AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (hereinafter, the "Company") in the position of General Manager.

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 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, 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. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the NDPSC 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2014 (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. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (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;

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(h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

DATED this 15th day of July 2013.

ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

By: _____
General Manager

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

On this 15th day of July 2013, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared SCOTT BOSTROM, known to me to be the CEO/General Manager of ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, the cooperative association that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such cooperative association executed the same.

Robin E Thoreson
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

My Commission Expires Oct. 27, 2016

ROBIN E THORESON
SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL
SOUTH DAKOTA