EXHIBIT C
Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HYDE)

1. I am the General Manager of Venture Communications Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I 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, the USF/ICC Transformation Order of 2011 and the USF Transformation Order of 2016 with respect to the receipt of any federal high-cost universal service support received as either Interstate Access Support, Connect America Fund ICC, Interstate Common Line support/Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support, High Cost Loop Support, Safety Net Additive Support, or Safety Valve Support.

3. During 2016, the Company received federal high cost universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2016, the Company used the federal high cost universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal high cost universal service support it receives during 2018 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (A) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and (B) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03.

General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 23rd day of June 2017.

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My Commission Expires: MARCH 24, 2022