

# Mid-Rivers

TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

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August 25, 2015

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
State Capitol – 600 E Blvd, Dept 408  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480



RE: Universal Service Support Affidavit for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed an affidavit to be filed in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, 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 July 21, 2015 in case No. PU-15-574: 47. This affidavit is being filed to facilitate the Companies receipt of federal Support for all four quarter of 2016 and for all quarters thereafter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact my office.

Michael Candelaria  
General Manager

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 )  
Annual Certification of Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carriers to the )  
Federal Communications Commission for ) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
2016 High Cost and Low-Income Support )

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**AFFIDAVIT OF Craig Johnson**

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

1. Affiant is employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
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 telecommunication scarier.
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 with reference to WC Docket NO. 10-90 and in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "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 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, 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 2016, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2014 and will only use support in 2016 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7

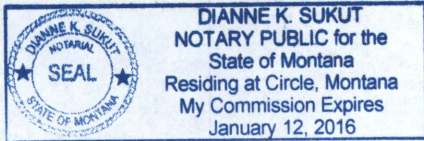
Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

*Craig L. Johnson*

Craig Johnson  
President  
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of Montana  
County of McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on August 25, 2015 by Craig Johnson.



*Dianne K. Sukut*  
Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)