Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007

HOUSE BILL NO. 1142 (Representatives Headland, D. Johnson, Kaldor) (Senators Heitkamp, Klein, Nething)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 49-02-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the jurisdiction of the public service commission over telecommunications companies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 49-02-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

49-02-01.1. Jurisdiction of commission limited as to certain utilities. Nothing in this chapter or in chapter 49-21 authorizes the commission to make any order affecting rates, contracts, services rendered, adequacy, or sufficiency of facilities, or the rules or regulations of any public utility owned and operated by the state or by any city, county, township, or other political subdivision of the state or any public utility, that is not operated for profit, that is operated as a nonprofit, cooperative, or mutual telecommunications company or is a telecommunications company having fewer than eight eighteen thousand local exchange subscribers. However, any telecommunications utility that is operated as a nonprofit, cooperative, or mutual telecommunications company or has fewer than eight eighteen thousand local exchange subscribers is subject to sections 49-21-01.4, 49-21-02.4, 49-21-23, 49-21-24, and 49-21-25, subsections 6 through 14 of section 49-21-01.7, and to sections 49-21-01.2, 49-21-01.3, 49-21-06, 49-21-07, 49-21-09, and 49-21-10, regarding rates, terms, and conditions of access services or connection between facilities and transfer of telecommunications between two or more telecommunications companies. Nothing in this section limits the authority of the commission granted under chapters 49-03 and 49-03.1 or sections 49-04-05 and 49-04-06.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate Chief Clerk of the House This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1142. House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3 Nays 0 Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Absent 1 Chief Clerk of the House Received by the Governor at ______ M. on ______, 2007. Approved at ______, 2007. Governor Filed in this office this ______ day of ______, 2007, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State