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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard - Dept. 408
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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 Certification of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-11-463**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 Certification of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership, filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 8, 2011 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-11-463. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support the Company will receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An original, plus eight copies, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp one of the copies and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please contact me immediately if there are any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Carlson

AMC/sjc

Enclosures

cc: Diana Stevens
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Certification of use of federal universal services support

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**AFFIDAVIT OF
BADLANDS CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1225-03-600, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389009 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use 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 No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, which require certification to the FCC and USAC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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 2012.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support it receives will be used only 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 also use the Support to provide the following services or functionalities, as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(1)-(9), throughout the Company's designated areas: (a) voice-grade access to the public switched telephone 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 20th day of July, 2011.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By *Albert Grosz*

Albert Grosz
President, Badlands Cellular, Inc., General Partner of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

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

On this 20th day of July, 2011, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Albert Grosz, President, Badlands Cellular, Inc., general partner of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Jane Schramm
Notary Public
My Commission expires _____

