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## DESCRIPTION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters

Case No. PU-439-01-460

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **27th day of September, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by FEDERAL EXPRESS, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

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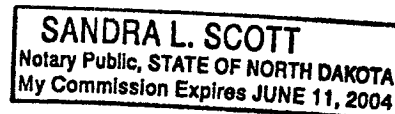
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **27th day of September, 2001**.

*Sharon Helbling*

*Sandra L. Scott*

Notary Public

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

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**Sharon Helbling** deposes and says that:

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Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc  
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Darren Moser  
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Midstate Telephone Company  
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Ronald Laqua  
Halstad Telephone Company  
HTC Services Inc  
345 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W  
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Sheila Bunn  
Moore & Liberty Telephone Company  
P O Box 66  
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Kenneth Carlson  
Turtle Mountain Communications  
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation  
P O Box 729  
Langdon ND 58249-0729  
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L Dan Wilhelmson  
Consolidated Telcom  
507 S Main  
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Kenneth Lund Jr  
Northwest Communications Cooperative  
P O Box 38  
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Jerome Tishmack  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
P O Box 230  
Steele ND 58482-0230  
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Jerry Reisenauer  
West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
P O Box 39  
Bison SD 57620

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Pamela Harrington  
RC Communications Inc  
Box 196  
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Citizens  
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Loretel Systems Inc  
P O Box 72  
Ada MN 56510-0072  
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Paul Ihland  
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P O Box 129  
Wolverton MN 56594-0129  
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Pamela Harrington  
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Association  
Box 197  
New Effington SD 57255-0197  
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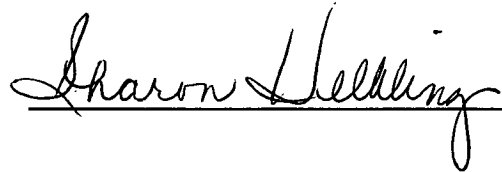
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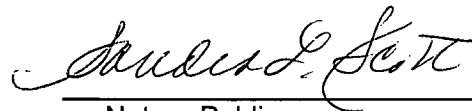
Ann Faught  
Absaraka Co-Operative Telephone Company  
P O Box 27  
Absaraka ND 58002  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **27th day of September, 2001.**

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Notary Public

**SANDRA L. SCOTT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

**MOTION**

**September 26, 2001**

**APPROVED**

DATE: 9-26-01  
KMF

**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

I move the Commission adopt the Supplemental Order regarding universal service certification for rural eligible telecommunications carriers, Case No. PU-439-01-

460.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

**September 26, 2001**

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (Fourteenth R&O). In the Fourteenth R&O the FCC modified its rules for providing high-cost universal service support to rural telephone companies for the next five years based upon the proposals made by the Rural Task Force.

On July 26, 2001, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued a notice of informal hearing and request for comments regarding the parties' implementation plans and the nature and extent of the NDPSC's potential involvement in the implementation of the new FCC rules. At the time of the notice, the NDPSC had not yet assigned a case number to this matter. Subsequently, the NDPSC assigned Case No. PU-439-01-460.

On August 15, 2001, the Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) filed comments in response to the NDPSC's request. The RTCG is an association of independent telephone companies serving customers in North Dakota's rural areas. On August 16, 2001, Western Wireless Corporation, d/b/a Cellular One (Western Wireless) filed comments limited to discussion of certification issues. These parties also commented at the informal hearing which was held as scheduled on August 22, 2001. No other comments were received.

On August 28, 2001, the NDPSC issued an order indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 or 54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14, 2001, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC under the August 28, 2001 order will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Following the August 28, 2001 order, affidavits regarding use of universal service support were filed with the NDPSC. On September 19, 2001, the NDPSC issued an order certifying that the companies that filed affidavits had accounted to the NDPSC regarding the companies' use of universal service support funds. The September 19<sup>th</sup> order covered the following companies:

BEK Communications Cooperative  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of  
Minnesota, Inc.  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of  
North Dakota, Inc.  
Consolidated Telcom  
Dakota Central Telecom I

Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc  
Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a  
Cooperative Association  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Northwest Communications Cooperative  
Polar Communications Mutual Aid  
Corporation

Dakota Central Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
Dickey Rural Communications Inc.  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
Griggs County Telephone Company  
Halstad Telephone Company  
Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC

Polar Telecommunications, Inc.  
RC Communications, Inc.  
Red River Rural Telephone Association  
Red River Telecom, Inc.  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Association

Inter-Community Telephone Company II,  
LLC  
James Valley Cooperative Telephone  
Company  
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.  
Midstate Communications Inc  
Midstate Telephone Company  
Moore & Liberty Telephone Company

SRT Communications, Inc.  
Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative,  
Inc./Ventura Communications, Inc.  
Turtle Mountain Communications  
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation  
West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
WWC Holding Co., Inc.

It has come to our attention since we issued the September 19<sup>th</sup> order that the company name "Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc./Ventura Communications, Inc." that was listed in the September 19<sup>th</sup> Order was erroneous. The correct name is Venture Communications, Inc. This error is corrected by the instant order, as noted in the ordering clause, below.

On September 26, 2001, four more companies filed affidavits with the NDPSC regarding use of universal service support funds. In addition to identifying the correct company name for Venture Communications, Inc., the ordering clause also identifies the four companies which filed affidavits on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion**

As we stated in our September 19<sup>th</sup> order, the NDPSC addresses only the state certification issue. Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires telecommunications carriers to use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended."

The Fourteenth R&O requires that each state public utility regulatory authority file an annual certification with the FCC to ensure that rural telecommunications carriers receiving federal funds under the program use the support only as provided in Section 254(e) of the Act. State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to received support for the following year. 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

### **Order**

The NDPSC orders:

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e), or that they will only use the support they receive during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 throughout each respective company's study area:

Venture Communications, Inc.

Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.

HTC Services, Inc.

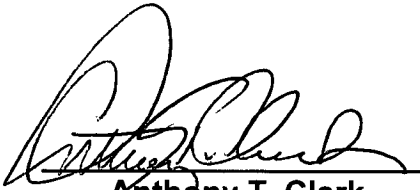
Loretel Systems, Inc.

Wolverton Telephone Company

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

3. A copy of each of the affidavits filed by the five companies listed in ordering paragraph 1 is attached to and made a part of this supplemental order.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Anthony T. Clark**  
Commissioner



**Susan E. Wefald**  
President



**Leo M. Reinbold**  
Commissioner

# Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co.

Box 27  
Absaraka, ND 58002

September 25, 2001

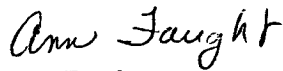
Mr. Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol, 12th Floor  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-439-01-460

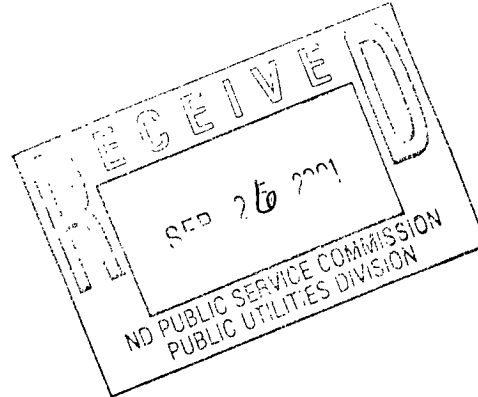
Dear Mr. Mielke:

Per commission requirements, we are filing our affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support for North Dakota. An original and seven copies are enclosed.

Sincerely,



Ann Faught  
Manager  
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO., INC.  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cass             )

Ann Faught, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company") in the position on Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "PSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, the "FCC"), dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the PSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2001.

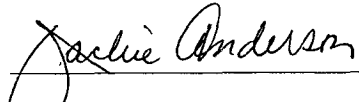
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.



Ann Faught  
Manager

State of North Dakota    )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Cass            )

On this 25th day of September, 2001, before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared, Ann Faught, know to me to be the Manager of Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
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Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires:


JACKIE ANDERSON  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires AUG. 12, 2005



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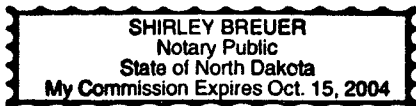
Dated this 25th day of September, 2001.

Wolverton Telephone Company

By   
Paul Ihland  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Richland         )

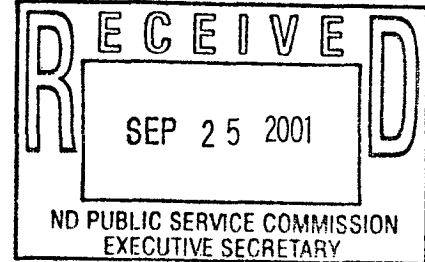
On this 25th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL IHLAND, known to me to be the Manager of WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Shirley Breuer  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Oct. 15, 2004

September 25, 2001

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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-001

RE: NDPSC Case No. PU-439-01-460

Enclosed herewith please find an Affidavit of HTC Services, Inc., regarding Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to the referenced case.

Due to confusion on the matter of certification for CLEC's I neglected to submit this application by the deadline established by the PSC. Your consideration to process this submittal will be appreciated

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Laqua".

Ronald Laqua  
General Manager, Halstad Telephone Company and subsidiary, HTC Services, Inc.

enclosures

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Affidavit re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by HTC Services, Inc.

09/25/2001

CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

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**AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF HTC SERVICES, INC. REGARDING**

**CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota )

) ss.

County of Norman )

Ronald Laqua, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \*54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. \*54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 25 day of September 2001.

HTC SERVICES, INC.

By: Ronald Laqua

Its: General Manager

State of Minnesota )

) ss.

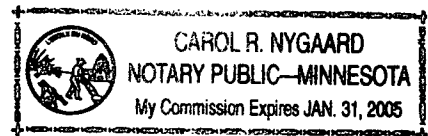
County of Norman )

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RONALD LAQUA, known to me to be the General Manager of HTC SERVICES, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Carol R. Nygaard, Notary Public

For the State of Minnesota

My commission expires: Jan 31, 2005





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Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001.

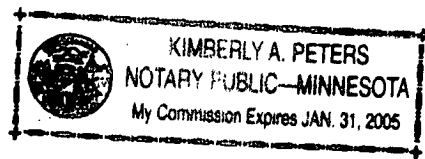
LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC.

By *Steven W. Katka*  
Steven W. Katka  
Its: General Manager

State of Minnesota )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Norman )

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Steven W. Katka, known to me to be the General Manager of Loretel Systems, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Kimberly A. Peters*  
Notary Public  
For the State of Minnesota  
My commission expires: 1/31/05



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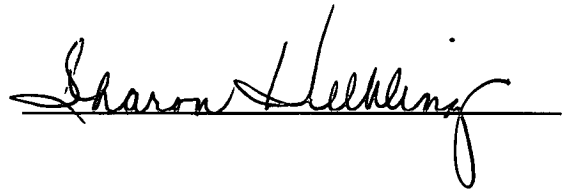
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James Valley Cooperative Telephone  
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **20th day of September, 2001.**

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Notary Public

**SANDRA L. SCOTT**  
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My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support**  
**PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY FEDERAL EXPRESS**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Sharon Helbling** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **20th day of September, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **2** envelopes by FEDERAL EXPRESS, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Order**

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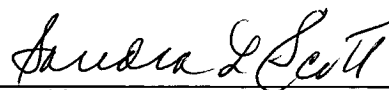
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Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

**APPROVED**

**MOTION**

DATE: 9-19-01 September 19, 2001  
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**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
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**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

I move the Commission adopt the Order regarding universal service certification for rural eligible telecommunications carriers, Case No. PU-439-01-460.

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**ORDER**

**September 19, 2001**

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (Fourteenth R&O). In the Fourteenth R&O the FCC modified its rules for providing high-cost universal service support to rural telephone companies for the next five years based upon the proposals made by the Rural Task Force.

On July 26, 2001, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued a notice of informal hearing and request for comments regarding the parties' implementation plans and the nature and extent of the NDPSC's potential involvement in the implementation of the new FCC rules. At the time of the notice, the NDPSC had not yet assigned a case number to this matter. Subsequently, the NDPSC assigned Case No. PU-439-01-460.

On August 15, 2001, the Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) filed comments in response to the NDPSC's request. The RTCG is an association of independent telephone companies serving customers in North Dakota's rural areas. On August 16, 2001, Western Wireless Corporation, d/b/a Cellular One (Western Wireless) filed comments limited to discussion of certification issues. These parties also commented at the informal hearing which was held as scheduled on August 22, 2001. No other comments were received.

On August 28, 2001, the NDPSC issued an order indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 or 54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14, 2001, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC under the August 28, 2001 order will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Following the August 28, 2001 Order affidavits regarding use of universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

### **Discussion**

With this order, the NDPSC addresses only the state certification issue. Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires telecommunications carriers to use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." The Fourteenth R&O requires that each state public utility regulatory authority file an annual certification with the FCC to ensure that rural telecommunications carriers receiving federal funds under the program use the support only as provided in Section 254(e) of the Act. State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to received support for the following year. 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

### **Order**

The NDPSC orders:

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e), or that they will only use the support they receive during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 throughout each respective company's study area:

LIST OF COMPANIES

BEK Communications Cooperative  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of  
Minnesota, Inc.  
Citizens Telecommunications Company of  
North Dakota, Inc.  
Consolidated Telcom  
Dakota Central Telecom I

Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc  
Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a  
Cooperative Association  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Northwest Communications Cooperative  
Polar Communications Mutual Aid  
Corporation

Dakota Central Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
Dickey Rural Communications Inc.  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
Griggs County Telephone Company  
Halstad Telephone Company  
Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC

Polar Telecommunications, Inc.  
RC Communications, Inc.  
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Red River Telecom, Inc.  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Association

Inter-Community Telephone Company II,  
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Company  
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Midstate Communications Inc  
Midstate Telephone Company  
Moore & Liberty Telephone Company

SRT Communications, Inc.  
Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc./  
Ventura Communications, Inc.  
Turtle Mountain Communications  
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation  
West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
WWC Holding Co., Inc.

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
3. A copy of each of the filed affidavits is attached to and made a part of this order.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Anthony T. Clark**  
Commissioner

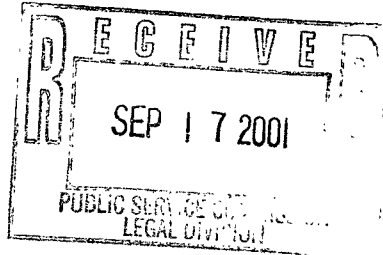


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Commissioner

**JAMES  
VALLEY**  
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS



September 14, 2001

Executive Director  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 E. Blvd Ave, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2001 in the above referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely

  
Doug Eidahl  
General Manager

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

09/17/2001

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of South Dakota     )  
  )ss.  
County of Brown            )

Doug D. Eidahl, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co. (Company) as its general manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (Support) pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (the Order) as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by the carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. §54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

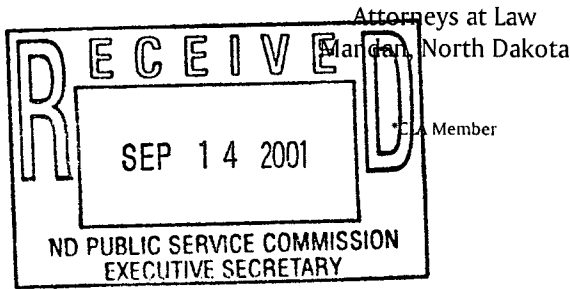


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September 14, 2001

## HAND DELIVERED

JON MIELKE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
600 EAST BOULEVARD STE 408  
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0480

### **Re: USF Certification**

Dear Mr. Mielke:

I am hand delivering an original Affidavit signed by Gene DeJordy, the vice president of Regulatory Affairs for Western Wireless Corporation.

The Affidavit is filed pursuant to the PSC's recent Order concerning certification of local exchange carriers to the FCC pursuant to 47 CFR Sections 54.313 and 54.314.

Western Wireless hereby requests the North Dakota PSC to certify to the FCC that Western Wireless Corporation has complied with certification requirements under Section 254(e) and pursuant to 47 CFR 54.101.

If you have any questions or require any other documents please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Kelsch, Local Counsel  
Western Wireless Corp.

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cc: Western Wireless (fax)

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by Western Wireless Corporation

09/14/2001

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<b>DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>
<b>AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>
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<b>TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>COMMISSION</b>
<b>COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATION PROCESS</b>	<b>§</b>	

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gene DeJordy of WWC Holding Co., Inc., a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Gene DeJordy. I am employed by Western Wireless in the position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by Western Wireless and how the Company uses these funds.
2. Western Wireless was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the North Dakota Public Service Commission by order dated December 15, 1999 in Case No. PU-1564-98-428.
3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Western Wireless, to the extent any are applied for and received, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the following supported

services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout Western Wireless' designated service area.

- (a) voice grade access to the public switched network;
- (b) local usage;
- (c) dual tone multi frequency signaling, or its functional equivalent;
- (d) single party service, or its functional equivalent;
- (e) access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911 service;
- (f) access to operator services;
- (g) access to interexchange service;
- (h) access to directory assistance;
- (i) toll blocking for qualifying low income customers; and
- (j) toll control for qualifying low-income customers.

4. "The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority,  
on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.



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Notary Public  
State of WA

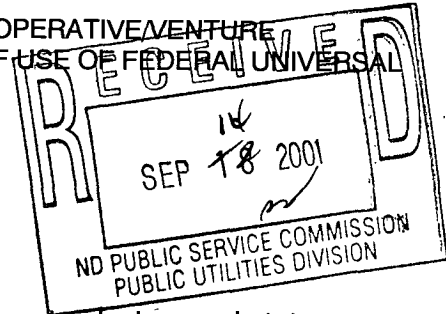
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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE/VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota )

County of )ss.



Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc./Venture Communications, Inc., (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. The Company serves 10 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 13,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.
6. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

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Affidavit re Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support by Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative

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Affidavit re Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support by Venture Communications, Inc.

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functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: *Randy W. Houdek*  
Randy W. Houdek

Its: Manager

State of South Dakota )

) ss.

County of Hyde )

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the Manager for SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC./VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Janice K. Volek*, Notary Public

For the State of South Dakota

My commission expires: 3/28/2004

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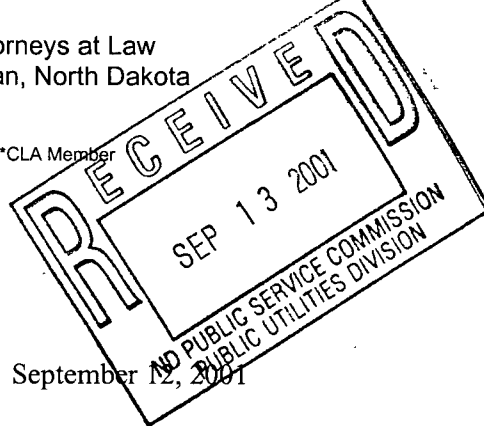
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**Re: Certification of Western Wireless as a Local Exchange Carrier to FCC Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 54.314.**

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Western Wireless received the PSC's Order concerning certification local exchange carrier to the FCC pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 54.314.

The Order provided that the carrier must file an affidavit with the Commission by September 14, 2001, certifying that the federal support it receives is used only for the provision of maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The affidavit will be the basis for the PSC's certification to the FCC.

As you know, the PSC has an Order pending that will grant Western Wireless ETC status in certain listed rural areas in North Dakota. According to Illana Jeffcoat Sacco, this Order will be considered and hopefully approved at the Board's next meeting on September 19, 2001.

In anticipation of the PSC granting Western Wireless ETC status, Western Wireless plans on filing an affidavit with the PSC certifying that any federal support it will receive will only be used for the provision of maintenance and upgrading facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). Western Wireless will also be asking the PSC to use the affidavit for the PSC's certificate to the FCC.

I am not sure if the affidavit will be able to be filed by September 14 due to problems relating to the recent terrorist acts, but it will be available before the hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup>. If this is not acceptable or if you have any questions please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Kelsch, Local Counsel  
Western Wireless Corp.



TDK:ve  
cc: Western Wireless (fax)

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Response re certification

by Western Wireless Corporation by Thomas D Kelsch

09/13/2001

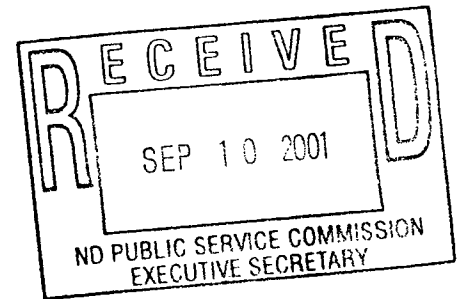
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CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY  
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Stamford, Connecticut 06905  
(203) 614-5047 *telephone*  
(203) 614-4651 *facsimile*  
rmitten@czn.com

L. RUSSELL MITTEN, *Vice President,  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*



September 7, 2001



Mr. John Mielke  
Executive Secretary  
**NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
600 East Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: North Dakota 2001 ETC Certification to the FCC for 2002 federal  
universal service support**

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460, enclosed are affidavits for Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota ("CTC-ND") and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc. ("CTC-MN") regarding the use of universal service support funds that may be received during 2002.

The Commission designated both CTC-ND and CTC-MN as eligible telecommunications carriers within the each of their study areas in Case Nos. PU-2173-99-575 and PU-2304-00-269, respectively.

Any questions or notifications of action taken on this matter should be directed to Lance Tade at (801) 924-6357, 4 Triad Center, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84180.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Russell Mitten", written over a horizontal line.

L. Russell Mitten  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Enclosure

cc: L. Tade

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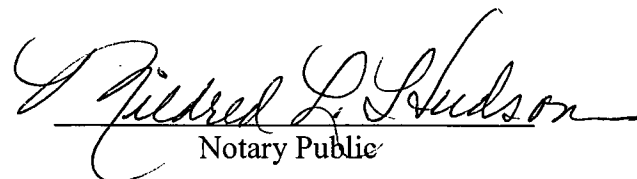
Certification to the FCC for 2002 federal  
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by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota

09/10/2001

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the  
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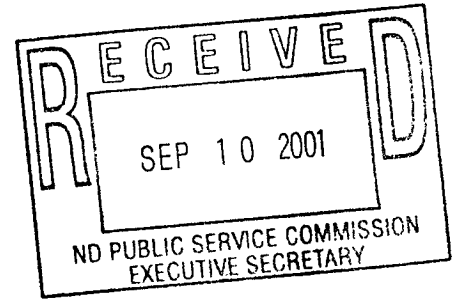
  
Notary Public

My Commission expires May 31, 2004

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September 7, 2001

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**NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
600 East Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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L. Russell Mitten  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Enclosure

cc: L. Tade

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Certification to the FCC for 2002 federal  
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State of Connecticut )  
 ) ss  
County of Fairfield )

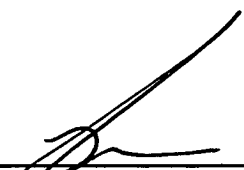
**CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER PURSUANT  
TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157**

**Affidavit of Business or Corporate Officer**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support “shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.” In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission concluded “that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support ‘only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended’ consistent with Section 254(e).” Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, ¶187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

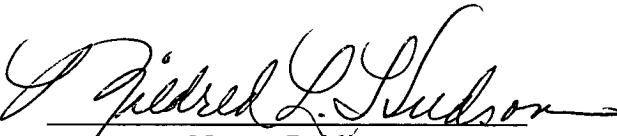
1. I am an officer of **Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota** which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
2. All federal universal service support funds received by **Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota** during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, to be eligible for federal universal service support.
3. This verification and affidavit is provided to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“ND PSC”) to enable the ND PSC to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

September 7, 2001  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

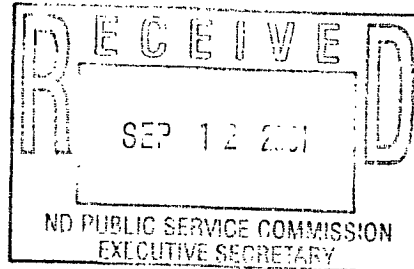
**L. Russell Mitten**  
**Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary**  
Print Name and Title

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires May 31, 2004

September 11, 2001

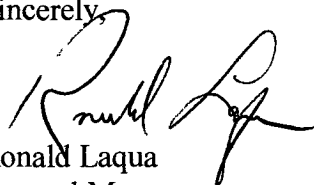


North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

Re: NDPSC Code No. PU-439-01-460

Enclosed herewith please find an Affidavit of Halstad Telephone Company regarding Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to the referenced case.

Sincerely,



Ronald Laqua  
General Manager

enclosures

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.  
PU-439-01-460**

**AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET  
NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota )

) ss.

County of Norman )

Ronald Laqua, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. \*54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \*54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the

Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \*54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. \*54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 11 day of September 2001.

HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: *Ronald Laqua*

Its: General Manager

State of Minnesota )

) ss.

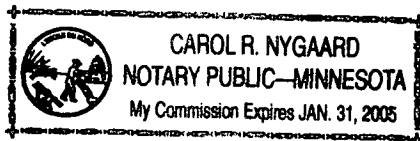
County of Norman )

On this 11th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RONALD LAQUA, known to me to be the General Manager of HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Carol R. Nygaard*, Notary Public

For the State of Minnesota

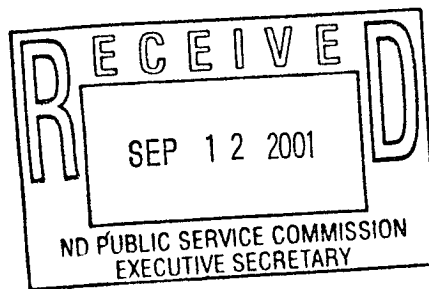
My commission expires: *January 31, 2005*





## Griggs County Telephone Co.

Ray Brown-Manager  
905 Lenham Ave SE - PO Box 506  
Cooperstown, ND 58425-0506  
Phone: (701) 797-3301  
Fax: (701) 797-2543  
rgbrown@mlgc.com



September 10, 2001

ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Attention: Jon L. Mielke, Executive Secretary

RE: USF Certification - Case No. PU-439-01-460

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2001 in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Ray Brown  
President  
Griggs County Telephone Co.



grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

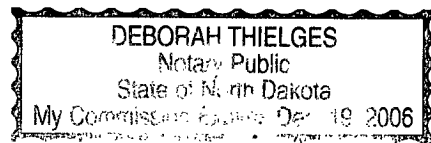
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

By Ray G. Brown  
Ray G. Brown  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
                                  Ransom     ) ss.  
County of ~~Griggs~~     )

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G. BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

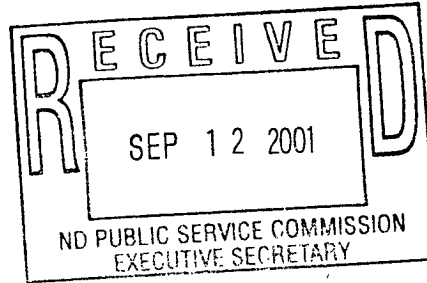
Deborah Thielges  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_





**Moore & Liberty Telephone Company**

Ray Brown - Manager  
301 Dewey Street - PO Box 66  
Enderlin, ND 58027-0066  
Phone (701) 437-3300  
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mandl@mlgc.com



September 10, 2001

ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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Sincerely,

Shelie Bunn  
Office Manager  
Moore & Liberty Telephone Co.



grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

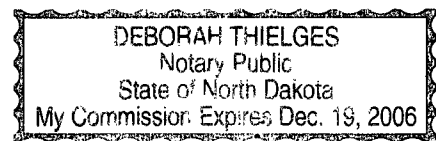
MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

By *Ray G. Brown*  
Ray G. Brown  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ransom         )

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G. BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Deborah Thielges*  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_





# Inter-Community Telephone Company



September 11, 2001

Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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Sincerely,

Keith Andersen, GM/CEO  
Inter-Community Telephone Co. II, LLC



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Dated this 7 day of September, 2001.

INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY II, LLC

By Keith Andersen  
Keith Andersen  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Barnes         )

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH ANDERSEN, known to me to be the Manager of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY II, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Roxanne Steidl  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

ROXANNE STEIDL  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 12, 2002



# Inter-Community Telephone Company



September 11, 2001



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State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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Sincerely,

Keith Andersen, GM/CEO  
Inter-Community Telephone Co., LLC



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Dated this 7 day of September, 2001.

INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, LLC

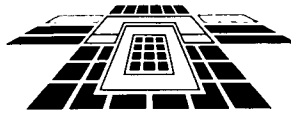
By Keith Andersen  
Keith Andersen  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Barnes         )

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH ANDERSEN, known to me to be the Manager of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Roxanne Steidl  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

ROXANNE STEIDL  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 12, 2002



**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

GENE D. SLOAN  
General Manager

September 7, 2001



North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capital  
600 E Blvd. Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's order of August 28, 2001 in the above referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all Universal Service support will only be used by Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Gene D. Sloan, General Manager

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

GDS/dmw

*"Owned By Those Who Use It"*

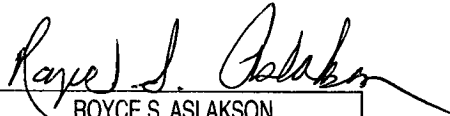
P.O. BOX 68 □ PARSHALL, NORTH DAKOTA 58770

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support by Reservation Telephone Cooperative		
09/11/2001		CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)



State of North Dakota )  
County of Mountrail )ss.  
)

On this 24 day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Gene D. Sloan, known to me to be the General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

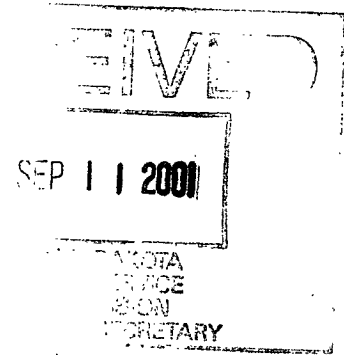
  
ROYCE S. ASLAKSON  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires DEC. 21, 2004



# NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY

211 - 22nd St. NW      ♦      PO Box 180      ♦      Devils Lake, ND 58301-0180

Phone 701-662-1700  
Fax 701-662-6446



September 10, 2001

ND Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard  
State Capitol – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Dircks,  
General Manager  
NDTC


Enc.



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Dated this 10th day of September, 2001.


NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY

By   
Dave Dircks  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ramsey         )

On this 10th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVE DIRCKS, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

**SHARLENE A PORTER**  
Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires February 3, 2007

  
Sharlene A. Porter, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 02/03/04



**West River Telecom**

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September 4, 2001



ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: USF CERTIFICATION - CASE NO. PU-439-01-460

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Sincerely,

Albert Grosz  
General Manager

AG/co

Enc.

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by West River Telecommunications Cooperative

09/10/2001

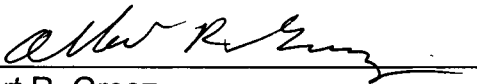
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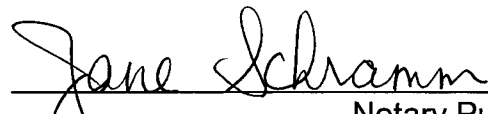
Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE

By   
Albert R. Grosz  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Mercer         )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ALBERT R. GROSZ, known to me to be the Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

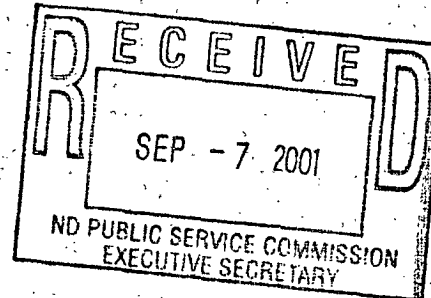
  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 9/06/06



506 Broadway • P.O. Box 136  
Abercrombie, ND 58001

September 5, 2001

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol, 12th Floor  
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

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Sincerely,

Ardon M. Doran  
General Manager  
Red River Telecom, Inc.

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
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by Red River Telecom, Inc.

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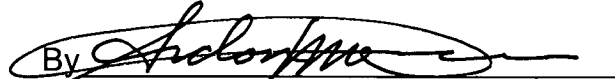
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Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

RED RIVER TELECOM, INC.

By 

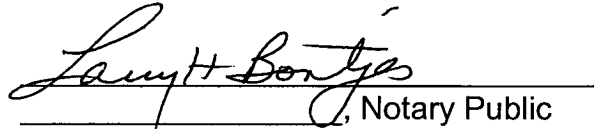
Ardon M. Doran

Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Richland        )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ARDON M. DORAN, known to me to be the Manager of RED RIVER TELECOM, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

LARRY H. BONTJES  
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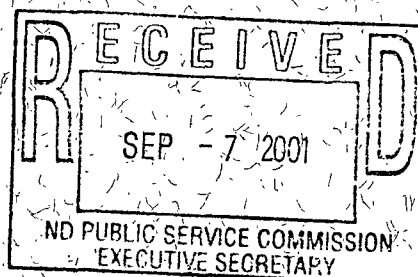
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For the State of North Dakota

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Ardon M. Doran  
General Manager  
Red River Rural Telephone Association

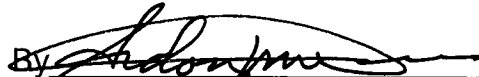
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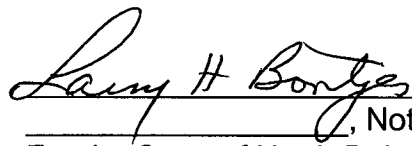
RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE  
ASSOCIATION

By   
Ardon M. Doran  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
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County of Richland        )

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LARRY H. BONTJES  
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For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Aug 15, 2001

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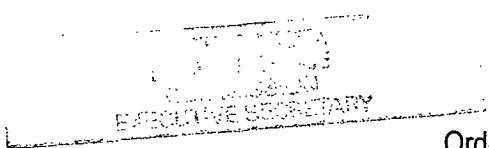
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To:

JON H. MIELKE  
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STATE CAPITOL  
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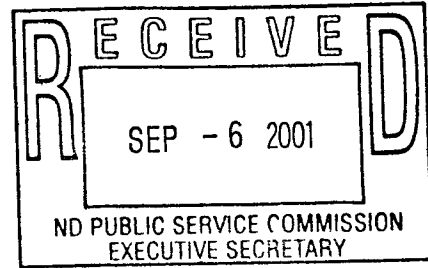
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September 5, 2001

Mr. Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed are affidavits for Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I certifying the use of federal support.

It is our desire to formally file these affidavits with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Thereafter, please certify our two companies as eligible for Federal Universal Service Funds with the FCC.

Please contact me at 1-800-771-0974 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Larson, CPA  
CEO/General Manager

630 5th Street North  
P.O. Box 299  
Carrington, ND 58421  
office: 701.652.3184

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

09/06/2001

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster                    )

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Keith A. Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.

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Dated this 5th day of September, 2001.

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I

By Keith A. Larson  
Keith A. Larson

Its: General Manager

State of North Dakota            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster                    )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH A. LARSON, known to me to be the General Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Douglas A Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: August 2, 2007

DOUGLAS A. SMITH  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Aug. 2, 2007

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster                    )

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Keith A. Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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Dated this 5th day of September, 2001.

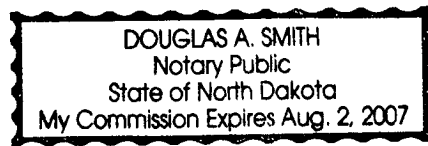
DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE

By Keith A. Larson  
Keith A. Larson  
Its: General Manager

State of North Dakota )  
 ) ss.  
County of Foster )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH A. LARSON, known to me to be the General Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

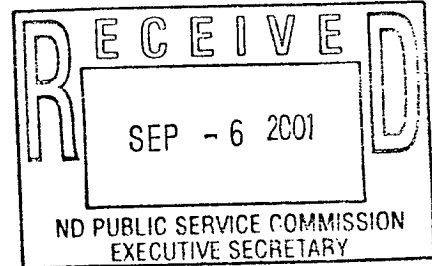
Douglas A. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: August 2, 2007



# POLAR COMMUNICATIONS

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September 4, 2001



North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave. 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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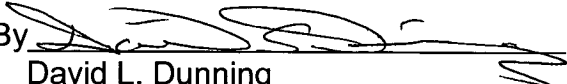
David L. Dunning  
General Manager



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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

POLAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By   
David L. Dunning  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Walsh            )

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVID L. DUNNING, known to me to be the Manager of POLAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**LENELL SWARTWOUT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires July 17, 2007

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR COMMUNICATIONS MUTUAL AID CORPORATION REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Walsh            )

David L. Dunning, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

POLAR COMMUNICATIONS MUTUAL  
AID CORPORATION

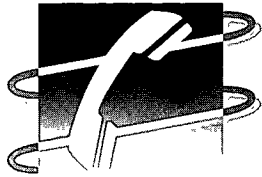
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Its: Manager

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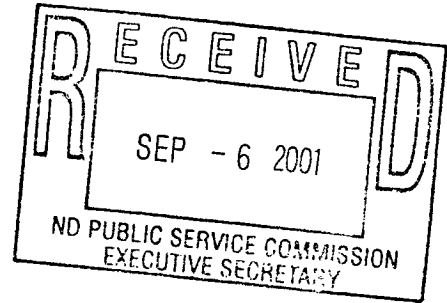
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\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**LENELL SWARTWOUT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires July 17, 2007



**Nemont**  
Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS



September 4, 2001

Mr. Jon Mielke  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Mielke,

Enclosed are an original and 7 copies of "Affidavit of Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Ron Ostberg at 1-800-636-6680.

Sincerely,

Ron Ostberg  
Government Relations

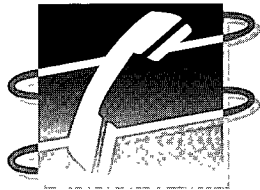
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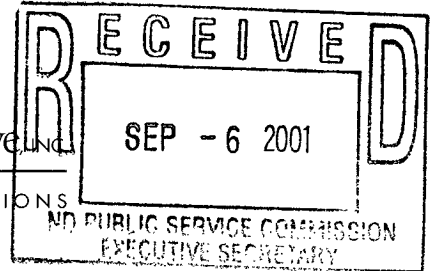
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Telephone Cooperative, INC.

TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.  
PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET  
NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota  
County of Divide

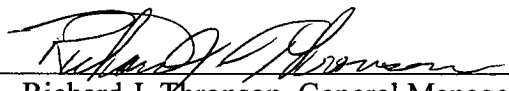
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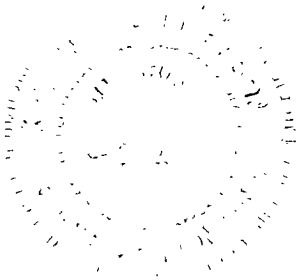
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2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

By:   
Richard J. Thronson, General Manager

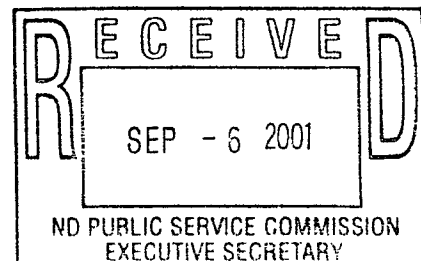


SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

Kaylin D. Gunderson  
Notary Public in and for the State of Montana.  
My Commission Expires: 04/04/04

# MICHEL W. STEFONOWICZ

Attorney-at-Law  
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September 5, 2001

John Mielke  
Executive Secretary  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-439-01-460

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Noonan Farmers Telephone Company as required by the above-referenced case number. It is my understanding that pursuant to this Affidavit, the Public Service Commission will include Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a cooperative association, in its certification to the Federal Communications Commission.

If the Affidavit is insufficient in some respect, please advise as soon as possible so that it can be amended and returned to you prior to September 14, 2001.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michel W. Stefonowicz".

Michel W. Stefonowicz

MWS/crb

Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by Noonan Farmers Tele Co.

09/06/2001

CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Case No. PU-439-01-460

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**AFFIDAVIT**  
OF  
NOONAN FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
a Cooperative Association

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)

:SS

COUNTY OF DIVIDE)

**Tom Rowse**, being duly sworn upon oath, states as follows:

1. I am the Secretary/Treasurer of Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, and pursuant to Article 6 of the Bylaws of the Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, am a corporate officer.

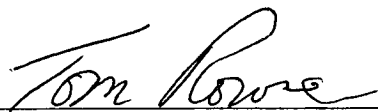
2. I make this affidavit on behalf of Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association.

3. Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, is a rural telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in the State of North Dakota.

4. I hereby certify that pursuant to the provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, all federal support received by Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

5. This affidavit is made pursuant to the Order of the State of North Dakota Public Service Commission in Case No. PU-439-01-460 for the purpose of certification by the State of North Dakota Public Service Commission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) pursuant to 47 C.F.R §§54.313 or 54.314.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TOM ROWSE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

*Cynthia Bummer*

CYNTHIA BUMMER

Notary Public

State of North Dakota

My Comm. expires: 06/04/06

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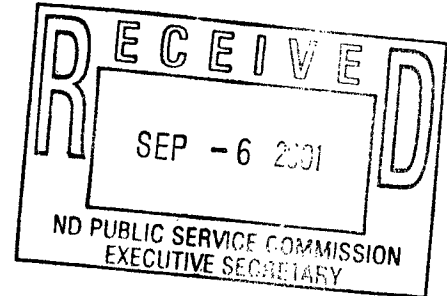
## Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

P.O. Box 280, 904 C Avenue  
Circle, Montana 59215  
Phone: (406) 485-3301  
Fax: (406) 485-2924

September 4, 2001

**CERTIFIED MAIL: 7000 1670 0007 9704 2275**

Jon Mielke  
Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
State Capitol – 600 E Boulevard  
Bismarck ND 58505-0490



RE: Universal Service Support Affidavit for Mid-Rivers Telephone  
Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Mielke:

Please find enclosed an affidavit to be filed in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is being filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact my office.

  
Gerry Anderson  
General Manager

Attachment



functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll blocking for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2001.

MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

By *Gerry Anderson*  
Gerry Anderson  
Its: General Manager

State of Montana    )  
                          ) ss.  
County of McCone    )

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared GERRY ANDERSON, known to me to be the General Manager of MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Dianne K. MURPHY*  
Notary Public For the State of Montana  
My commission expires: January 14, 2004

# TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS

September 4, 2001

Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU 439-01-460

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Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Carlson  
General Manager

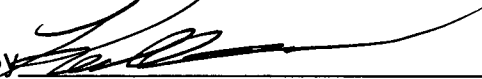
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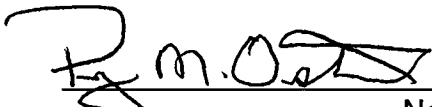
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TURTLE MOUNTAIN  
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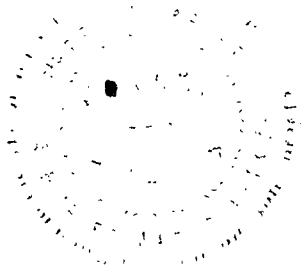
By   
Kenneth Carlson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cavalier         )

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KENNETH CARLSON, known to me to be the Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

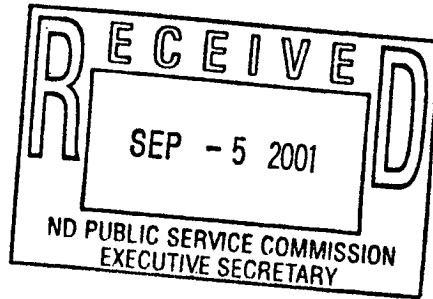
**Perry M. Oster**  
Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires September 14, 2005





September 4, 2001

Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



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Sincerely,

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Kenneth Carlson  
General Manager

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by United Telephone Mut Aid Corp

09/05/2001

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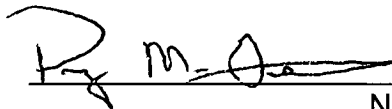
Dated this 4th day of September, 2001.

UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL  
AID CORPORATION

By   
Kenneth Carlson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cavalier         )

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KENNETH CARLSON, known to me to be the Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



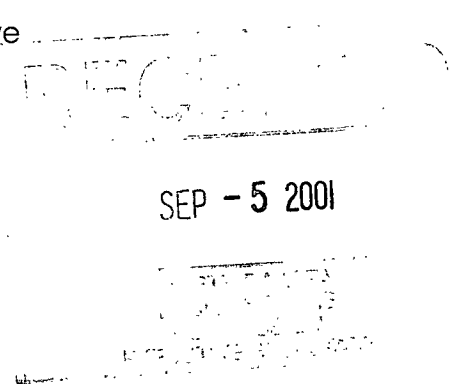
**Perry M. Oates**  
Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires September 14, 2005



Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

Dickey Rural Services, Inc.



September 4, 2001

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460  
for Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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Darren D. Moser  
General Manager

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Dated this 4th day of September, 2001.

DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By [Signature]  
Darren D. Moser  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Dickey            )

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DARREN D. MOSER, known to me to be the Manager of DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

LORI A. YOUNG  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires MAR. 31, 2005

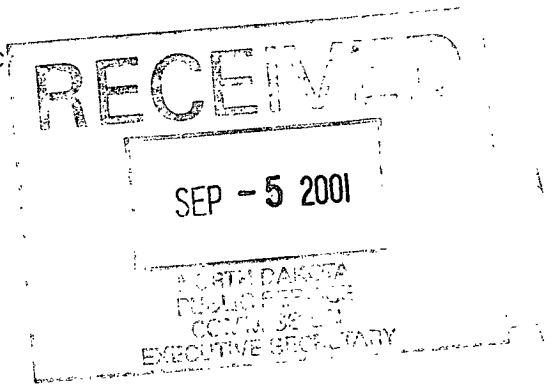
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Lori A Young, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Mar. 31, 2005



Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

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September 4, 2001

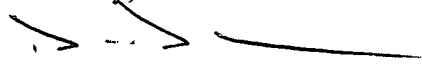
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Darren D. Moser  
General Manager

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Dated this 4th day of September, 2001.

DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE

By [Signature]  
Darren D. Moser  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Dickey            )

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DARREN D. MOSER, known to me to be the Manager of DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

LORI A. YOUNG  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires MAR. 31, 2005.

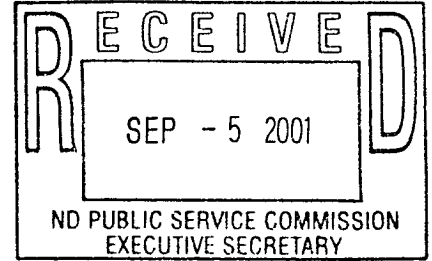
[Signature]  
Lori A. Young, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Mar. 31, 2005

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**Consolidated**  
*Reach the World, from here.*

August 31, 2001

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
600 East Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck, N.D. 58505-0480



RE: USF Certification - Case NO. PU-439-01-460

*Consolidated  
Telcom*

To Whom It May Concern:

*Consolidated  
Enterprises  
Incorporated*

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

*Consolidated  
Communications  
Corporation*

Sincerely,



L. Dan Wilhelmson  
Consolidated Telcom  
General Manager/CEO

*Consolidated  
Cable Vision*

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Communications  
Networks  
Incorporated*

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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED TELCOM

By [Signature]  
L. Dan Wilhelmson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Stark            )

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. DAN WILHELMSON, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]  
Bryan W. Personne Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 6/23/05

BRYAN W. PERSONNE  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES June 23, 2005



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September 4, 2001



Jon Mielke  
ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 East Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

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Sincerely,

Warren L. Hight  
General Manager/CEO

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Enclosure  
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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
By [Signature]  
Warren Hight  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ward             )

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared WARREN HIGHT, known to me to be the Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 8/23/2003

**KIM R. WEYDAHL**  
Notary Public, State of ND  
My Commission Expires Aug. 23, 2003

**NORTHWEST  
COMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE**

P.O. BOX 38

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September 4, 2001

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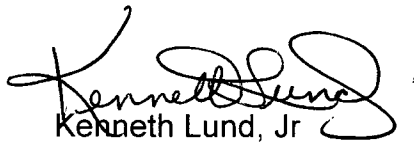
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ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
SECRETARY

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Sincerely,



Kenneth Lund, Jr  
Manager  
Northwest Communications Cooperative

KLjr/dkl

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

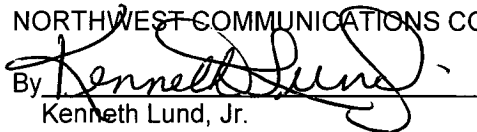
**AFFIDAVIT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota    )  
  ) ss.  
County of Williams        )

Kenneth Lund Jr., being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 4 day of September, 2001.

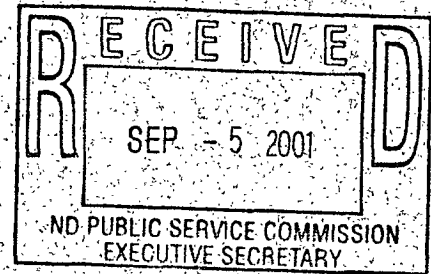
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
By   
Kenneth Lund, Jr.  
Its: Manager





September 1, 2001

Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND



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Sincerely,

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Mark Wilhelmi  
Manager  
Midstate Telephone Company  
Box 400  
Stanley, ND 58784



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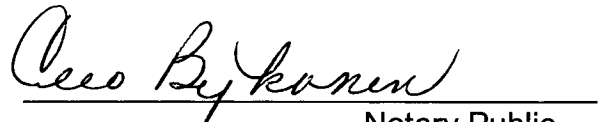
Dated this 1st day of September, 2001.

MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By   
Mark Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

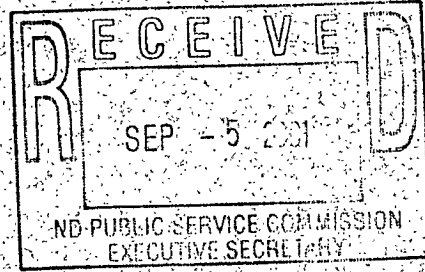
State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Mountrail     )

On this 1st day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 2-1-2006



September 1, 2001



Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND

RE: USF Certification - Case No. PU-439-01-460

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2001 in the above referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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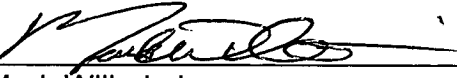
Mark Wilhelmi  
Manager  
Midstate Communications Inc.  
Box 400  
Stanley, ND 58784



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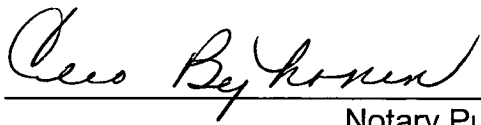
Dated this 1st day of September, 2001.

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By   
Mark Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Mountrail     )

On this 1st day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

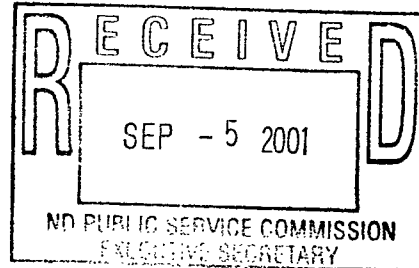
  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 2-1-2006



200 EAST BROADWAY  
P.O. BOX 230 \* STEELE, ND 58482-0230  
701/475-2361 \* FAX: 701-867-2314

September 4, 2001

ND Public Service Commission  
Secretary to the Commission  
State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: USF Certification – Case No. PU-439-01-460

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2001 in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerome Tishmack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerome Tishmack, General Manager  
BEK Communications Cooperative

JT:sb  
Enc.



grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By *Jerome Tishmack*  
Jerome Tishmack  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Kidder         )

On this 4 day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEROME TISHMACK, known to me to be the Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

*Thomas Steinolf*  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 1-15-2005





# West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

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September 2, 2001



North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
600 East Blvd Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: North Dakota PSC Annual ETC Certification to the FCC

Dear Sirs:

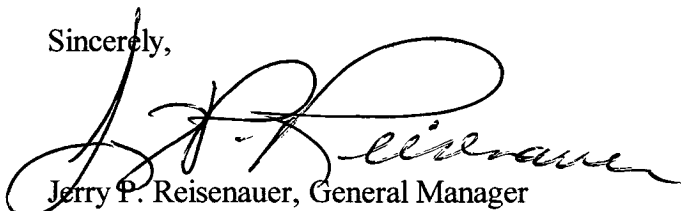
West River Cooperative Telephone Company hereby submits a request for 2001 certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission to the FCC and USAC for 2002 Federal Universal Service Support.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier serving the town of Lemmon, South Dakota, with approximately 140 access lines located in Adams and Grant Counties, North Dakota. Study Area Code is #391689.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company will use 2002 funds received for and for only the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Please direct all communications regarding our certification request to Jerry P. Reisenauer, General Manager, West River Cooperative Telephone Company. Please, also find an enclosed affidavit for certification.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry P. Reisenauer, General Manager

JR:pk

## Enclosures

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Self-certification compliance filing  
by West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
09/04/2001

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Affidavit Re Certification of Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support  
by West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
09/04/2001 CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of South Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Perkins         )

Jerry P. Reisenauer, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by West River Cooperative Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional

equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 31 day of August, 2001.

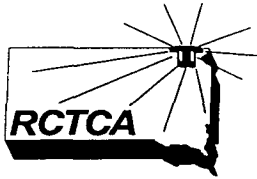
WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By Jerry P. Reisenauer  
Jerry P. Reisenauer  
Its: General Manager

State of South Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Perkins         )

On this 31 day of August, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Jerry P. Reisenauer, known to me to be the General Manager of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Colgan Kuler, Notary Public  
For the State of South Dakota  
My commission expires: 6-18-05

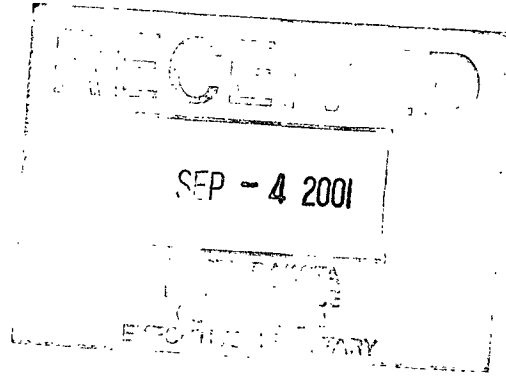


**ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

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September 1, 2001

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



RE: Case No. PU-439-01-460, Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support

Dear Mr. Mielke,

Enclosed please find an original and seven copies of the Affidavit for Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association regarding certification of use of federal Universal Service Support. This Affidavit is being filed in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this affidavit and certification, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Pamela Harrington  
General Manager

Enclosures: 8

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Cover letter re Affidavit

by Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association

09/04/2001

CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.  
PU-439-01-460 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of South Dakota)

)ss.

County of Roberts )

Pamela Harrington, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon  
affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (hereinafter, to "Company"), in the position of General Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 591 access lines within its established rural service study area, which encompasses access lines in both North and South Dakota. The Company serves approximately 78 lines in North Dakota.
4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 CFR 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 CFR 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2002, and for all quarters thereafter.

6. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2002 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 CFR 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 CFR 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2001.

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

By Pamela Harrington  
Pamela Harrington  
Its General Manager

State of South Dakota)  
)ss.  
County of Roberts )

On this 1st day of September, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAMELA HARRINGTON, known to me to be the General Manager of ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Scott Boston  
Notary Public

My Commission expired: 4-3-2004



# RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PO BOX 196  
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PHONE: 605-637-5211 or toll free 888-668-0877

September 1, 2001

Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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Sincerely,



Pamela Harrington  
General Manager

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Cover letter re Affidavit  
by RC Communications, Inc.

09/04/2001

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AFFIDAVIT OF RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF  
USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of South Dakota)

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)ss.

County of Roberts )

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3. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 1,564 access lines within its established rural service study area, which encompasses access lines in both North and South Dakota. The Company serves approximately 13 lines in North Dakota.
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Dated this 1st day of September, 2001.

RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By *Pamela Harrington*  
Pamela Harrington  
Its General Manager

State of South Dakota)  
)ss.  
County of Roberts )

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*Scott Borders*  
Notary Public

My Commission expired: 4-3-2004



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters

Case No. PU-439-01-460

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY ORDINARY MAIL OR E-MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Sharon Helbling** deposes and says that:

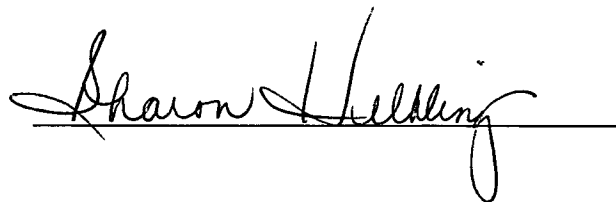
she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **29th day of August, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of:

**Order**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

**See Attached List**

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.



Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **29th day of August, 2001**.

  
Notary Public

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Sharon Helbling** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **29th day of August, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Order**

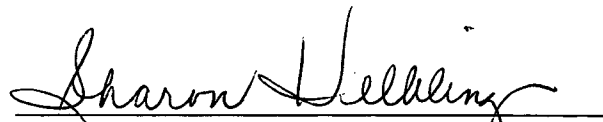
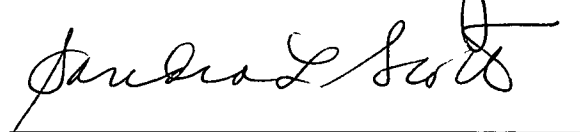
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Michael A Bosh  
Pringle & Herigstad P C  
P O Box 1000  
Minot ND 58702-1000  
**Cert. No. 7099 3220 0002 8481 1459**

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **29th day of August, 2001**.

  
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Notary Public

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**August 28, 2001**

**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

I move the Commission adopt the Order giving telecommunication companies the opportunity to certify that they will use federal universal support in accordance with Section 254 (e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Case No. PU-439-01-460, Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone Company High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

**ORDER**

**August 28, 2001**

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (Fourteenth R&O). In the Fourteenth R&O the FCC modified its rules for providing high-cost universal service support to rural telephone companies for the next five years based upon the proposals made by the Rural Task Force.

On July 26, 2001, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a notice of informal hearing and request for comments regarding the parties' implementation plans and the nature and extent of the Commission's potential involvement in the implementation of the new FCC rules. The Commission stated that it was particularly interested in comments relating to the Commission's role in the disaggregating and targeting process and the annual certification process. At the time of the notice, the Commission had not yet assigned a case number to this matter. Subsequently, the Commission assigned Case No. PU-439-01-460 to this case.

On August 15, 2001, the Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) filed comments in response to the Commission's request. The RTCG is an association of independent telephone companies serving customers in North Dakota's rural areas. On August 16, 2001, Western Wireless Corporation, d/b/a Cellular One (Western Wireless) filed comments limited to discussion of certification issues. These parties also commented at the informal hearing which was held as scheduled on August 22, 2001. No other comments were received.

**Discussion**

With this order, the Commission addresses only the state certification issue. Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires telecommunications carriers to use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." The Fourteenth R&O requires that each state public utility regulatory authority must file an annual certification with the FCC to ensure that rural telecommunications carriers receiving federal funds under the program use the support only as provided in Section 254(e) of the Act. State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to received support for the following year. 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

The FCC stated in its order that states generally have primary authority over carrier's intrastate activities, and for that reason the FCC believes the state certification process provides the most reasonable means of determining whether carriers are using the support in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 187).

Under North Dakota law, the Commission has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC such support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

The Commission recognizes that there is limited time for companies to file the necessary certification to comply with the requirements set forth in the Fourteenth R&O. Therefore, the Commission will adopt this same procedure for carriers in North Dakota to file a sworn affidavit with the Commission executed by a corporate officer certifying that the federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e).

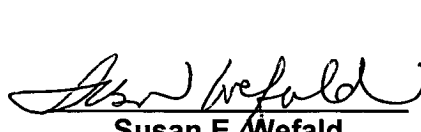
#### Order

The Commission orders:

1. That any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have Commission certification to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 or 54.314 shall file an affidavit with the Commission by September 14, 2001, as described in this order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e).
2. Affidavits filed with the Commission under this order will be the basis for the Commission's certification to the FCC.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission  
Rural Telephone High Cost Support  
PSC Comments/Letters**

**Case No. PU-439-01-460**

**Concurring Opinion  
Commissioner Susan E. Wefald**

**August 28, 2001**

I concur with the Commission's order, however, I have some additional thoughts on this matter that are addressed in this concurring opinion.

I agree with the discussion section of the order that states:

Under North Dakota law, the Commission has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC such support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth Report & Order at paragraph 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth Report & Order at paragraph 189).

After reading appropriate sections of the Fourteenth Report & Order, it is my understanding that the only exception for not filing the certification required by this order with the North Dakota Public Service Commission is for certain carriers, in limited instances, who may operate entirely outside state regulatory jurisdiction (e.g. certain tribally-owned carriers).

We do not have any eligible carriers in our state who operate entirely outside state regulatory jurisdiction, since all eligible carriers in North Dakota have been designated eligible carriers by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, under NDCC 49-21-01.7. This section states:

**Powers in general,** The Commission has the power to: ...

(12) Designate telecommunications companies as eligible telecommunications carriers to receive universal service support under sections 214 and 254 of the federal act.

Therefore, all carriers that have been designated eligible carriers in North Dakota, if they wish to continue to receive Federal Universal Service Funds, need to file certification with the North Dakota Public Service Commission as indicated in this Commission order.

# INFORMAL AGENDA

**August 22, 2001**

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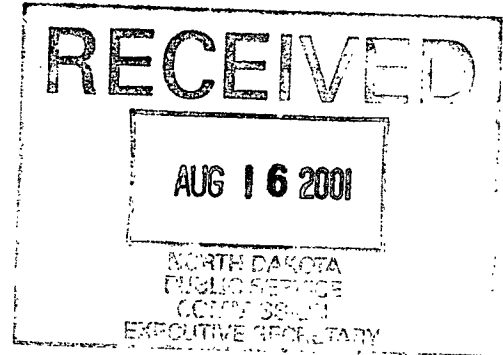
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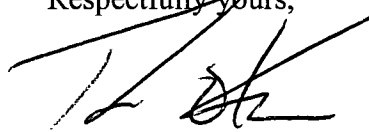
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Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of the Initial Comments of Western Wireless Corporation in Response to Notice and Request. Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any questions please contact me.

Respectfully yours,



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Notice of Informal Hearing and Request for )  
Written Comments Regarding Implementation of )  
FCC Fourteenth Report and Order )

Case No.

NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**INITIAL COMMENTS OF WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION  
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE AND REQUEST**

COMES NOW Western Wireless Corporation, d/b/a CellularOne® (“Western Wireless”), and hereby files these Initial Comments in response to the Commission’s Notice of Informal Hearing and Request for Written Comments issued on July 26, 2001.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In this proceeding, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") is asking for comments from carriers regarding the implementation of the FCC’s Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and its Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (“Fourteenth R&O”). In particular, the Commission requests comments regarding its role in disaggregation, targeting and annual certification.

2. Western Wireless is an ETC in North Dakota in the areas served by non-rural telephone companies, (Qwest); and expects to be designated, in Case No. PU-1564-98-428, as an ETC in areas served by certain rural telephone companies in North Dakota. Although Western Wireless has general opinions regarding disaggregation and targeting—generally supportive of those mandates as expressed in the Fourteenth R&O—these comments will be limited to a discussion of the certification issues.

## II. BACKGROUND

3. Section 254(e) of the Act requires carriers designated as an ETC and receiving universal service support to “use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”<sup>1</sup>

4. The FCC has determined that carriers must apply federal universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254(e).<sup>2</sup> If it finds that an ETC has not applied its federal universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254, the FCC has the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.<sup>3</sup>

5. But the FCC has left the specific determination as to *how* carriers are to use universal service support up to the states, at least insofar as rate-regulated carriers are concerned.

Because the support that will be provided by the methodology described in this Order is intended to enable the reasonable comparability of *intrastate* rates, and states have primary jurisdiction over intrastate rates, we find that it is most appropriate for states to determine how the support is used to advance the goals set out in section 254(e).<sup>4</sup>

At a minimum, however, the FCC requires states to “file a certification with the [FCC] stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to non-rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e).”<sup>5</sup>

6. The FCC has specifically noted that some states lack direct regulatory oversight over intrastate rates and that in such states, and where state commissions have limited jurisdiction over carriers,

the state need not initiate the certification process itself. Instead, in such states, non-rural LECs, and competitive eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a non-rural LEC, may formulate plans to ensure

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

<sup>2</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Seventh Report & Order and Thirteenth Order on Reconsideration* (“*Seventh Report & Order*”), 14 FCC Rcd 8078, 8115, at ¶ 77 (1999).

<sup>3</sup> *Seventh Report and Order*, 8115-16, at ¶ 78.

<sup>4</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Ninth Report & Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration* (“*Ninth Report & Order*”), 14 FCC Rcd 20432, at ¶ 95 (1999).

<sup>5</sup> *Ninth Report & Order* at ¶ 97.

compliance with section 254(e), and present those plans to the state, so that the state may make the appropriate certification to the Commission.<sup>6</sup>

7. Under the Federal Telecommunications Act, state commissions lack regulatory authority over the rates and market entry of commercial mobile radio service (“CMRS”) providers.<sup>7</sup> The ability of state commissions to make adjustments to rates, or otherwise use rate regulation mechanisms to enforce the usage requirements of section 254(e), as envisioned by the FCC in the *Fourth Report & Order*, is not, therefore, an available mechanism with regard to CMRS carriers.

8. The distribution of funds from the federal universal service system to a competitive ETC is made on a fully portable basis.<sup>8</sup> In other words, the competitive ETC receives precisely the same amount of support as the incumbent ETC and to the same extent. The competitor’s cost of service is, in a fully portable system, irrelevant.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

9. Western Wireless is an ETC in areas served by non-rural telephone companies in North Dakota—namely Qwest—and expects to be designated as an ETC in areas served by certain rural telephone companies in North Dakota when the Commission issues an order in Case No. PU-1564-98-428. A competitive ETC’s perspective is very different from that of most incumbent local exchange carriers in North Dakota. A competitive ETC will be attempting to attract customers in a market that is dominated by a monopoly telephone company. Today, all of the universal service support is being distributed to a single incumbent carrier in each service area. A competitive ETC, such as Western Wireless, will typically be deploying a different technology than that of the incumbent carriers. A competitive ETC will also need to differentiate its services in the market from the incumbent through methods such as additional features,

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<sup>6</sup> *Ninth Report & Order* at ¶ 97.

<sup>7</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(3).

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.307.

calling plans, or expanded local calling areas. Consequently, a competitive ETC's perspective with regard to the use of universal service support might, therefore, be different from that of the monopoly carrier from whom the new entrant is attempting to attract customers.

10. Also, because the distribution of funds from the federal universal service system to a competitive ETC is made on a fully portable basis, the expenditures of a competitive ETC are irrelevant insofar as the amount of universal service support is concerned. The amount of support to the competitive ETC is determined by the amount available to the incumbent ETC and is not to be influenced by the types of expenditures made by the competitive ETC. To this extent also, competitive ETCs, including Western Wireless, will have a perspective that differs from the incumbents.

11. The FCC recognized that an inquiry into the section 254(e) certification requirement would expose numerous issues outside the scope of its purview and jurisdiction. Certification is a Pandora's box that, if opened, will necessarily involve an analysis of other issues involving funding methodologies, portability, competitive neutrality, rate regulation, enforcement and many more. The FCC saw that these are issues that the state commissions would be better equipped to examine. This is why the FCC wisely deferred to the states the determinations as to the scope and extent to which incumbent carriers will be required to meet additional requirements. The FCC did not, however, make such a deferral without maintaining a minimum certification mechanism—a “regulatory safeguard” as it calls it—for other carriers.

12. The FCC structured the section 254(e) certification mechanism on the premise that state commissions have rate-setting jurisdiction over the certifying carriers. In the *Ninth Report & Order*, the FCC stated that its reason for delegating much of the certification process to the states was that the states “have primary jurisdiction over intrastate rates.”<sup>9</sup> By implication,

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<sup>9</sup> *Ninth Report & Order*, at ¶ 95.

the converse must be true: without primary jurisdiction over rates, the justification for the state to impose additional mechanisms and additional certification requirements goes away. What is left are the basic federal certification requirements: a certification letter filed by the state, in reliance upon a certification letter filed by the ETC.<sup>10</sup> The Commission should follow the guidance of the FCC and, at least in the case of CMRS carriers and other competitive ETCs outside the rate regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission, require only the certification letter.

13. Western Wireless is also concerned that an innocent effort intended only to examine certification mechanisms will lead the Commission to undermine the strong federal policy of portability of universal service support. Portability of support to a competitive ETC is critical to the continued maintenance and development of a competitive universal service market. Competitive ETCs depend on complete access to the same sources and levels of universal service support available to the incumbent ETC in order to enter supported markets. For a competitor, the level of universal service support is established without regard to the competitive ETC's costs or expenses. The amount of support distributed to the incumbent ETC is to be available to the competitor, regardless of the competitor's technology or other factors that might influence cost of service. Costs and expenditures are simply not applicable in determining the amount of portable universal service support to a competitive ETC.

14. The Commission is faced with the choice between adopting the FCC's annual certification procedure or diving into a Pandora's box of issues. The Commission should not presume that it is not doing enough to protect universal service support from fraud and misuse. The Commission holds the weapons of investigation, audit and enforcement, which can be used against any ETC, competitive or incumbent. The Commission also holds the ultimate

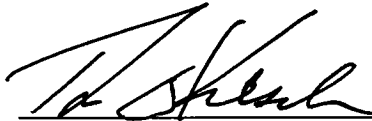
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<sup>10</sup> 47 CFR § 54.313; 47 CFR § 54.809.

enforcement leverage against all ETCs—their ETC designation and the eligibility to continue receiving support.

15. For these reasons, Western Wireless respectfully recommends that the Commission adopt the procedure established by the FCC of requiring certification letters from ETCs, that it monitor the ongoing effectiveness of this mechanism, and that it postpone the adoption of any additional requirements until it has more time to consider the need and benefit of adopting any such additional requirements.

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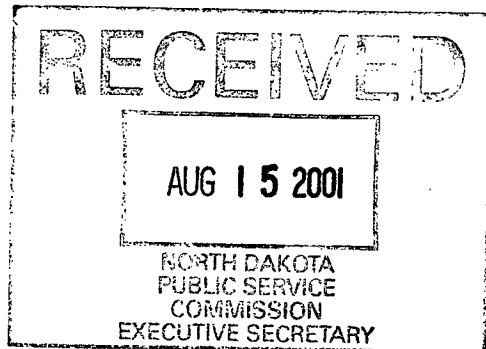
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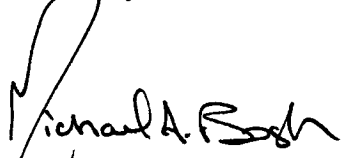


Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary  
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Dear Mr. Mielke:

In accordance with the "Notice of Informal Hearing and Request for Written Comments Regarding Implementation" dated July 26, 2001, please find attached Comments of the Rural Telephone Company Group. The original Comments are following by regular mail. I would ask that you please provide to the undersigned copies of all other comments filed by other interested parties in this proceeding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Michael A. Bosh  
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Comments of Rural Telephone Company Group Regarding  
Disaggregation and State Certification for USF Funding

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, the "FCC") released its "FOURTEENTH REPORT AND ORDER, TWENTY-SECOND ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION, AND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING" in CC Docket 96-45, and its "REPORT AND ORDER" in CC Docket 00-256 (hereinafter, "FCC Order"). In the FCC Order, in part, the FCC modified its rules for providing high-cost universal service support, based upon recommendations made by the Rural Task Force. On July 26, 2001, in a "NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING AND REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION," the Commission requested written comments by August 15, 2001 on any aspect of the implementation of the new FCC rules, including the "Commission's role in the disaggregating and targeting process and the annual certification process."

The Rural Telephone Company Group (hereinafter, the "RTCG") is an association of independent telephone companies serving customers in North Dakota's rural service areas, as listed on attached Exhibit A. The RTCG hereby provides its written comments, as requested by the Commission.

**I. Certification for Universal Service Funding.**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act") requires carriers to only use universal service support "for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." The FCC Order requires states to file annual certifications with the FCC ensure that carriers within the state

only use universal service support for the intended purposes consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act. See FCC Order, ¶ 187; 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a). The FCC Order places this burden on the state commissions based on its belief that the states generally have primary authority over carriers' intrastate activities. With a few limited exceptions, if a state does not file the required certifications with the FCC, the carriers within that state will not receive universal service high-cost support.

The FCC Order recognizes that some state commissions only possess limited regulatory oversight over the carriers operating within their states, and that certain carriers may not be subject to any regulation by its state commission. See FCC Order, ¶¶ 188-189; 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b). For states with only limited regulatory oversight over carriers, the FCC Order allows the state commission to provide the necessary certification to the FCC pursuant to plans formulated by the carriers and presented to the Commission. FCC Order, ¶ 188. For carriers that are not subject to any state commission jurisdiction, the FCC Order allows such carriers to certify directly to the FCC in the form of a sworn affidavit. FCC Order, ¶ 189.

In North Dakota, this Commission has very limited regulatory jurisdiction over North Dakota's rural telecommunications carriers. Indeed, the Commission only has the powers specifically granted by the North Dakota Legislature, and the Legislature has not provided the Commission with the specific authority to provide the Section 254(e) certifications requested by the FCC. Therefore, it is highly questionable whether the Commission has the specific authority and jurisdiction to provide the certifications as requested by the FCC Order.

However, as the Commission is well aware, it is absolutely imperative that North Dakota's carriers continue to receive universal service high-cost support, and this support will not be provided for the first quarter of 2002 if proper certification is not received by the FCC by October 1, 2001. See FCC Order, ¶ 191. There is not replacement revenue available to North Dakota's rural carriers if federal universal service support is withheld, and any loss of federal support would have a severe negative effect on the rural carriers and more specifically their customers.

Therefore, since time is of the essence in this matter, and since it would be inefficient for the Commission and the RTCG carriers to expend their resources on arguing matters of jurisdiction, the RTCG carriers propose a plan of joint certification to the FCC:

- (i) On or before September 17, 2001, each of the RTCG carriers will file with the Commission a sworn affidavit executed by an authorized company officer attesting that the company has used in the past, and will use in the future, its federal universal service support funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to section 254(e) of the Act;
- (ii) Contemporaneous with its filing with the Commission, each RTCG carrier will file with the FCC a duplicate original sworn affidavit, and will submit a copy of the affidavit to USAC; and
- (iii) Before October 1, 2001, the Commission will certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(c) that all federal high-cost funds flowing to the rural carriers in North Dakota will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

This plan, as proposed by the RTCG carriers, strikes an appropriate balance between the FCC's request for certification that universal service high-cost support is only being used by rural carriers in North Dakota for its intended purpose, and the severe time limitations created by the FCC Order. The affidavits provided by the RTCG carriers to the

Commission are of sufficient reliability for the Commission to provide the requested 254(e) certification to the FCC, as they are the same type of affidavits that the FCC is accepting from self-certifying carriers that do not fall under the jurisdiction of any state commission. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(c). In addition, because the Commission will be providing the requested certification to the FCC, and because the RTCG carriers will also be self-certifying to the FCC, the proposed plan ensures that the RTCG carriers will continue to receive federal universal service high-cost support without the parties having to waste considerable resources resolving issues regarding whether the Commission has been properly authorized by the Legislature to provide the certification requested by the FCC.

## **II. Disaggregation and Targeting of Support.**

Currently, federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers is averaged across all lines served by a carrier within its study area. The FCC Order provides a mechanism allowing carriers to depart from study-area averaging, and to instead “disaggregate” and target per-line high-cost universal service support (including high-cost loop support, LTS, and LSS) into geographic areas below the study area level. The FCC Order requires carriers to choose one of three disaggregation “paths.” A carrier should elect “Path One” if the carrier wishes to continue study-area averaging, rather than disaggregating. A carrier must elect “Path Two” if it wishes to have its state commission review and approve a disaggregation plan. A carrier may elect “Path Three” if it wishes to self-certify a disaggregation plan that includes no more than two cost zones per wire center. Under the FCC Order, a carrier must choose one of the three paths within 270 days of the effective date of 47 C.F.R. § 54.315.

Obviously, the RTCG carriers cannot at this early date indicate to the Commission which disaggregation “path” they will elect next year. The decision of whether to disaggregate or to maintain study-area averaging, and the identification of the appropriate number of cost zones for each wire center if disaggregation is chosen, can only be made after careful thought and study, and it is likely that many RTCG carrier will not be in a position to choose a disaggregation “path” much before the FCC’s deadline next year.

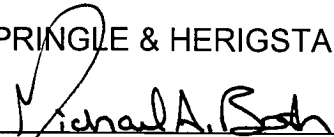
However, a key issue for discussion at this time is whether the Commission has the jurisdictional authority to require any carrier to disaggregate, or to even review and approve a disaggregation plan presented by an interested party. As noted above, the Commission has only such powers as have been granted by statute enacted by the North Dakota Legislature. Capital Electric Coop. v. Public Service Commission, 534 N.W.2d 587 (N.D. 1994); City of Grafton v. Otter Tail Power Co., 86 N.W.2d 197, Syll. 6 (N.D. 1957). Moreover, as the Commission is well aware, the FCC cannot grant powers to this Commission that have not been otherwise provided by the Legislature.

N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7 provides an inclusive list of the Commission’s specific powers, but neither the authority to require a carrier to disaggregate, nor the authority to review and approve a disaggregation plan presented by an interested party, is included in the list. Thus, it does not appear that the Commission presently has the authority to take part in the disaggregation process contemplated by the FCC Order, although the RTCG is willing to consider and discuss any arguments that the Commission has received the implicit authority to do so by a North Dakota statute other than N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

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Regarding Implementation

Hi Colleen,

Here's another one. Please have this published as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

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DATE: 7-25-01  
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**MOTION**

**July 25, 2001**

**Rural Task Force  
Disaggregation Proceedings  
Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments**

I move the Commission schedule an informal hearing on disaggregation proceedings as specified in the FCC's May 23, 2001, Rural Task Force Order on August 22, 2001, and issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments.

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING  
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REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION**

**July 26, 2001**

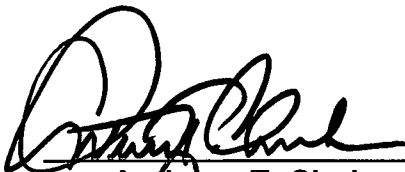
On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (Fourteenth R&O). In the Fourteenth R&O the FCC modified its rules for providing high-cost universal service support to rural telephone companies for the next five years based upon the proposals made by the Rural Task Force.

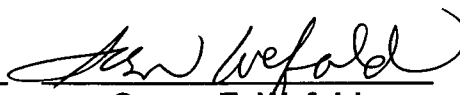
The Commission is requesting information from interested parties regarding the parties' implementation plans and the nature and extent of the Commission's potential involvement in the implementation of the new FCC rules. Of particular interest is the Commission's role in the disaggregating and targeting process and the annual certification process, but the Commission welcomes comments on any aspect of the implementation of the new FCC rules.

**The Commission requests written comments on these matters by August 15, 2001. An informal hearing on this matter will be held on August 22, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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1. Article Addressed to: <b>Paul Island</b> <b>Walworth Telephone Company</b> <b>PO Box 129</b> <b>Walworth MN 56594-0129</b>	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If YES, enter delivery address below:	
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1. Article Addressed to:

*Doug Bidahl*  
*James Tally Cooperative Telephone*  
*Company*  
 PO Box 260  
 Huston MO 57445-0260

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

*7099 3220 0002 8481 2494*

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B. Date of Delivery

*10 01 01*

C. Signature

*X Danna Kahle*

Agent

Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

No

3. Service Type

Certified Mail

Express Mail

Registered

Return Receipt for Merchandise

Insured Mail

C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

*David R Dunning*  
*Palar Telecommunications Inc*  
*Palar Communications Mutual*  
*Aid Corporation*  
 PO Box 270  
 Park River MO 58270

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

*7099 3220 0002 8481 2302*

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B. Date of Delivery

*10-01-02*

C. Signature

*David Dunning*

Agent

Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

No

3. Service Type

Certified Mail

Express Mail

Registered

Return Receipt for Merchandise

Insured Mail

C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Ray Brown*  
*Grupp City Telephone Company*  
 PO Box 506  
 Cooperstown MO 58425-0506

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly)

B. Date of Delivery

*Kary Hanson*

C. Signature

*X Kary Hanson*

Agent

Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

No

3. Service Type

Certified Mail

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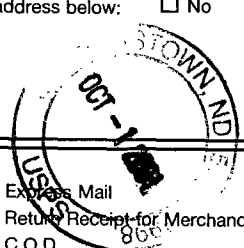
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes



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1. Article Addressed to:

*Gerry Reusenauer*  
*West River Cooperative Telephone Company*  
 PO Box 39  
 Bison SD 57620

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *Roxie Chapman* B. Date of Delivery *10/1/01*  
 C. Signature *Roxie Chapman*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Steve Kakta*  
*Raretel Systems Inc*  
 PO Box 72  
 Ada Ok 56510-0072

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *HEROLD W BILKUM* B. Date of Delivery *10/1/01*  
 C. Signature *Herold W Bilcum*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Pamela Harrington*  
*Roberts City Telephone Cooperative Assn.*  
 Box 197  
 New Effington SD 57255-0197

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *Crystal Kemnitz* B. Date of Delivery *10-1-01*  
 C. Signature *Crystal Kemnitz*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

*7099 3220 0002 8481 24570*

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Pamela Harrington  
 RC Communications Inc  
 Box 196  
 Newington NH 5255-0197

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
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C. Signature  
 X *Crystal Kemnitz*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Randy Loudek  
 Venture Communications, Inc.  
 PO Box 157  
 Lebanon NH 57345

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery *10/1/01*

C. Signature  
 X *Karla Hyde*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Ron Astberg  
 Vermont Telephone Cooperative Inc  
 PO Box 600  
 Leakey NH 59263-0600

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *Garnet Hagley* B. Date of Delivery *10-1-01*

C. Signature  
 X *Garnet Hagley*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Serry Anderson  
Med. Rivers Telephone Cooperative  
PO Box 280  
Cricle Mt 59215*

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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*Vonnie Wagner* *10/01/01*

C. Signature

*X Vonnie Wagner*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
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3. Service Type

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Benneth Carlson  
Turtle Mountain Communications  
United Telephone Mutual Club  
Corporation  
PO Box 729  
Langdon ND  
58249-0729*

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

*7099 3220 0002 8481 1671*

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

*X Kiffen Gordon* *9-24-01*

C. Signature

*X Kiffen Gordon*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail  Express Mail  
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1. Article Addressed to:

*Ron Ostberg  
Nemont Telephone  
Cooperative Inc.  
PO Box 600  
Seabey MT  
59243-0600*

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

*7099 3220 0002 8481 1619*

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*Carmel Fladager* *9/24/01*

C. Signature

*X Carmel Fladager*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Keith A. Larson  
Nakata Central Telecom J  
Nakata Central Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
PO Box 299  
Carrington ND 58421*

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
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C. Signature  
*X Deb Cople*  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Ray Bracon  
Bellevue County Telephone Company  
PO Box 506  
Cooperstown ND  
58425-0506*

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
*Kary Hanson*

C. Signature  
*X Kary J. Hanson*  Agent  Addressee

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1. Article Addressed to:

*Kenneth Lund Jr  
Northwest Comm Cooperative  
PO Box 38  
Ray ND 58849-0038*

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
*Sheri Simpson* *9-21-01*

C. Signature  
*X Sheri Simpson*  Agent  Addressee

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1. Article Addressed to:

Barren Moser  
 Richy Rural Telephone Coy  
 Richy Rural Comm  
 PO Box 69  
 Ellendale ND 58436

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1688

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

9-21-01

C. Signature

X

J. Eberle

- Agent
- Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail  Express Mail
- Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

Michael A Bush  
 Pringle + Unrupted  
 PO Box 1000  
 Minot ND 58702-1000

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1534

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

Jo Boyko 21 SEP 2001

C. Signature

X

Jo Boyko

- Agent
- Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail  Express Mail
- Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise
- Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

Dene Sloan  
 Reservation Telephone Coop  
 PO Box 68  
 Parshall ND 58770

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1558

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

Barbara Lee SEP 21 2001

C. Signature

X

Barbara Lee

- Agent
- Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail  Express Mail
- Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Michel W Stepanowicz Atty for  
 Norman Farmers Telephone  
 Company, a Cooperative Assoc.  
 PO Box 289  
 Crosby ND 58730-0289

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1626

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *C/NO1 Bummer* B. Date of Delivery *9-21-01*

C. Signature  
*X Cindy Bummer*  Agent  
 Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Albert Drossy  
 West River Telecomm. Coop.  
 PO Box 467  
 Hagen ND 58545

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1572

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
*9/24/01*

C. Signature  
*X Jeff Hayden*  Agent  
 Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Keith Anderson  
 Inter-Community Telephone Company  
 Inter-Community Telephone  
 PO Box 8  
 Nore ND 58062-0008

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

7099 3220 0002 8481 1541

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) *Mary Peterson* B. Date of Delivery *9-24-01*

C. Signature  
*X Mary Peterson*  Agent  
 Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

*no - good PO box  
 delivery address*

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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Ronald Laguna Halstad Telephone Company 345 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave W Halstad M.N 56548		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressee	9-21-01
2. Article Number (Copy from service label)		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
7099 3220 0002 8481 1633		If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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		3. Service Type	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
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David L. Dunning Polar Telecommunications Inc Polar Telecommunications Mutual aid Corporation PO Box 270 Park River ND 58270		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressee	9-24-01
2. Article Number (Copy from service label)		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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		3. Service Type	
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Warren L. Supt LRS Communications Inc PO Box 2027 Minot ND 58702-2027		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressee	9-24-01
2. Article Number (Copy from service label)		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Thomas O Keloch  
 Keloch Keloch Ruff & Kranda  
 PO Box 1266  
 Mandan ND 58554-1266

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Valerie Ehrlich 9-24-01

C. Signature  
 X Valerie Ehrlich  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Ardson M Doran  
 Red River Telecom - Inc  
 Red River Rural Telephone Assoc.  
 PO Box 136  
 Abercrombie ND 58001

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Ardson M Doran 9-22-01

C. Signature  
 X [Signature]  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

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 PO Box 1266  
 Mandan ND 58554-1266

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 [Signature] 8-31-01

C. Signature  
 X [Signature]  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 1446



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1. Article Addressed to:  
 L Dan Wilhelmson  
 Consolidated Telcom  
 507 S Main  
 Dickinson ND 58601

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) **RAY KRENZ** B. Date of Delivery **SEP 28 2001**

C. Signature **X RAY KRENZ**  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Darren Moser  
 Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
 Dickey Rural Communications  
 PO Box 69  
 Ellendale ND 58436

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery **9-28-01**

C. Signature **X D Moser**  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 2388

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Keith A Larson  
 Dakota Central Telcom I  
 Dakota Central Telecommunications  
 Cooperative  
 PO Box 299  
 Carrington ND 58421

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery **9-28-01**

C. Signature **X Keith Larson**  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Jerome Lishmack  
 BEK Communicational Corp  
 PO Box 230  
 Steele ND 58482-0230

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 2432

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 9-28-01

C. Signature  
 X Clausette Engringer  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Dave Durcks  
 North Dakota Telephone Company  
 PO Box 180  
 Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 2029

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Fat McLean 9-28-01

C. Signature  
 X Fat McLean  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Gene Sloan  
 Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
 PO Box 68  
 Marshall ND 58770

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Barbara Lee SEP 28 2001

C. Signature  
 X Barbara Lee  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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	C. Signature <i>Joyce Viall</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
1. Article Addressed to: <i>Kenneth Rund Jr. Northwest Communications Cooperative PO Box 38 Ray MO 58849-0038</i>	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Article Number (Copy from service label) <i>7099 3220 0002 8481 2418</i>	3. Service Type <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
PS Form 3811, July 1999	4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Domestic Return Receipt		102595-00-M-0952

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	C. Signature <i>M. Stepanowicz</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
1. Article Addressed to: <i>Michel W Stepanowicz atty for Notary Farmers Telephone Company a Cooperative Association PO Box 289 Crosby MO 58730-0289</i>	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Article Number (Copy from service label) <i>7099 3220 0002 8481 2326</i>	3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
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	C. Signature <i>Ardon M Doran</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
1. Article Addressed to: <i>Ardon M Doran Red River Telecom Inc Red River Rural Tele Assoc PO Box 136 Abercrombie MO 58001</i>	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
	4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Thomas D Kelsch  
 Kelsch Kelsch Ruff + Kunka  
 PO Box 1266  
 Mandan ND 58554-1266

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Valerie Ehrlich 9/28/01

C. Signature  
 X Valerie Ehrlich  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 1985

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Michael A Bosh  
 Pringle + Hospital  
 PO Box 1000  
 Mandan ND 58702-1000

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Jo Banko 28 SEP

C. Signature  
 X Jo Banko  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail  Express Mail  
 Registered  Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 Insured Mail  C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)  
 7099 3220 0002 8481 1992

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Warren R Light  
 LRI Communications Inc  
 PO Box 2027  
 Mandan ND 58702-2027

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery  
 Larry J. Morser 9-28-01

C. Signature  
 X Larry J. Morser  Agent  Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
 If YES, enter delivery address below:  No

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	Jo Banko 8-29-99	
1. Article Addressed to: Michael A Bosh Premier Uniprint PC PO Box 1000 Mount Airy NC 28702-1000	C. Signature	
	X Jo Banko <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
2. Article Number (Copy from service label) 7099 3220 0002 8481 1459	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PS Form 3811, July 1999	3. Service Type	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
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	Nancy Ziegler 9-24-01	
1. Article Addressed to: Dave Dicks North Dakota Telephone Company PO Box 180 Devils Lake ND 58301-0180	C. Signature	
	X Nancy Ziegler <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
2. Article Number (Copy from service label) 7099 3220 0002 8481 1565	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PS Form 3811, July 1999	3. Service Type	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
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