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*Hello!*

*Attached please find a letter reminding rural designated eligible telecommunications carriers to file affidavits regarding 2021 USF funding with the ND Public Service Commission by September 4, 2020.*

*Also, as stated in the letter, the affidavit must clearly reference WC Docket No. 14-58.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Fahn at 701-328-4077 or e-mail him at [pfahn@nd.gov](mailto:pfahn@nd.gov).*

*Thanks and have a great day!  
Geri*

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To All Companies with ETC Designation:

RE: Case No. PU-20-311: Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that States that desire ETCs subject to State jurisdiction to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program file an annual certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

This letter is a reminder that any ETC that desires to have North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) annual certification to the FCC must file with the NDPSC a sworn affidavit. **The affidavit must be executed by a corporate officer and attest that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier was used in the preceding calendar year (2019) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2021) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended as required by Section 254e of the Telecommunications Act.** Also, the affidavit must clearly reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Your **affidavits must be filed with the ND PSC by September 4, 2020.** Immediately following the submission of affidavits, the NDPSC will prepare an order for filing with the FCC and USAC by October 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please call me at (701) 328-4077.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Fahn". The signature is cursive and fluid.

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*Via Email to addresses on the Public Service Commission's ETC email list – original not sent*

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