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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-16-532**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 19, 2016 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support received by the Company in the previous year has been, and the support to be received by the Company in the coming calendar year will be, used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An original, plus two copies, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp one of the copies and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please contact me immediately if there are any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,


Andrew M. Carlson

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Enclosures

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-16-532**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC
DOCKET NO. 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 July 19, 2016 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-16-532. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017.

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

