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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol, 12th Floor
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Per commission requirements, we are filing our affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support for North Dakota. Please file the certification with the FCC and USAC on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Ann Faught
Manager
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO., INC.
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

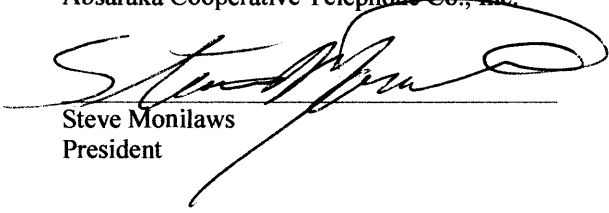
State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cass)

Steve Monilaws, does hereby swear and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is President of the Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company").
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 "PSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of 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 Communication Commission (hereinafter, the "FCC"), dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. 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. 54.314. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the PSC 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, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used the Support that the Company received during the preceding calendar year and will only use the Support in the four quarters of 2013 (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. 54.314. The Company will use the Support to support the following services: (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.

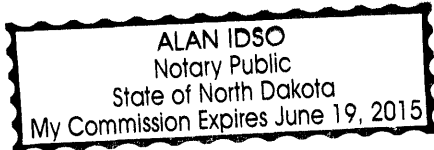
Dated this 4 day of Sept, 2012.

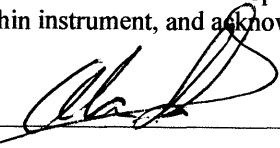
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.


Steve Monilaws
President

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On this 4th day of September, 2012 before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared, Steve Monilaws, known to me to be the President of Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.





Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 6/19/2015