BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF **Loretel Systems, Inc.** STUDY AREA **36-1443**
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BROWN)

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

1. Affiant is employed by **Loretel Systems, Inc.** (hereinafter, the "Company") in the position of **Secretary**.

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 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 (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order") as codified in 47 C.F.R and 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 and 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002 in Case No. PU-439-02-441. 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 2011 (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 and 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R and 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 July 22, 2010

by Bob Weiss
Its: Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BROWN)

On this 22nd day of July, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Bob Weiss, known to me to be the Secretary 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.

Lori A. Rieke
Notary Public For the State of Minnesota

My Commission Expires: 1-31-2013

LORI A. RIEKE
Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2013