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Victor Schock, Director of Public Utilities
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
VIA ELECTRONIC FILING TO ndpsc@nd.gov

**RE: Case No. PU-24-15
WC Docket No. 14-58
Universal Service Support Affidavit for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Mr. Schock:

Enclosed please find an affidavit for filing 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-24-15, to facilitate the NDPSC preparing an order for filing its Annual State Certification for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers with the FCC and USAC.

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

Enclosure

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Affidavit Regarding Certification of Use of Federal Universal Service Support
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Michael Candelaria, General Manager/CEO

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2024)
Annual Certification of Eligible)
Telecommunications Carriers to the) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-24-15
Federal Communications Commission for) WC Docket No. 14.58
2025 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 General Manager/CEO.
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 2025, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2023 and will only use support in 2025 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

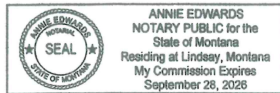
Dated this 8 day of July, 2024

Michael Candelaria

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

State of Montana
County of McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on 2024-07-08 by Michael Candelaria.



Annie Edwards

Notary Signature

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