



West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Darrell Nitschke
ND Public Service Commission
12th Floor State Capitol
600 East Blvd Ave.
Bismarck, ND 585-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Please find enclosed our filing in accordance with Case No. PU-10-476 and Chapter 69-09-05, Section 69-09-05-12.1.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime.

Sincerely,



Jerry P. Reisenauer
General Manager

JPR:ss

Enclosure

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Certification of Use of Federal Universal Services Support

West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Jerry Reisenauer

provided on Exhibit B hereto as part of the Company's current Two-Year Plan. Consistent with federal universal service principles, the Company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2011 to offset a portion of these 2011 expenditures. This use of federal universal service support will enable the Company to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service provisions.

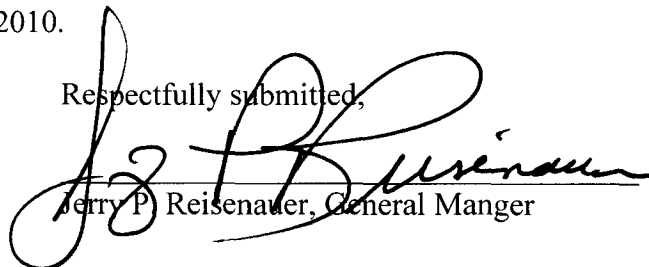
3. In addition to the information included in Exhibits A and B, the following information is provided to meet the Commission's "Certification requirements" set forth in Section 69-09-05-12.1:

- During calendar year 2009, the Company experienced no service outages affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers, for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes:
- The Company was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2009, and as of December 31, 2009, the Company had no unfulfilled requests for service.
- During 2009, the Company's customer service department received no formal written complaints from consumers.
- Also attached as "Exhibit C" is a document containing other certifications, including those required under the provisions Section 254(e).

4. Based on all of the foregoing information, including the information provided on Exhibits A, B and C, the Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that West River Cooperative Telephone Company is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2011. In order to ensure that this certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2010, the Company would further ask the Commission to expedite the process that is initiated based on this filing.

Dated this 17 day of September 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry P. Reisenauer, General Manger

EXHIBIT C
Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PERKINS) ss.

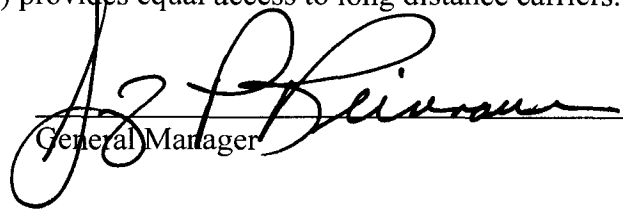
1. I am the General Manager of West River Cooperative Telephone Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and/or safety valve support.

3. During 2009, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2009, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

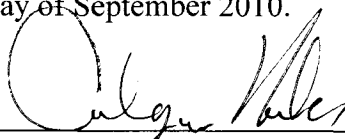
4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2011 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (i) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; (ii) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in Chapter 69-09-05, Section 69-09-05-12.1; (iii) provides a flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; and (iv) provides equal access to long distance carriers.



General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 17 day of September 2010.



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