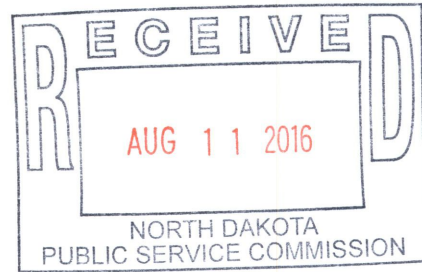




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Re: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at 701-748-2211 or email me at michellep@wrtc.com

Thank you,

Michelle Perreault
Personnel Director / Safety Coordinator

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West River Telecommunications Cooperative

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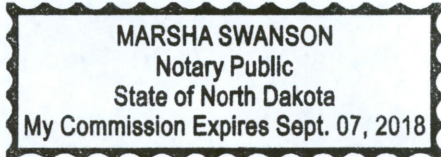
Dated this 9th day of August, 2016.

**WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By *Troy Schilling*
Troy Schilling
Its: Manager

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

On this 9 day of August, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TROY SCHILLING, 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