

Mid-Rivers

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August 30, 2017

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
State Capitol – 600 E Blvd, Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480



RE: Universal Service Support Affidavit for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed an affidavit to be filed in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) 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 July 27, 2017 in case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is being filed to facilitate the Companies receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and for all quarters thereafter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact my office.

Michael Candelaria
General Manager

Attachment

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

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Michael Candelaria, General Manager

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017)
Annual Certification of Eligible)
Telecommunications Carriers to the) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-17-294
Federal Communications Commission for) Docket No. 14.58
2018 High Cost and Low-Income Support)

AFFIDAVIT OF Craig Johnson

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 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 with reference to WC Docket NO. 14-58 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 2018, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2016 and will only use support in 2018 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

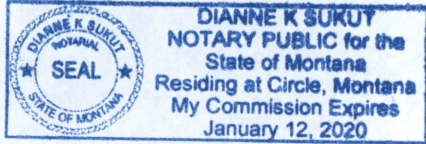
Dated this 29 day of August, 2017

Craig Johnson

Craig Johnson
President
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of Montana
County of McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on August 29, 2017 by Craig Johnson.



Dianne K. Suritt
Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)