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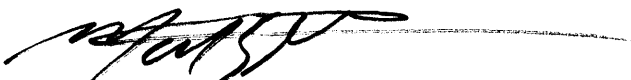
**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 Certification of Badlands Cellular of North  
Dakota Limited Partnership  
Case No. PU-12-236**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 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 10, 2012 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-12-236. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support has been and 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,



Matthew A. Slaven

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Enclosures

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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. § 54.314, 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 2013.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received has been and 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2012.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By 

Mark R. Smith  
Assistant Secretary, CommNet Cellular Inc.  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of  
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of Georgia            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Fulton         )

On this 20 day of July, 2012, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Mark R. Smith, Assistant Secretary, CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 9-8-12

SANDRA F. BROCK  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

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