

August 1, 2023

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-23-16

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. 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 2023.

Please contact the undersigned if further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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**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 ETC.
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 in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, the "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 2023 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 2022 and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2024 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. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

