



West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Re: North Dakota PSC Annual ETC Certification to the FCC

Dear Sirs:

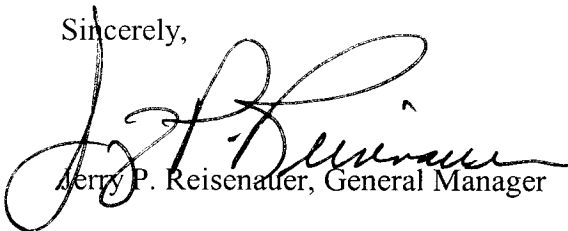
West River Cooperative Telephone Company hereby submits a request for 2009 certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission to the FCC and USAC for 2010 Federal Universal Service Support.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier serving the town of Lemmon, South Dakota, with approximately 120 access lines located in Adams, Grant and Sioux Counties, North Dakota. Study Area Code is #391689.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company will use 2010 funds received 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

Enclosures

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Certification of Use of Federal universal Services
Support

West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Jerry Reisenauer, Gnl. Mgr.

**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.

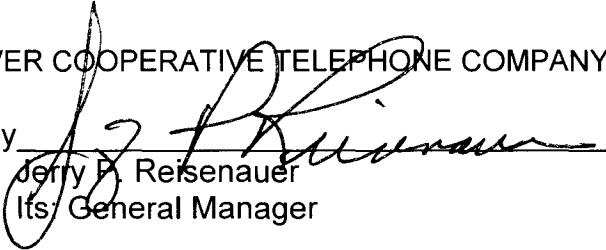
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal 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 2010, 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 2010 (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.

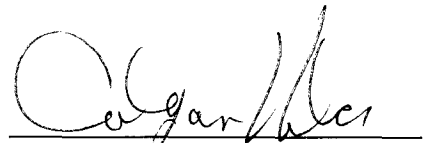
Dated this 11 day of August, 2009.

WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By 
Jerry P. Reisenauer
Its General Manager

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

On this 11 day of August, 2009, 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.

, Notary Public
For the State of South Dakota
My commission expires: 7/20/11