribal business licensing requirements.

As DRN already provides broadband to 100% of its service area, we believe many of the items above will not require an extensive discussion. However, DRN is interested in learning whether your community has any specific broadband needs that our company may be able to meet, depending on the scope and scale of the project. For example, are there any needs such as distance learning or tele-medicine that DRN could help facilitate? We also want to make sure that we continue to respect your cultural heritage, property rights, business customs, and any other rules and procedures of your government.

DRN is a locally-owned company headquartered in Ellendale, ND, and we have been serving this area for over 60 years. We are dedicated to serving and employing members of our community and we want to ensure that the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation are served as best as possible.

DRN extends this invitation to set up an in-person meeting or conference call with members of your Tribal government at your earliest convenience. Please contact Troy Schilling at Dickey Rural Networks. We look forwarding to discussing this important issue with you.

Sincerely,

Troy Schilling
Financial Manager
Dickey Rural Networks
701-344-5000

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