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August 21, 2020

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: In the Matter of the Annual Report to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for
Essential Telecommunications Carrier Certification for Red River Rural Telephone
Association d/b/a Red River Communications SAC 381631
Case No. PU-20-311

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 Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River 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.

As supplemental information to the FCC 481 Annual Report the Company includes Exhibits provided in previous years as part of the Annual Report pursuant to sections 69-09-05-12 and 69-0905-12.1 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and Section 49-21-01.7(12) of the North Dakota Century Code and a Request to Protect Trade Secret Information on behalf of Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River Communications.

A copy of each of these documents has also been provided by email to ndpsc@nd.gov. In a separate sealed envelope, marked "Trade Secret - Private," is Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River Communications' Trade Secret Exhibit A.

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
Red River Rural Telephone Association

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The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1st of this year that Red River Rural Telephone Association is eligible to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2021.

Please contact me if further information is required.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-20-311 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER RURAL COMMUNICATIONS
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 Communications (SAC 381631) (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 2021.

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

