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July 26, 2022

Mr. Steven Kahl  
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 Griggs County Telephone  
Company SAC 381615  
Case No. PU-22-230

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, enclosed please find the  
following for filing in the above-referenced proceeding:

- (1) The sworn affidavit required by the Commission in support of the annual certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 that the Commission will file with the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of Griggs County Telephone Company SAC 381615.
- (2) An annual report in compliance with North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-05-12.1 including a Request to Protect Trade Secret Information on behalf of Griggs County Telephone Company SAC 381615.

A copy of each of these documents has also been provided by email to [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov). In a separate sealed envelope, marked "Trade Secret - Private," is Griggs County Telephone Company's Trade Secret Exhibit A.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1st of this year that Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) is eligible to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2022.

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Griggs County Telephone Co. Study Area 381615

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Please contact the undersigned if further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kuykendall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "K".

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Consultant on Behalf of Griggs County  
Telephone Company



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. PU-21-216 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.

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 E T C .

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 2022 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) was used in the preceding calendar year of 2021 and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2023 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

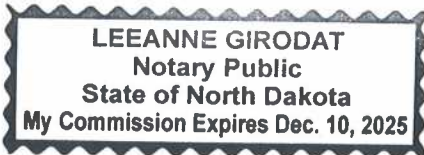
**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
(SAC 381615)**

By   
Tyler Kilde  
President

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

On this 20 day of July, 2022, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381615), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
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Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota



My commission expires: Dec. 10, 2025