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54.314(a) State Certification Letter
2020 Submission

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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USAC
Vice President High Cost Division
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Self-Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314

On September 23, 2020, the North Dakota Public Service Commission adopted an Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support which, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, certified to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunication carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

On September 29, 2020 the North Dakota Public Service Commission adopted an Amended Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support (see attached) to add a footnote on page two of the Order regarding the status of Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.

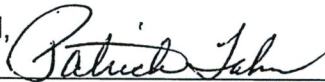
This letter amends the September 29, 2020 letter to the FCC and USAC to include study area code 389025 in the certification for BEK Communications Cooperative that was inadvertently not listed. The North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to carriers within North Dakota was used in the preceding calendar year **(2019)** and will be used in the coming calendar year **(2021)** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

Telecommunications Carrier		Study Area Code
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389009
BEK Communications Cooperative	Rural	381604 & 389025
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	Rural	381131
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	Rural	386325
Consolidated Telcom	Rural	381607
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Rural	381610
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381610
Daktel Communications LLC	Rural	386128

¹47 C.F.R. §54.314(b) ("Carriers not subject to State jurisdiction. An eligible telecommunications carrier not subject to the jurisdiction of a State that desires to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carrier 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. Support provided pursuant to the high-cost program shall only be provided to the extent that the carrier has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381611
Griggs County Telephone Co.	Rural	381615 & 381622
Halstad Telephone Company	Rural-MN & ND	361401 & 389002
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Rural	381616
James Valley Telecommunications	Rural-SD	391664
Loretel Systems, Inc.	Rural-MN	361443
Midcontinent Communications	CETC	389011
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural-MT	482246
Midstate Communications Inc.	Rural	381638
Midstate Telephone Company, LLC	Rural	381617
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.	Rural	382247
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural	382247
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	CETC	389015
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389006
North Dakota 5- Kidder Limited Partnership	CETC	389010
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership	CETC	389008
North Dakota Telephone Company	Rural	381447
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association	Rural	381625
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389007
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation dba Polar Communications	Rural	381630 & 381614
Polar Telcom, Inc.	Rural	389003
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	Non-rural	385144
RC Technologies	Rural-SD	399010 & 391674
Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River Communications	Rural	381631
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381632
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	CETC & Mobility	389013, 388001, 388002, 388003, 388004, 388005, 388006
SRT Communications, Inc.	Rural	383303
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.	Rural	381636
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	Rural	381636
Venture Communications Cooperative	Rural-SD	391680
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381637
Wolverton Telephone Company	Rural	381509

Signed,



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The logo for BEK Communications Cooperative, featuring the letters "BEK" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letters are enclosed within a white circle that has a blue outline. The circle is set against a dark blue background.

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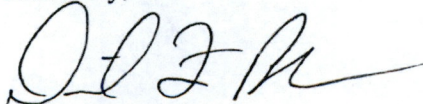
August 27, 2020

ND Public Service Commission
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RE: USF Certification Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

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 BEK Communications Cooperative (study area codes 381604 and 389025) 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bulawa". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Derrick Bulawa
CEO
BEK Communications Cooperative

Enc.

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

BEK Communications Cooperative

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Kidder)

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier 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 eligible telecommunications carrier.

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 2020 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to BEK Communications Cooperative 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 with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the

following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 27 day of AUGUST, 2020.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By *[Signature]*
Derrick Bulawa
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Kidder)

On this 27th day of August, 2020, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DERRICK BULAWA, known to me to be the Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

