October 29, 2026

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Badger Communications LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier Application, Case No. PU-26-213

Dear Executive Secretary:

Badger Communications LLC submits for filing in the above-captioned case its Notice of Withdrawal of Application and Request to Withdraw Without Prejudice. By this filing Badger gives notice of the withdrawal of its application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier and asks the Commission, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-02-07(2), for express permission to withdraw that application without prejudice to the filing of a new application at a later date.

The following items are enclosed:

1. Notice of Withdrawal of Application and Request to Withdraw Without Prejudice, original and seven copies.

2. Certificate of Service, original and seven copies.

3. One additional copy of each of the above for file stamping, together with a self-addressed stamped envelope for its return.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BADGER COMMUNICATIONS LLC

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Badger Communications LLC
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Case No. PU-26-213

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND REQUEST TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Badger Communications LLC ("Badger"), under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-02-07(2), gives notice of the withdrawal of its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in this proceeding. Because a hearing has been convened in this matter, Badger requests the express permission of the Commission to withdraw the Application, without prejudice to the filing of a new application at a later date. In support of this request, Badger states as follows:

1. On June 16, 2026, Badger filed an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E.

2. The Commission issued its Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on October 6, 2026, and an informal hearing was convened on October 21, 2026. Comments and requests for hearing in this proceeding are due November 20, 2026.

3. The reason for the withdrawal is as follows. Badger is making changes to the network architecture intended to support the services described in its Application. Badger has concluded that the Commission's review would be better served by a complete and current record than by proceeding on the present Application while that work is underway.

4. At the informal hearing, Commission staff requested that Badger file an executed Certification Relating to Order Provisions and a written summary of Badger's service offerings. Badger has not executed the Certification and, because it seeks to withdraw the Application, does not intend to file those items in this proceeding. Badger will address them in any future application.

5. No order designating Badger as an eligible telecommunications carrier has issued in this proceeding. Accordingly, no designation, authorization or obligation arises from this proceeding that requires further action by the Commission upon withdrawal.

6. Badger intends to file a new application for designation in North Dakota when the work described in paragraph 3 is complete, and therefore requests that withdrawal be granted without prejudice.

7. Badger appreciates the time and attention given to this matter by the Commission and its staff, and in particular the opportunity to appear at the informal hearing on October 21, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Badger Communications LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting Badger express permission to withdraw the Application without prejudice and closing this docket.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 29 day of October, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Withdrawal of Application and Request to Withdraw Without Prejudice was served upon the following, by electronic mail and by first class United States mail, postage prepaid:

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No other person has intervened or otherwise appeared as a participant in Case No. PU-26-213.

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