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July 11, 2022

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-21-216: Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314.

Enclosed for filing is SRT Communications, Inc. Annual Report, along with 'Exhibit A – Public'. Exhibit A – 'Proprietary and Confidential' will be mailed in a 'Protected Information – Private' envelope.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Lizotte", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Julie Lizotte
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Enclosure Exhibit A- Public

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

SRT Communications, Inc.

Julie Lizotte

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 SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO/General Manager.

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 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 2021, and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding 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. § 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 June, 2022.

SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By Cassidy Hjelmstad
Cassidy Hjelmstad
Its: CEO/General Manger

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

On this 27 day of June, 2022, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared CASSIDY HJELMSTAD, known to me to be the CEO/General Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

MARGIE NEWMAN
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires May 10, 2026

Margie Newman
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

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EXHIBIT A

This Exhibit A is supplemented by a non-public Exhibit A labeled "Trade Secret – Private." The Company does not waive any rights to Trade Secret Protection by referencing this "Trade Secret – Private" information in this form.

1. The amount of high-cost universal support the Company received in the prior calendar year and estimate of the amount of high-cost universal support it anticipates receiving in the next calendar year (the calendar year following the date of this report) are listed below:

Year 2021 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

High Cost Loop Support/Safety Net	\$ 4,379,670
Broadband Loop Support Voice/Data	\$13,185,477
Connect America Fund (CAF/ICC)	<u>\$ 2,013,297</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$19,578,444</u>

The changes, if any, from reports previously filed with the Commission are, as follows (changes that are deemed proprietary are included on a non-public Exhibit A):
