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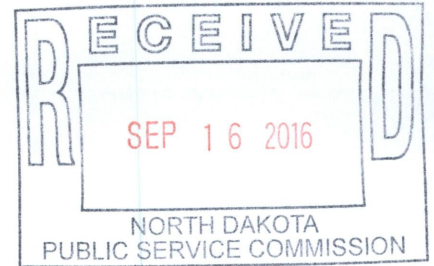
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08416-039
Ms. GERALYN R. SCHMALTZ
ND Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company – ETC Designation | Affidavit

Dear Geri:

Enclosed is the *Affidavit of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company Regarding Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support*, which was not included with the other documents provided for consideration by the Commission.

Sincerely,
James M. Cremer
JAMES M. CREMER

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Enclosure

cc: James Groft via email w/enc.

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

James Cremer

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

APPLICATION OF JAMES VALLEY
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
TO PROTECT TRADE SECRET AND
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN 2016
FORM 481 ETC REPORT

CASE NO. 16-549

**Affidavit of James Valley
Cooperative Telephone Company
Regarding Certification of Use
of Federal Universal Service Support**

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-16-532
AND
BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET 14-58**

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:

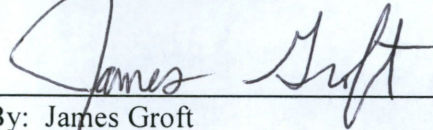
1. I am employed by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Cooperative"), in the position of CEO.
2. The Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Cooperative 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. I am 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 Communications Commission ("FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (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 2016 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Cooperative will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, through the Cooperative's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2016.

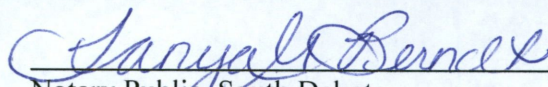
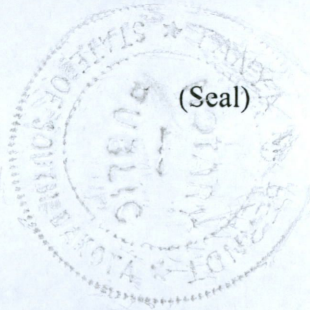
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**



By: James Groft
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS
COUNTY OF BROWN

In this 14th day of September, 2016, 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: 9-21-16