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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification – Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (“CTC-MN”) hereby requests certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (“USAC”) for universal service support, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

CTC-MN’s Oslo exchange provides service to 74 customers in North Dakota.

In compliance with the Commission’s order dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460, and the Commission’s order dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441, CTC-MN files the enclosed affidavit executed by a corporate officer certifying that the federal support the carrier will receive is used 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 federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions please contact me at 952-435-1356.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Hegdal
Manager – Compliance and Reporting

Enclosure

cc: Scott Bohler

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MONROE)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (the "Company"), as its Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. Affiant is an officer of the Company and is authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
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 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 CC Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) and the order of the FCC released November 18, 2011 in CC Docket Number 96-45 and WC Docket Number 10-90 et al. (FCC 11-161), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support provided to such carriers within each state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used by in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended. 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 2013.
5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support it received during the four quarters of 2011 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support was intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and that the Company used the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 as in effect at that time. The Company also certifies that the federal Support it will receive during the four quarters of 2013 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant

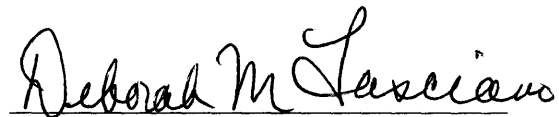
to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.7, and that the Company will use the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Name _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF MONROE)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 2012.


Notary Public

DEBORAH M. FASCIANO
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Monroe County
No. 01FA5048034
My Commission Expires 8/14/2013