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



Re: In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative
For Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

By way of background, the vast majority of Venture's customers reside in South Dakota. There are currently 13 customers that reside in North Dakota. In the past, the North Dakota Commission has not required Venture to file an annual ETC Certification in North Dakota, as we include the North Dakota customers in Venture's South Dakota filing. For your reference, I am attaching Exhibit D of the documents we filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. This is an Affidavit that should satisfy the ETC requirements in North Dakota. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER &
NORTHRUP, LLP

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margo D. Northrup'.

Margo D. Northrup

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Enclosures

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

Venture Communications Cooperative

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