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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

As noted in the enclosed copy of the September 20, 2017 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the carriers listed 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. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a), the North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed (see attached list) all federal high-cost support provided to the carriers was used in the preceding calendar year (2016) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Best regards,

Patrick Fahn
Director, Public Utilities Division
ND Public Service Commission
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Enclosures

Telecommunications Carrier		Study Area Code
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
Daktel Communications LLC	Rural	386128
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 (2018)
Compliance

Case No. PU-17-294

ORDER CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT

September 20, 2017

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

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership


West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Wolverton Telephone Company

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
3. 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



**Brian Kroshus
Commissioner**


**Randy Christmann
Chairman**
**Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner**

APPROVED

DATE: 9/20/17
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MOTION

September 20, 2017

**Public Service Commission
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2018)
Compliance**

Case No. PU-17-294

I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2018), Compliance, Case No. PU-17-294.

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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 3rd day of August, 2017.

**ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By: Ann Faught
Ann Faught
Its: Manager

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

On this 3rd day of August, 2017, 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 is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

MICHELLE K. HOVLAND
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Dec. 5, 2019

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Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Dec 5, 2019



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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Badlands Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

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 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. 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 one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy 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

AMC/sjc
Enclosures

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**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 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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

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August 4, 2017



ND Public Service Commission
Attn: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
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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 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. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Derrick Bulawa".

Derrick Bulawa
CEO
BEK Communications Cooperative

Enc.

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

BEK Communications Cooperative

Derrick Bulawa, CEO

BEK Communications

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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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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.

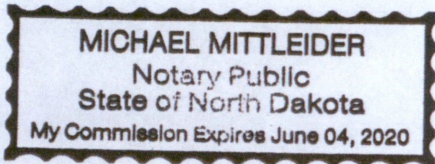
Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By Derrick Bulawa
Derrick Bulawa
Its: Manager

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

On this 4th day of August, 2017, 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.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: June 4th, 2020



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Burnsville, MN 55306

August 2, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Re: USF Certification – PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (“CTC-MN”), Study Area Code 361123 hereby requests certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (“USAC”) for universal service support, pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314.

CTC-MN’s Oslo exchange provides service to 37 customers in North Dakota.

CTC-MN files the enclosed affidavit executed by a corporate officer certifying that CTC-MN used the federal support during the preceding calendar year and will use the support in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Bohler at 952-491-5534 or via e-mail at Scott.Bohler@ftr.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schlie
Sr. Analyst, Regulatory Affairs
Attachments

cc: Scott Bohler, Frontier

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Cable Vision, Inc.*

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Communications
Networks, Inc.*



August 15, 2017

North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol, 12th Floor
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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

To Whom It May Concern:

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 Consolidated Communications Networks, 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. 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.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Schuetzler".

Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
General Manager/CEO

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40 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/15/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.

Paul Schuetzler, GM / CEO

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Communications Networks, 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.

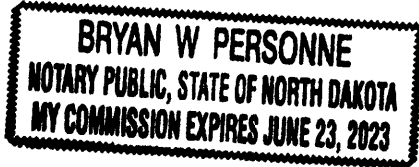
Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.

By *Paul Schuetzler*
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

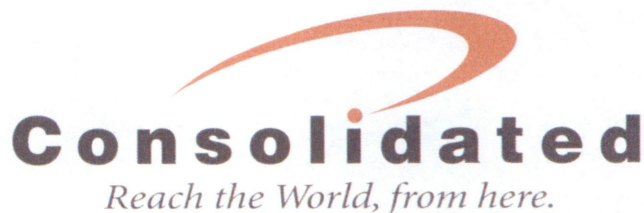
State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Stark)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, 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.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 6/23/23

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August 15, 2017

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

*Consolidated
Telcom*

*Consolidated
Enterprises, Inc.*

*Consolidated
Communications
Corporation*

*Consolidated
Cable Vision, Inc.*

*Consolidated
Communications
Networks, Inc.*

To Whom It May Concern:

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 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. 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.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Schuetzler", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Telcom
General Manager/CEO

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encl.

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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.

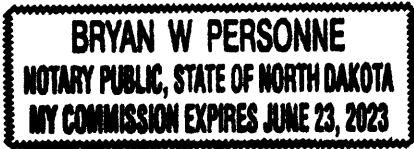
Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED TELCOM

By *Paul Schuetzler*
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

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

On this 15th day of August, 2017, 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 TELCOM, 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: 6/23/23



August 21, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Larson
General Manager/CEO
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

42 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Keith Larson, GM/CEO

604 18th Street SW | Jamestown, ND 58401 | 952.1000

630 5th Street N | Carrington, ND 58421 | 652.3184

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**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 17 day of August, 2017.

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

By Keith Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

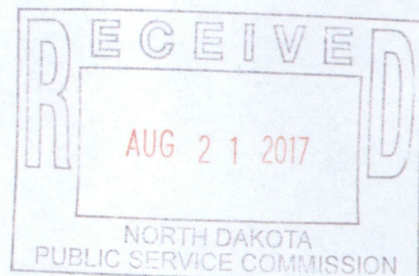
On this 17th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

LORI SOLBERG
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Dec. 3, 2020

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



August 21, 2017



Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Larson
General Manager/CEO
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

43 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

Keith Larson, GM/CEO

604 18th Street SW | Jamestown, ND 58401 | 952.1000

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**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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.

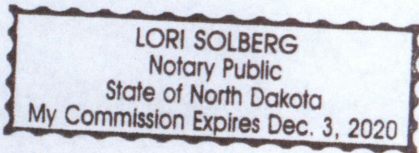
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

**DAKOTA CENTRAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By Keith A Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of August, 2017, 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



August 21, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Daktel Communications, 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. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith A. Larson".

Keith A. Larson
General Manager/CEO
Daktel Communications, LLC

44 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Daktel Communications LLC
Keith Larson, GM/CEO

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. 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 Daktel Communications, 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.
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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Daktel Communications, 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

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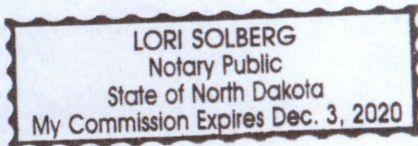
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.

By Keith A Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC., 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



Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.

August 8, 2017

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Honorable Commission

Enclosed for filing in accordance the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all 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 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.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. K. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert K Johnson
CEO
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
RJohnson@drtel.com
(701) 344-6010
(701) 344-4300 (Fax)

38 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/8/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

Robert Johnson, CEO

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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

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 16th day of August, 2017.

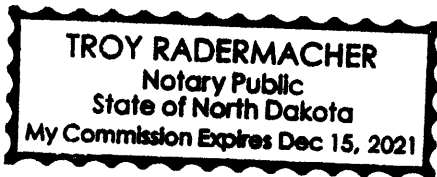
**DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

By [Signature]
Robert Johnson
Its: Manager

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

On this 16 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROBERT JOHNSON, known to me to be the Manager of DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, 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: Dec 15, 2021



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING 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 (SAC 381622) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Vice President.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") 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 ETC.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2018.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) 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 3 day of August, 2017.

GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY

By _____

Tyler Kilde

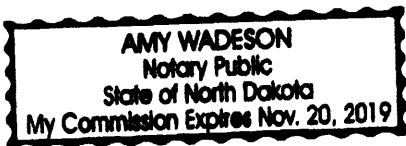
Its: Vice President

State of North Dakota)

) ss.

County of Ransom)

On this 3 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the Vice President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381622), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Amy Wadeson

Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: 11-20-19

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING 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 (SAC 381615) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Vice President.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") 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 ETC.

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.

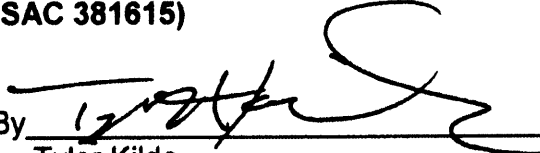
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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and 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 3 day of August, 2017.

**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
(SAC 381615)**

By 
Tyler Kilde
Its: Vice President

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

On this 3 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the Vice President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381615), 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 North Dakota

**AMY WADESON
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Nov. 20, 2019**

My commission expires: 11-2019

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
County of Norman)

Mark Forseth, 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 CEO.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") 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 ETC. The Company receives Support from two study area codes identified by USAC as 361401 and 389002.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2018.

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.

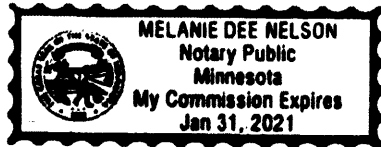
Dated this 2 day of August, 2017.

HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY

By [Signature]
Mark Forseth
Its: CEO

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
County of Norman)

On this day of August 2, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK FORSETH, known to me to be the C E O of HALSTAD COOPERATIVE 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~~ Minnesota
My commission expires Jan 31, 2021



Inter-Community Telephone Co.

P.O Box 8 Nome, ND 58062
800-350-9137

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave
Suite #408
Bismarck, ND 58505

August 28th, 2017



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

To Whom it may concern:

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 Inter-Community 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. 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.

Respectfully,

Mark Johnson
Inter-Community Telephone Company
1-800-350-9137
P.O. Box 8
Nome, ND 58062

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.

Mark Johnson

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

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

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

Mark 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 Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 28 day of AUGUST, 2017.

**INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LLC**

By *Mark Johnson*

Mark Johnson
Its: General Manager/CEO

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

On this 28th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK JOHNSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO 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
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires August 7, 2020

Mary E Peterson
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 8-7-2020

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. _____
**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. 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.

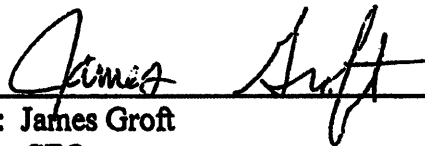
3. I am personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Cooperative, and with how the Cooperative uses all Support it receives.

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.

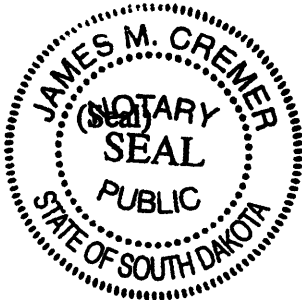
Dated this 24th day of July, 2017.

**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**


By: James Groft
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS
COUNTY OF BROWN

On this 24th day of July, 2017, 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 Commission Expires: 1-27-2021

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC. CERTIFYING
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 ("ETC") 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 ETC.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2018.

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 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 7th day of August, 2017.

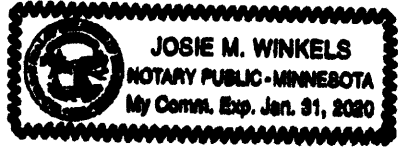
LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC.†

By *Staci Malikowski*
Staci Malikowski
Its: CFO

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

On this day of August 7th, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STACI MALIKOWSKI, known to me to be the CFO of LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

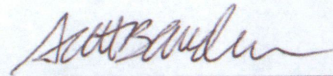
Josie M. Winkels
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 1-31-20



State of South Dakota)
)ss
County of Minnehaha)

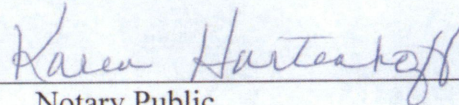
AFFIDAVIT

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Scott Anderson 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. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.



Scott Anderson
Chief Legal Officer
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 2017.



Notary Public



Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff

My Commission Expires: 4-21-2022



August 30, 2017

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary, Director of Administration
Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-17-294: 47 C.F.R. §54.314 Annual Use Certification

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit from Midcontinent Communications as required certifying that all Universal Service support funds received by Midcontinent was only used, and will be used, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and WC Docket No. 14-58.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Andi Livingston'.

Andi Livingston
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Midcontinent Communications
(605) 274-3648
andrea.livingston@midco.com

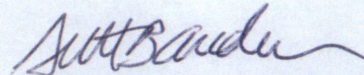
cc: Patrick Fahn

Enclosure

State of South Dakota)
)ss
County of Minnehaha)

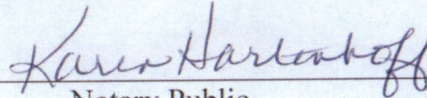
AFFIDAVIT

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Scott Anderson 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. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

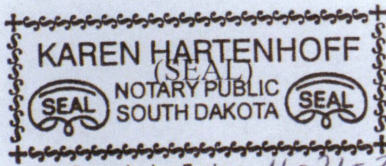


Scott Anderson
Chief Legal Officer
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 2017.



Notary Public



Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff

My Commission Expires: 4-21-2022

Mid-Rivers

TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

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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

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)
Federal Communications Commission for)
2018 High Cost and Low-Income Support)

COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-17-294
Docket No. 14.58

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

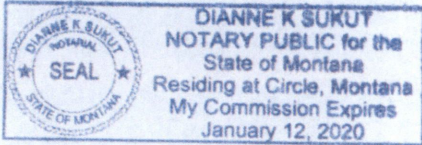
Dated this 29 day of August, 2017

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)



VIA EMAIL: ndpsc@nd.gov

August 2, 2017



North Dakota State Public Service Commission

600 E. Boulevard, Dept.408

Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441 (Revised)

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of Aug 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate 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. 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.

VIA EMAIL: ryanw@midstate.net

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Wilhelmi".

Manager: Ryan Wilhelmi

Midstate Communications

P.O. Box 400

Stanley, N.D. 58784

FRN: 0003-7558-32

SAC: 381638

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

Midstate Communications Inc.

Ryan Wilhelmi, Manager

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
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 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.

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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate 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 4 day of August, 2017.

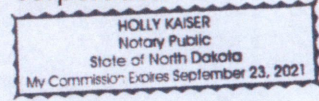
MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By *Ryan Wilhelm*
Ryan Withelmi
Its: Manager

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

On this 4 day of August, 2017, 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 23, 2021





VIA EMAIL: ndpsc@nd.gov



August 2, 2017

North Dakota State Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept.408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441 (Revised)

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of Aug 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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.

VIA EMAIL: ryanw@midstate.net

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Wilhelmi".

Manager: Ryan Wilhelmi

FRN: 0003-7558-08
SAC: 381617

Midstate Telephone Company

P.O. Box 400

Stanley, N.D. 58784

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support

Midstate Telephone Company
Ryan Wilhelmi, Manager

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 4 day of August, 2017.

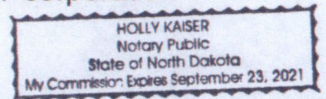
MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By *Ryan Wilhelmi*
Ryan Wilhelmi
Its: Manager

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

On this 4 day of August, 2017, 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 23, 2021





Missouri Valley
Communications, INC.

TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

August 15, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480



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

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

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 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

RS/sb

Enclosures

35 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/15/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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 Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 15th day of August, 2017.

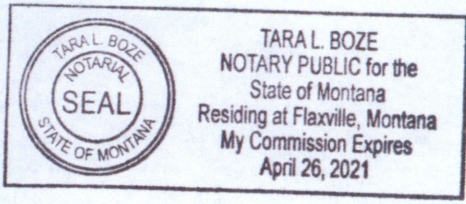
**MISSOURI VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By [Signature]
Remi Sun
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, 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 that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of Montana
My commission expires: 4-26-21





August 15, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

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 Nemont Telephone Cooperative, 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Remi Sun", written over a faint blue line.

Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

RS/sb

Enclosures

36 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/15/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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 Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, 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 15th day of August, 2017.

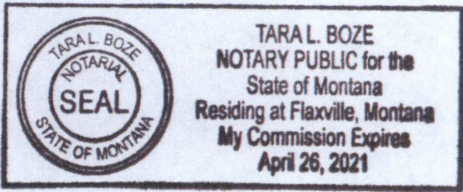
**NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE,
INC.**

By [Signature]
Remi Sun
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, 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 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, 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 Montana
My commission expires: 4-26-21

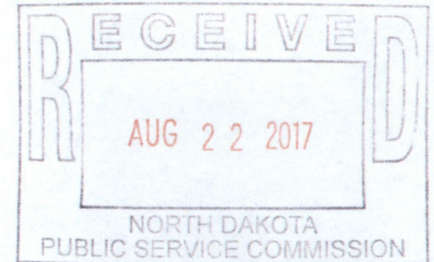




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August 22, 2017



Darrel Nitschke
Executive Director
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Affidavit of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"), Filed Pursuant to Case No. PU-439-02-441 and PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and seven copies of New Cingular's affidavit required by the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The affidavit consists of a one-page sworn statement by Lisa Mitchell-Kastner, the Vice President/General Manager for AT&T Mobility LLC and its subsidiary, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, certifying that the federal support New Cingular receives is used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e).

Also enclosed is an eighth copy of the affidavit and a self-addressed envelope. Please file stamp one copy of the affidavit and return it to my office in the enclosed envelope for our files.

If you have any questions or concerns or require anything further with regard to this filing, please feel free to contact my office at any time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Blessing
Area Manager, AT&T External Affairs

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT

AT&T Mobility LLC and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

The undersigned, Lisa Mitchell-Kastner, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby state as follows:

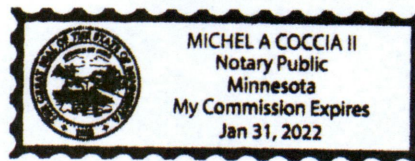
1. I serve as Vice President and General Manager/Northern Plains for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Suite 301, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.
2. In my capacity as Vice President/General 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 files this affidavit pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCCs") Order of May 23, 2001 in CC Docket 96-45, its Order of June 10, 2014 in WC Dockets 14-58, and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal high-cost universal service support received by the carrier will only be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.
5. In accordance with section 54.314(b) of the FCC's rules and section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, New Cingular hereby certifies that it only used federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2016) and will only use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming calendar year (2018) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

AT&T Mobility LLC
By: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Its: Manager

By: *Lisa Mitchell-Kastner*
Name: Lisa Mitchell-Kastner
Title: Vice President and General Manager/
Northern Plains

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 22 day of August 2017.

Michel A. Coccia II Notary Public



August 7, 2017

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard - Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Andrew M. Carlson
(612) 977-8242
acarlson@briggs.com



**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Central RSA 2 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 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. 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 one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Carlson".

Andrew M. Carlson

AMC/sjc
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC
DOCKET NO. 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 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") 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 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 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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.



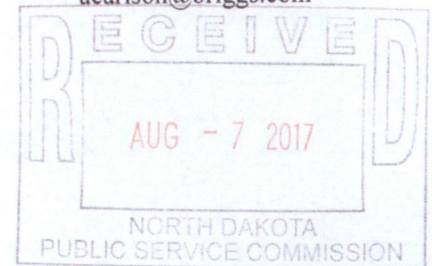
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August 7, 2017

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Andrew M. Carlson
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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. 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 one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy 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

AMC/sjc
Enclosure

20 PU-17-294 Filed: 8/7/2017 Pages: 3
Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC
DOCKET NO. 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 July 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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 4th day of August, 2017.

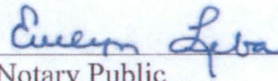
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

By 

Robert Mutzenback
Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 4th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership.


Notary Public

My Commission expires 10/30/17

*Evelyn Leba - Notary Public
I.D. No.: 2207070 - State of New Jersey
My Comm. Exp. 10-30-2017*

August 14, 2017

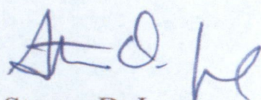
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

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 North Dakota Network Co. (dba: SRT Wireless) 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.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Lysne
CEO/General Manager
North Dakota Network Co.

Enclosure

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 8th day of August, 2017.

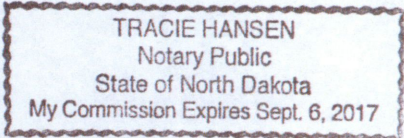
NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY

By *Steve Lysne*
Steve Lysne
Its: Manager

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

On this 8th day of August, 2017, 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

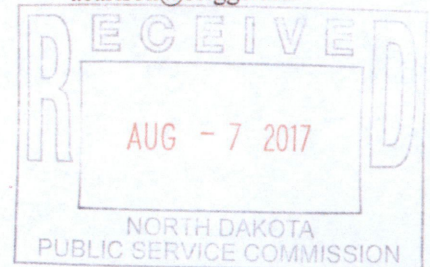


August 7, 2017

Andrew M. Carlson
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota RSA No. 3 of
North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota RSA No. 3 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 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. 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 one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Carlson".

Andrew M. Carlson

AMC/sjc
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

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

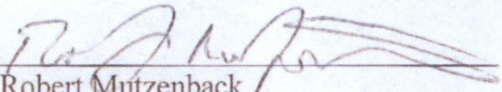
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

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 July 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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.

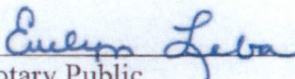
Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

North Dakota RSA No. 3 of Limited Partnership

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

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 4th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership.


Notary Public

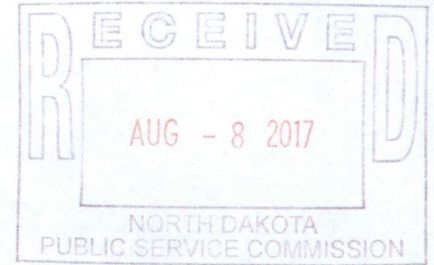
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Commissioners:

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 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. 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Dircks".

Dave Dircks,
General Manager
NDTC

Enclosure

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 8th day of August, 2017.

**NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

By [Signature]
Dave Dircks
Its: Manager

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

On this 8th day of August, 2017, 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.

SHAWNA M SENGER
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Feb 3, 2022

[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Feb 3, 2022



Northwest Communications Cooperative

August 4, 2017



ND Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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 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. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeremy A. Becker'.

Jeremy A. Becker
General Manager/CEO
Northwest Communications Cooperative

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Enclosure

25 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/4/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
Jeremy Becker, GM/CEO

**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

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

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

Jeremy Becker, 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.

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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 4th day of August, 2017.

**NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By Jeremy A. Becker
Jeremy Becker
Its: Manager

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

On this 4th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEREMY BECKER, 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

August 7, 2017

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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Northwest Dakota 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 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. 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 one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy 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

AMC/sjc
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

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

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

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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 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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.



August 11, 2017

Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
600 E Blvd Ave Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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 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. 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
General Manager/CEO
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.

29 PU-17-294 Filed 08/11/2017 Pages: 3
Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
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Karl Blake, General Manager / CEO

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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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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)

Karl Blake, 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.

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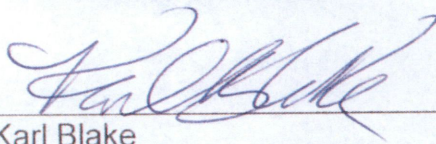
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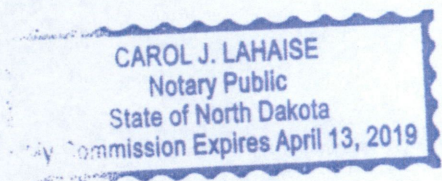
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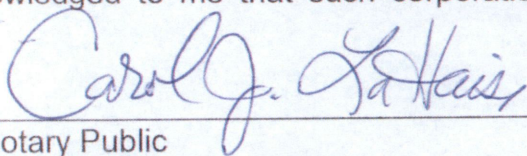
POLAR COMMUNICATIONS

By 
Karl Blake
Its: General Manager/CEO

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

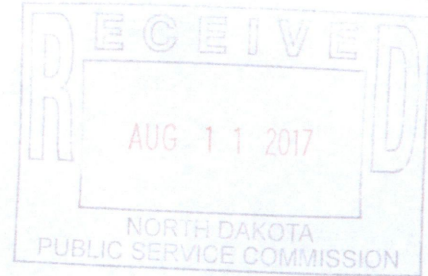
On this 7th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of POLAR COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.




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



August 11, 2017



Public Service Commission
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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
Executive Vice President
Polar Telecom, Inc.

31 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/11/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Polar Telecom, Inc.

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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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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

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

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

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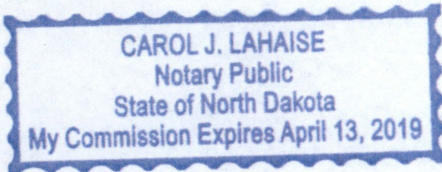
Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.

POLAR TELCOM, INC.

By *Karl Blake*
Karl Blake
Its: Executive Vice President

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

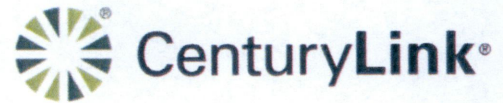
On this 7th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of POLAR TELCOM, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Carol J. LaHaise
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____

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Kent Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director



July 27, 2017



Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") sworn affidavit to meet its North Dakota Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier filing requirement pursuant to Case No. PU-17-294 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year, that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Blickensderfer".

Kent Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

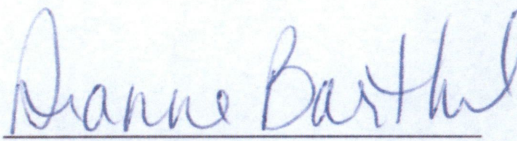
I hereby certify that on this 27th day of July, 2017, the original and seven copies of the attached were served upon the following party:

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

and copies sent electronically, addressed to the following:

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Kent.blickensderfer@centurylink.com

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CenturyLink
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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF
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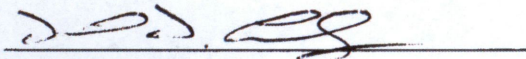
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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 Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("North Dakota") 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, WC Docket No. 14-58 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.

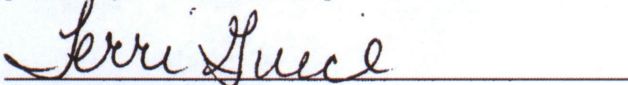
Further affiant sayeth not



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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 21st day of July, 2017, 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.

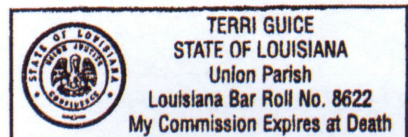


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Printed Name of Notary

My commission expires: At Death



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

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

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

Robin Thoreson, 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 Accounting Department 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 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 18th day of Sept, 2017.

RC TECHNOLOGIES

By: Robin Thoreson

Robin Thoreson

Its: Acct Dept Manager

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

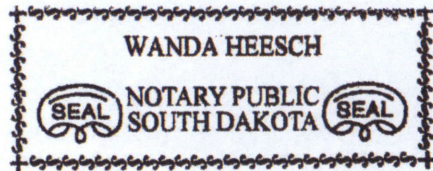
On this 18th day of Sept, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for the said and County and State, personally appeared ROBIN THORESON, known to me to be the Acct Dept Manager of RC TECHNOLOGIES, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Wanda Heesch

Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: _____



My Commission Expires July 10, 2018

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION
CERTIFYING 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 Rural Telephone Association (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") 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 ETC.

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2018.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Red River Rural Telephone Association 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 3rd day of August, 2017.

RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

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

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

On this day of August 3rd, 2017, 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 RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, 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
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Aug 23, 2019

Donna Jean Schoff Thiel
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Aug. 23, 2019



September 1, 2017

ND Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 E Blvd. Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

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

Dear Commission:

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 Reservation 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. 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.

Sincerely,

Shane D. Hart
CEO/General Manager
Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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Shane Hart
CEO/General Manager

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

Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Shane Hart, CEO / General Manager

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation 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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation 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

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 1st day of September, 2017.

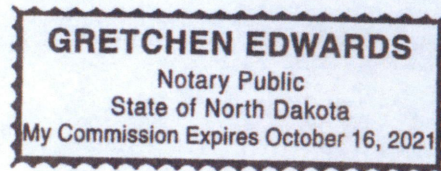
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COOPERATIVE**

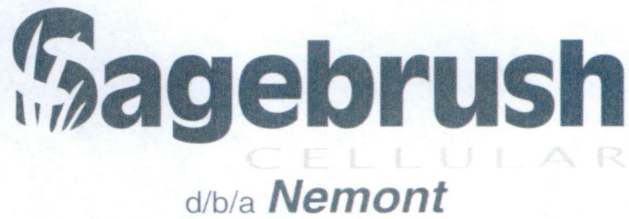
By Shane D Hart
Shane D. Hart
Its: Manager

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

On this 1st day of September, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared SHANE D. HART, known to me to be the Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Gretchen Edwards
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____





August 15, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

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 Sagebrush Cellular, 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

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

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

Enclosures

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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 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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, 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 15th day of August, 2017.

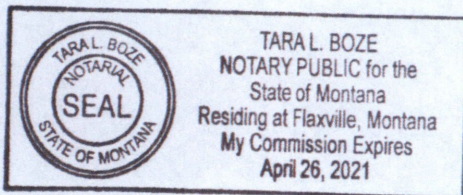
SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.

By [Signature]
Remi Sun
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, 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 SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, 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 Montana
My commission expires: 4-26-21





August 14, 2017

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

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 SRT 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. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. D. Lysne".

Steven D. Lysne
CEO/General Manager
SRT Communications, Inc.

Enclosure

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

SRT Communications, Inc.

Steven Lysne, CEO/General Manager

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT 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 8th day of August, 2017.

SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By *Steve Lysne*
Steve Lysne
Its: Manager

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

On this 8th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 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
Ward County, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017

TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS

August 9, 2017

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue-Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 568505-0480



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 Turtle Mountain 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. 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 have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Oster".

Perry Oster
General Manager

Enclosure

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

Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

Perry Oster, General Manager

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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.

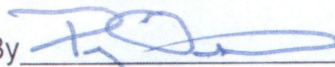
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification 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 2017 and 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 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 9th day of August, 2017.

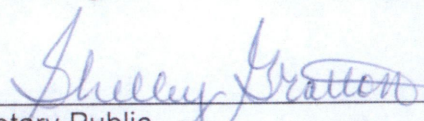
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN
COMMUNICATIONS**

By 
Perry Oster
Its: Manager

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

On this 9th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PERRY OSTER, known to me to be the Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

SHELLEY GRATTON
Notary Public, State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires March 28, 2022


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 03/26/22

UNITED

TELEPHONE MUTUAL
AID CORPORATION

August 9, 2017

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue-Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 568505-0480



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 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. 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 have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Oster", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Perry Oster
General Manager

Enclosure

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

United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Perry Oster, General Manager

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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 9th day of August, 2017.

**UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL
AID CORPORATION**

By *Perry Oster*
Perry Oster
Its: Manager

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

On this 9th day of August, 2017, 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.

SHELLEY GRATTON
Notary Public, State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires March 26, 2022

Shelley Gratton
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 08/26/22



August 18, 2017

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Geri Schmaltz
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Ms. Schmaltz;

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 10-90 is the annual certification filing, related exhibits, and an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture 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.

Sincerely,

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janelle Jessen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janelle Jessen
Office Manager

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
Venture Communications Cooperative
Janelle Jessen, Office Manager

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.

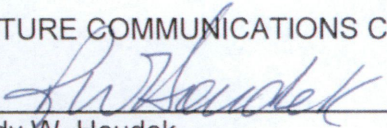
Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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 2018, 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 18th day of August, 2017.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By: 
Randy W. Houdek

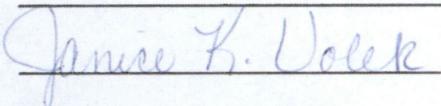
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of South Dakota)

) ss.

County of Hyde)

On this 18th day of August 2017, 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

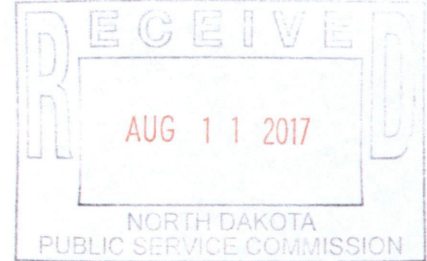
For the State of South Dakota

My commission expires: MARCH 24, 2022



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600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support

West River Telecommunications Cooperative
Michelle Perreault

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**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
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

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

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

Troy Schilling, 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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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 11th day of August, 2017.

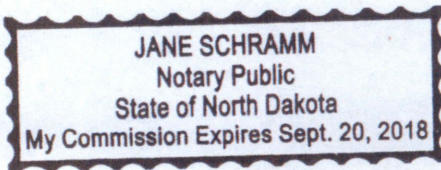
**WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By [Signature]
Troy Schilling
Its: Manager

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

On this 11th day of August, 2017, 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.

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





August 11, 2017

Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
600 E Blvd Ave Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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 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. 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
Executive Vice President
Wolverton Telephone Company

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

Wolverton Telephone Company

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

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

Karl Blake, 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 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (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 2017 and 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

