

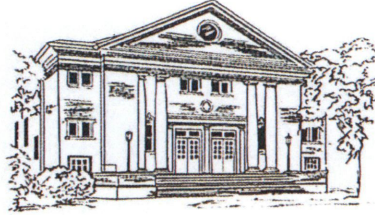
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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

RE: USF Certification Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 and PU-439-02-441  
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year, and will be used in the coming calendar year, for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the company is, at this time, neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James M. Cremer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

JAMES M. CREMER

JMC:crh

Enclosure

cc: Via email w/enclosure:  
Patrick Fahn  
James Groft

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal  
Universal Service Support

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 19-90

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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COUNTY OF BROWN

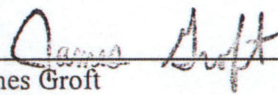
James Groft, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Cooperative"), in the position of CEO.
2. The Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Cooperative 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 Cooperative as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Cooperative, and with how the Cooperative uses all Support it receives.
4. The Cooperative is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 (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 was used in the preceding calendar year, and will be used in the coming calendar year, 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2014 and for all quarter thereafter.
5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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. The Cooperative will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, through the Cooperative's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

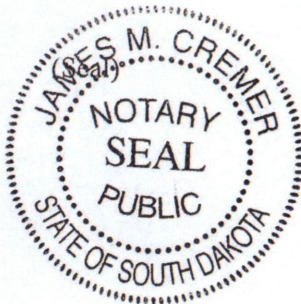
Dated this 2nd day of September, 2015.

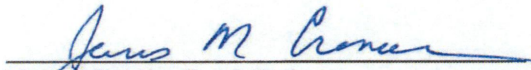
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

  
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By: James Groft  
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
SS  
COUNTY OF BROWN

In this 2nd day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared **James Groft**, known to me to be the CEO of **James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company**, the cooperative that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such cooperative executed the same.



  
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Notary Public, South Dakota  
My Comm. Expires: 1/27/2021