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Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: An Update in Matter of Halstad Telephone Company's Status as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed via eFiling please find a letter which provides an update on the Halstad  
Telephone Company's status as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Sincerely,

*/s/ Thomas G. Burns*

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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to inform the Commission that Halstad Telephone Company (“HTC”) won the FCC Connect America Fund II reverse auction for certain census blocks. Accordingly, HTC will build out its network to make service available to locations within certain census blocks and will receive universal service funding based on FCC rules.

The Commission granted the HTC petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) status in Docket No.: P-530/M-17-838 in the Crookston and East Grand Forks Minnesota exchanges. This enables HTC to be reimbursed under the FCC’s Lifeline program for providing discounted telecommunications services to qualifying customers in CLEC exchanges.

The attached map distinguishes the CAF II census blocks area as compared to the broader exchange areas where the Commission granted ETC designation for the purpose of the Lifeline discount to qualifying customers.

If you have any questions in this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

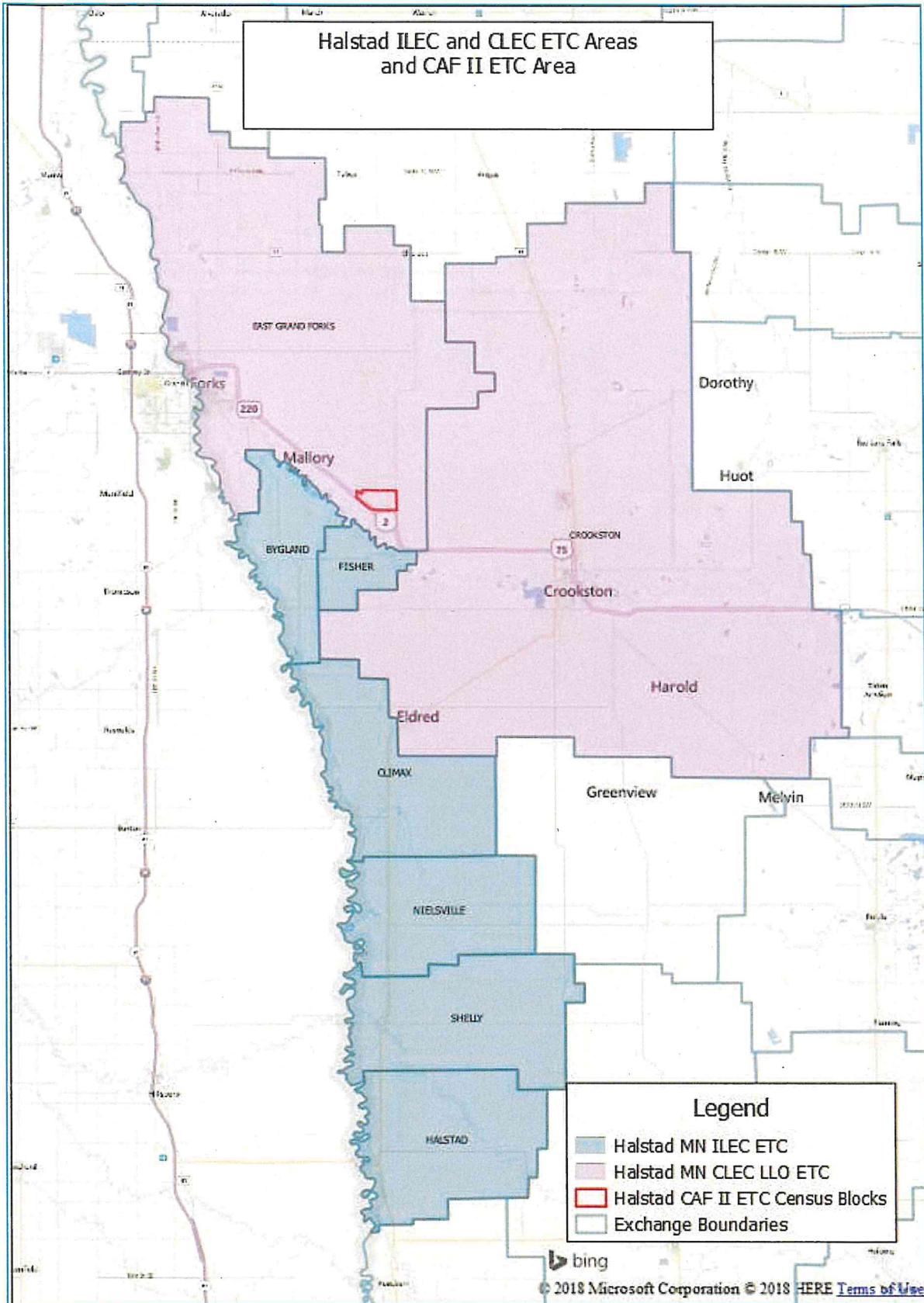


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Attachments:

Map of HTC ETC area and CAF II census Blocks

Halstad ILEC and CLEC ETC Areas  
and CAF II ETC Area



Legend

- Halstad MN ILEC ETC
- Halstad MN CLEC LLO ETC
- Halstad CAF II ETC Census Blocks
- Exchange Boundaries

**LLO ETC Service Areas:** Crookston and East Grand Forks exchanges where CenturyLink QC is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

**CAF II Census Block**

271190205001003      East Grand Forks