



June 27, 2023

Victor Schock - Director
Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
State Capitol – 600 E Blvd, Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-23-16
WC Docket No. 14-58
Universal Service Support Affidavit for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Schock:

Please find enclosed an affidavit to be filed in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used 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 Order of the NDPSC in case No. PU-23-16. This affidavit is being filed to facilitate the Companies receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2024 and for all quarters thereafter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact my office.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Candelaria".

Michael Candelaria
General Manager/CEO

Attachment

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

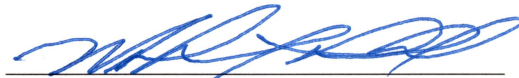
IN THE MATTER OF THE 2023)
Annual Certification of Eligible)
Telecommunications Carriers to the) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-23-16
Federal Communications Commission for) Docket No. 14.58
2024 High Cost and Low-Income Support)

AFFIDAVIT OF Michael Candelaria

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

1. Affiant is an officer of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
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 the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit with reference to WC Docket NO. 14-58 and in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used 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 Order of the NDPSC 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 2024, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2022 and will only use support in 2024 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7

Dated this 27 day of June, 2023

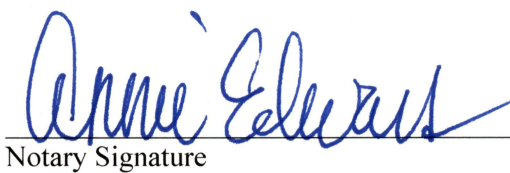
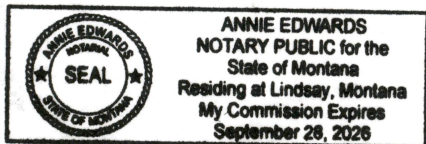


Michael Candelaria
General Manager/CEO
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of
County of

Montana
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Signed and sworn to before me on June 27, 2023 by Michael
Candelaria.



Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)