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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the North Dakota Public Service Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in the attached table listing of carriers have accounted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support they receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. These companies are eligible to receive federal high-cost support.

Enclosed is a copy of the September 28, 2015 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the affidavits from the companies listed.

Enclosed is a copy of the September 28, 2015 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission designating North Dakota Telephone Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier for access lines that were previously in study area code 381638 that will now be in study area code 381447.

Enclosed is a copy of the affidavit of North Dakota Telephone Company accounting to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support it receives, for the access lines being transferred, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and

upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Fahn".

Patrick Fahn  
Director, Compliance and Competitive Markets  
ND Public Service Commission  
Contact phone: 701-328-4077

Enclosures

<b>Telecommunications Carrier</b>		<b>Study Area Code</b>
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.	Rural	381601
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389009
BEK Communications Cooperative	Rural	381604
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	Rural	381131
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	Rural	386325
Consolidated Telcom	Rural	381607
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Rural	381610
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381610
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381611
Griggs County Telephone Co.	Rural	381615 & 381622
Halstad Telephone Company	Rural-MN & ND	361401 & 389002
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Rural	381616
James Valley Telecommunications	Rural-SD	391664
Loretel Systems, Inc.	Rural-MN	361443
Midcontinent Communications	CETC	389011
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural-MT	482246
Midstate Communications Inc.	Rural	381638
Midstate Telephone Company, LLC	Rural	381617
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.	Rural	382247
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural	382247
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	CETC	389015
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389006
North Dakota 5- Kidder Limited Partnership	CETC	389010
North Dakota Network Co.	CETC	389004
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership	CETC	389008
North Dakota Telephone Company	Rural	381447
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association	Rural	381625
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389007
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation dba Polar Communications	Rural	381630 & 381614
Polar Telcom, Inc.	Rural	389003
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	Non-rural	385144
RC Technologies	Rural-SD	399010 & 391674
Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River Communications	Rural	381631
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381632
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	CETC & Mobility	389013, 388001, 388002, 388003, 388004, 388005, 388006
SRT Communications, Inc.	Rural	383303
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.	Rural	381636
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	Rural	381636
Venture Communications Cooperative	Rural-SD	391680
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381637
Wolverton Telephone Company	Rural	381509

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

**Public Service Commission**  
**USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2016)**  
**Compliance**

**Case No. PU-15-574**

**ORDER ON CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT**

**September 28, 2015**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that telecommunications carriers use universal service support “only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.” Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Section 54.314(a) requires: “States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State 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.” State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14 of each year, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they 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). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See

Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

### Order

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support that was used in the preceding calendar year and all federal support that will be used in the coming calendar year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the company's study area.

Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.	North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
BEK Communications Cooperative	North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	North Dakota Network Co.
Consolidated Telcom	North Dakota Telephone Company
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Northwest Communications Cooperative, A Cooperative Association
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation d/b/a Polar Communications
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Polar Telcom, Inc.
Griggs County Telephone Co. 381622, 381615	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
Halstad Telephone Company	RC Technologies
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River Communications
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company	Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Loretel Systems, Inc.	Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
Midstate Communications Inc.	SRT Communications, Inc.
Midstate Telephone Company, LLC	Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.	United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Venture Communications Cooperative
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	West River Telecommunications Cooperative

Wolverton Telephone Company

2. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that it only used federal support in 2014 and will only use support in 2016 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.

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

3. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that federal support received during 2014 was used, and in 2015 will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Midcontinent Communications

4. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

5. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Randy Christmann  
Commissioner

  
Julie Fedorchak  
Chairman

  
Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Telcom 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice





**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Telcom 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

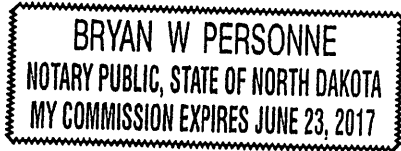
Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.**

By *Paul Schuetzler*  
Paul Schuetzler  
Its: Manager

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

On this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



*Bryan W. Personne*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: June 23, 2017

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to BEK Communications Cooperative 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 23 day of July, 2015.

**BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By *Derrick Bulawa*  
Derrick Bulawa  
Its: Manager

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

On this 23 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DERRICK BULAWA, known to me to be the Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

JUDITH A. HINTZ  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires July 21, 2016

*Judith A. Hintz*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: July 21, 2016

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

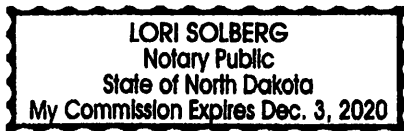
Dated this 23 day of July, 2015.

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

By Keith A Larson  
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

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

On this 23 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Lori Solberg  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 12/3/20

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

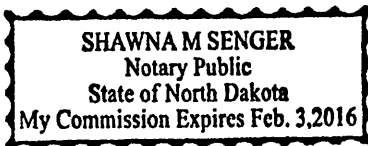
**NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE  
COMPANY**

By [Signature]  
Dave Dircks  
Its: Manager

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

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVE DIRCKS, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 2/3/16





BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

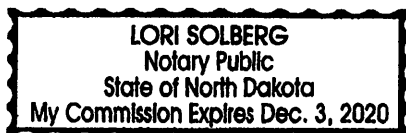
Dated this 23 day of July, 2015.

**DAKOTA CENTRAL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By Keith A Larson  
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

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

On this 23 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Lori Solberg  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 12/3/20

**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
CASE NO. PU-15-574**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90 and 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTH CENTRAL RSA 2 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-386-03-598, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389006 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 21, 2015 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-15-574. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and 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 54.314.



**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
CASE NO. PU-15-574**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKETS NO. 10-90 and 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTH DAKOTA 5 - KIDDER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION  
OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389010 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the Notice issued by Patrick Fahn on July 21, 2015 in Case No. PU-15-574. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and 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 54.314.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

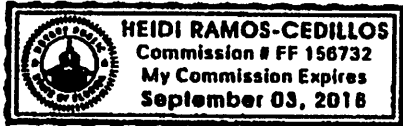
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

By *Joseph Wurst*  
Joseph Wurst  
Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of  
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

State of Florida        )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Seminole    )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July     , 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Wurst, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership.

*Heidi Ramos-Cedillos*  
Notary Public



My Commission expires September 3, 2018

**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
CASE NO. PU-15-574**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKETS NO. 10-90 and 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
BADLANDS CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389009 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the Notice issued by Patrick Fahn on July 21, 2015 in Case No. PU-15-574. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and 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 54.314.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By *Joseph Wurst*

Joseph Wurst  
Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of Florida        )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Seminole    )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July \_\_\_\_, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Wurst, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.



*Heidi Ramos-Cedillos*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires September 3, 2018



**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
CASE NO. PU-15-574**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKETS NO. 10-90 and 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTHWEST DAKOTA CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389007 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the Notice issued by Patrick Fahn on July 21, 2015 in Case No. PU-15-574. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and 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 54.314.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

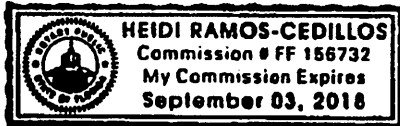
By *Joseph Wurst*  
Joseph Wurst

Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of  
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota  
Limited Partnership

State of Florida        )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Seminole    )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July     , 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Wurst, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

*Heidi Ramos-Cedillos*  
Notary Public



My Commission expires September 3, 2018

**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
CASE NO. PU-15-574**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90 and 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTH DAKOTA RSA NO. 3 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389008 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the September 9, 2013 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn on July 21, 2015 in Case No. PU-15-574. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and 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 54.314.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

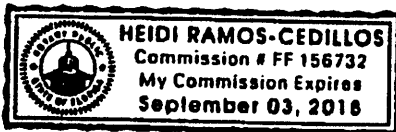
North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership

By *[Signature]*

Joseph Wurst  
Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of  
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership

State of Florida        )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Seminole    )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July     , 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Wurst, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership.



*Heidi Ramos-Cedillos*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires September 3, 2018

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by West River Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West River Telecommunications Cooperative 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

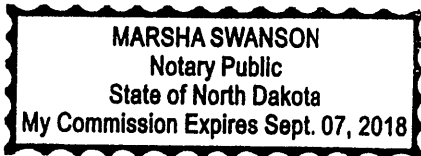
Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE**

By Bonnie Krause  
Bonnie Krause  
Its: Manager

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

On this 24 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared BONNIE KRAUSE, known to me to be the Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Marsha Swanson  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 9-7-18

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-15-574  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

Jeffrey J. Olson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Red River Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
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 of 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 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 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. PU439-02-441. 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 all federal high-cost support provided to Red River Communications 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS**

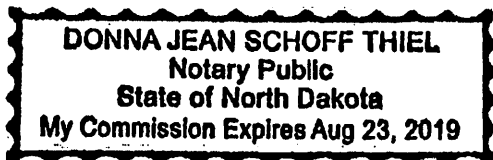
By Jeffrey J. Olson  
Jeffrey J. Olson  
Its. General Manager/CEO

State of North Dakota )

) ss.

County of Richland )

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEFFREY J. OLSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Donna Jean Schoff Thiel

Notary Public For the State of North  
Dakota

My commission expires: Aug. 23, 2019



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-15-574  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

**AFFIDAVIT OF LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC. REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota            )  
                                          ) ss.  
County of Otter Tail         )

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

1. Affiant is employed by Arvig Enterprises, Inc. the holding company of Loretel Systems, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CFO.

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 of 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 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 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. PU439-02-441. 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 all federal high-cost support provided to Loretel Systems, Inc. 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's



**AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota            )  
                                          ) ss.  
County of Norman            )

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

1. Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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. PU439-02-441. 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 all federal high-cost support provided to Halstad 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

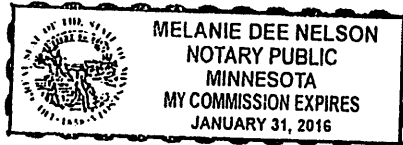
Dated this 04<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By *Tom Maroney*  
Tom Maroney  
Its: Manager

State of Minnesota        )  
                                          ) ss.  
County of Norman        )

On this 24 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TOM MARONEY, known to me to be the Manager of HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



*Melanie Dee Nelson*  
Melanie Dee Nelson, Notary Public  
For the State of Minnesota  
My commission expires Jan 31, 2016

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-15-574  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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. The Company receives Support from two study area codes identified by USAC as 381622 and 381615.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of 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 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 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. PU439-02-441. 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 all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

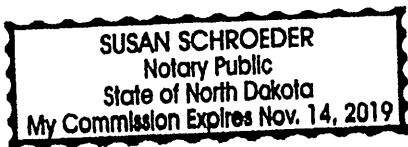
Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.


**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY**

By   
Tyler Kilde  
Its: Manager

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

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the Manager of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



  
Susan Schroeder, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 11-14-19

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-15-574  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

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

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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. PU439-02-441. 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 all federal high-cost support provided to ABSARAKA 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

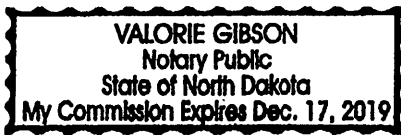
Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By Ann Faught  
Ann Faught  
Its: Manager

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

On this 27 day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ANN FAUGHT, known to me to be the Manager of ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that s described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Valorie Gibson, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Dec 17, 2019



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Northwest Communications Cooperative 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE**

By Mike Steffan  
Mike Steffan  
Its: Manager

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

On this 7 day of August, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MIKE STEFFAN, known to me to be the Manager of NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

**JILENE ZERR**  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires October 9, 2019

Jilene Zerr  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 10-9-19

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR TELCOM, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

David L. Dunning, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Polar Telcom, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice 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 telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Telcom, Inc. 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

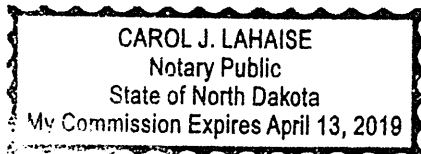
Dated this 29 day of July, 2015.

POLAR TELCOM, INC.

By [Signature]  
David L. Dunning  
Its: Executive Vice President

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

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVID L. DUNNING, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of POLAR TELCOM, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

David L. Dunning, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Wolverton Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice 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 telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Wolverton 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 29 day of July, 2015.

**WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

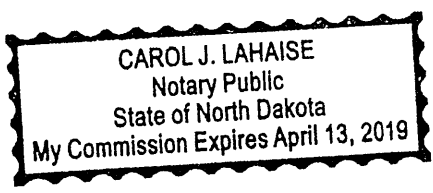
By [Signature]  
David L. Dunning  
Its: Executive Vice President

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

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVID L. DUNNING, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]

Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR COMMUNICATIONS  
STUDY AREAS 381630 AND 381614  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

David L. Dunning, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Polar Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.

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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Communications 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 Company will use the Support for the following services,





**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY**

By *Steve Lysne*  
Steve Lysne  
Its: Manager

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

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

TRACIE HANSEN  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Sept. 6, 2017

*Tracie Hansen*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Network Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY**

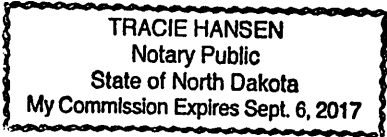
By Steve Lysne  
Steve Lysne  
Its: Manager

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

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Tracie Hansen



Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN  
CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN  
WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of South Dakota        )  
                                          ) ss.  
County of Perkins            )

Reed D. Metzger, being first duly sworn an oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by West River Cooperative Telephone Co. ("West River" or "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 ("Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support ("Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission ("NDPSC") 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 Communications Commission ("FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket No. 10-90 (FCC 01-157) ("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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West River 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



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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.

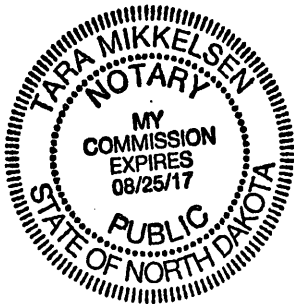
Dated this 24 day of August, 2015.

**UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL  
AID CORPORATION**

By Perry Oster  
Perry Oster  
Its: Manager

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

On this 24 day of August, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PERRY OSTER, known to me to be the Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Tara Mikkelsen  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 8.25.17



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Turtle Mountain Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Turtle Mountain Communications 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460**

**AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota )

County of Sargent )ss.

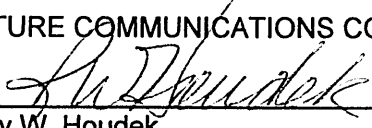
Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General manager/CEO.
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. The Company serves 13 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 12,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket No. 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 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, 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 2014, and for all quarters thereafter.
6. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications 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 Company will use the Support for 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 or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (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 services for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2015.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By:   
Randy W. Houdek

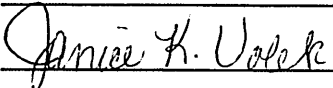
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of South Dakota )

) ss.

County of Hyde )

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, 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 South Dakota

My commission expires: MARCH 10, 2016

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company'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.

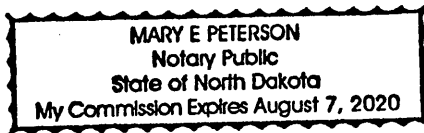
Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, LLC**

By *Keith Andersen*  
Keith Andersen  
Its: Manager

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

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH ANDERSEN, known to me to be the Manager of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



*Mary E Peterson*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_







BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certification of NEW  
CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Relating to Use of Federal Universal  
Service Funds

FCC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
PU-15-574

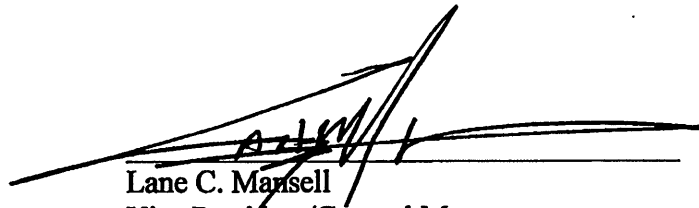
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lane C. Mansell, do hereby certify as follows:

1. I serve as Vice President/General Manager for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Suite 301, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.
2. In my capacity as Vice President/General Manager, I am an authorized representative of the Company and its subsidiary licensees and am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of New Cingular.
3. New Cingular has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of qualifying to obtain all available federal universal service support including, but not limited to, support for rural, insular and high costs areas, and for low-income customers, In the Matter of the Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Order, ND. PUC Case No. PU-11-86 (July 13, 2011).
4. New Cingular only used the federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2014) and will only use the federal high-cost support received in the coming calendar year (2016) for the provision maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on July 24, 2015.

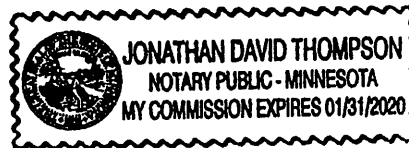


Lane C. Mansell  
Vice President/General Manager  
Minnesota/Northern Plains Market

Signed at Bloomington, Minnesota

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 24 day of July, 2015.

Jonathan David Thompson  
Notary Public



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

Robert 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 Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's



**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 )  
2016 High Cost and Low-Income Support )

COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

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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 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 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

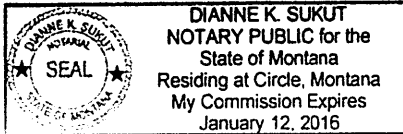
Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

*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.



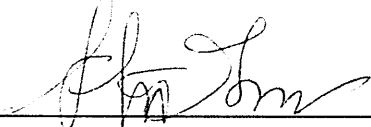
*Dianne K. Sukut*  
Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)

State of Minnesota     )  
                                          )ss  
County of Hennepin    )

**AFFIDAVIT**

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Steven E. Grosser hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 254(e) and in WC Docket No. 10-90. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support, and/or safety valve support. I hereby affirm that any such support amounts received by Midcontinent Communications during 2014 was used, and in 2015 will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

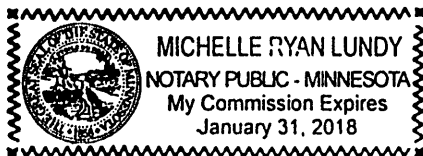
  
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Steven E. Grosser  
Chief Financial Officer  
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 2015.

  
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Notary Public

(SEAL)

Notary Print Name: Michelle Lundy  
My Commission Expires: January 31, 2018









**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  
SS  
COUNTY OF BROWN

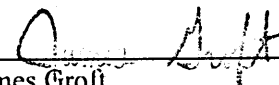
James Groft, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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(c) 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.

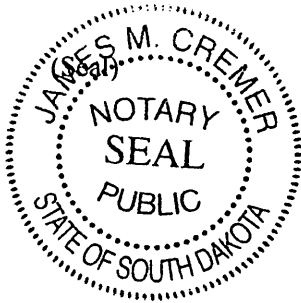
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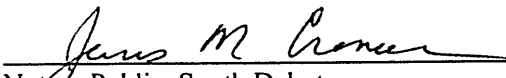
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

  
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.



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





BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of 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 of 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 2 day of Sept, 2015.

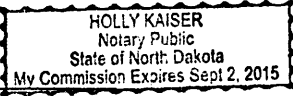
MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By Ryan Wilhelmi  
Ryan Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

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

On this 2 day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Holly Kaiser  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Sept 2, 2015





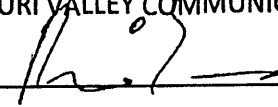


facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2015 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATINS, INC.

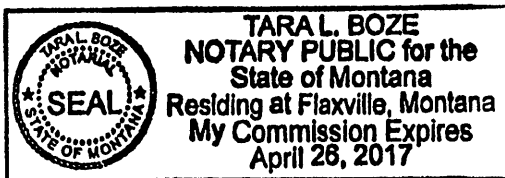
By 


Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana        )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Daniels        )

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and this executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



, Notary Public  
For the State of Montana  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE PU-15-574  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AFFADAVIT OF RC TECHNOLOGIES  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by RC Technologies (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manger.
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 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 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to RC Technologies 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 Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company'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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

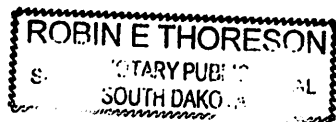
RC TECHNOLOGIES

By Scott Bostrom  
Scott Bostrom  
Its: General Manager

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

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for the said and County and State, personally appeared SCOTT BOSTROM, known to me to be the General Manager of RC TECHNOLOGIES, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Robin E. Thoreson  
Notary Public  
For the State of South Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



My Commission Expires Oct. 27, 2016

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Montana    )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Daniels    )

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**AFFIDAVIT OF REMI SUN**

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

1. Affiant is employed by Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 241(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 of 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 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 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











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.

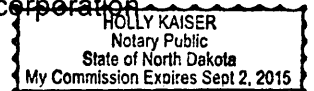
Dated this 2 day of Sept, 2015.

**MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By *Ryan Wilhelmi*  
Ryan Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

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

On this 2 day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



*Holly Kaiser*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Sept 2, 2015

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF  
FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")

2. I am a corporate officer of the above mentioned Carrier authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.

3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11-191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during 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 as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided. CenturyLink is certifying its compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313(c) at a holding company level, as allowed per the provisions of DA 13-2101 released October 30, 2013.

Further affiant sayeth not

  
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David D. Cole

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller  
CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015, by David D. Cole as Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

Amy G. Allread #58514  
Printed Name of Notary

My commission expires:

upon death

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Midstate Communications / North Dakota Tel. Co.  
Local Exchange  
Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-15-615**

**Midstate Communications / North Dakota Tel. Co.  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application**

**Case No. PU-15-616**

**ORDER**

September 28, 2015

On July 31, 2015, North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) and Midstate Communications Inc. (Midstate) filed a joint application requesting authorization for Midstate to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange in North Dakota, and requesting approval for NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services those customers as part of the current NDTC Leeds telephone exchange in North Dakota, Case No. PU-15-615.

Also on July 31, 2015, NDTC and Midstate filed a joint application for Midstate to relinquish the York telephone exchange from its designated essential telecommunications carrier (ETC) study area for the purpose receiving universal service support, and for NDTC to expand its designated ETC study area to incorporate the York telephone exchange.

In support of the joint applications, NDTC provided an affidavit of Dave Dircks, CEO/General Manager, and Midstate provided an affidavit of Ryan Wilhelmi, Manager.

On August 12, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing (Notice) that provided until September 25, 2015 for comments and requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matters without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-15-615 are:

1. Fitness and ability of NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services.
2. Adequacy of NDTC's proposed telecommunications services.

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3. Technical, financial and managerial ability of NDTC to provide telecommunications services.
4. Whether, upon granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange, Midstate's certificate of public convenience and necessity should be relinquished.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-15-616 are:

1. Qualification of the applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.
2. The ETC universal service support area to be designated.
3. Whether it is in the public interest to designate NDTC as an ETC in the York local exchange area for purposes of receiving universal service support.
4. Whether, upon designation of NDTC as an ETC for the York exchange, Midstate's designation as an ETC for the York exchange should be relinquished.

#### Public Convenience and Necessity

NDTC holds certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside twenty five telephone exchanges serving approximately 11,800 North Dakota access lines. NDTC is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support in a study area that encompasses those North Dakota telephone exchanges. NDTC holds Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5521 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Leeds, North Dakota telephone exchange.

Midstate holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5740 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the York local exchange area, serving twenty North Dakota access lines. Midstate is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support in a study area that encompasses the Beach and the York local telephone exchanges in North Dakota.

Midstate will continue to provide local exchange service until all customers in the York exchange have been connected to NDTC's Fiber to the Premise project. The anticipated start date of the project will be October 1, 2015 with completion by December 31, 2015.

The Commission finds that NDTC is fit and able to provide telecommunications services, from its Leeds telephone exchange, to the customers served in the York telephone exchange geographic area.

The Commission finds that the telecommunications services NDTC proposes to provide to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange are adequate.

The Commission finds that NDTC has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide telecommunications service to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange.

NDTC will provide telecommunications service to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange as an incumbent local exchange carrier.

Midstate's certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the York exchange should be relinquished.

#### Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) provides for financial support to a common carrier that (1) offers the services established by the FCC to be supported by Federal universal service support mechanisms either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services; (2) advertises the availability of such services and the charges for such services using media of general distribution; and (3) is designated as an ETC. An ETC must use that financial support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

To be designated as an ETC, the carrier must (1) under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 47 Subpart B, offer to telecommunications customers each of the services and functionalities designated for federal universal service support; and (2) under CFR Part 47 § 54.405, make available Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers.

For telecommunications customers, the services designated by the FCC for support by universal service support mechanisms include voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

In the affidavit of Dave Dircks, NDTC, affirms that it will continue to meet the obligations of an ETC in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange. NDTC also affirms that no waiver of ETC criteria is requested.

The Commission finds NDTC's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-05-12 is complete including the required affirmations and certifications.

The Commission finds NDTC is qualified under Section 214(e) of the federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service funding for the proposed designated service area.

For purposes of federal universal service funding, the designated expanded service area for NDTC is a rural study area.

Based on the evidence in this proceeding, NDTC is qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC to receive federal universal service funding and it is in the public interest that NDTC be designated as an ETC in the requested designated expanded service area.

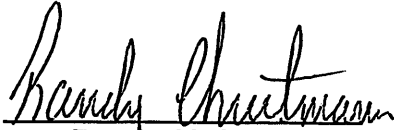
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The Commission Orders:

1. North Dakota Telephone Company's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange to become part of the current NDTC Leeds telephone exchange in North Dakota is approved.
2. North Dakota Telephone Company is issued First Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5521 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the expanded Leeds, North Dakota telephone exchange.
3. North Dakota Telephone Company's request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange is granted and North Dakota Telephone Company is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange area in North Dakota.
4. Midstate Communications Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5740 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the York, North Dakota telephone exchange area is relinquished and cancelled.

5. Midstate Communications Inc.'s designation as an essential telecommunications carrier in the York exchange area is relinquished and cancelled.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Randy Christmann**  
Commissioner

  
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**Julie Fedorchak**  
Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Brian P. Kalk**  
Commissioner

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**First Amended  
Certificate Number 5521**

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for North Dakota Telephone Company, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the amended Leeds, North Dakota local exchange area.*


*This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-15-615 and is conditioned upon North Dakota Telephone Company securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, September 28, 2015.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**





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September 28, 2015

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
State Capitol – 12th Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Supplement to USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Commissioners:

North Dakota Telephone Company (“NDTC”) filed on July 27, 2015 in the above-referenced proceeding the attached Affidavit certifying that federal high-cost support provided to NDTC 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. On September 28, the North Dakota Public Service Commission granted Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) status to an additional geographic area, formerly the Midstate Communications York exchange, which will be incorporated into the NDTC Leeds exchange, pending federal approvals.

NDTC hereby supplements the July 27, 2015 Affidavit to certify that upon obtaining federal approvals federal high-cost support for the expanded Leeds exchange 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.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: DDC  
Dave Dircks, General Manager

State of North Dakota       )  
                                          )  
Ramsey County                )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> date in September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dave Dircks, known to me to be the manager of North Dakota Telephone Company (“the Affiant”). The Affiant, after first being duly sworn, deposes and certifies that the statements made herein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Shawna M Senger  
(NOTARY PUBLIC)

