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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 &
NORTHROP, LLP

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margo D Northrup'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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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**EXHIBIT
D
Affidavit**

STATE OF SOUTH

DAKOTA COUNTY OF

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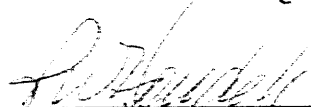
1. I am the General Manager of Venture Communications Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

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 2018, 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 2018, 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).

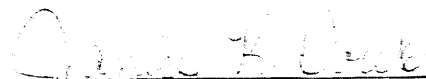
4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal high cost universal service support it receives during 2020 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

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 14 day of June 2019.



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My Commission Expires: MARCH 24, 2022