



July 7, 2025

Victor Schock, Director  
Public Utilities Division  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480  
**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING TO [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov)**

**RE: Case No. PU-25-15, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 (2026) 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 and its Exhibit "A" Annual Report in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC in case No. PU-25-15, 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 Mgr / CEO

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2025 )  
Annual Certification of Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carriers to the ) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-25-15  
Federal Communications Commission for ) WC Docket No. 14.58  
2026 High Cost and Low-Income Support )

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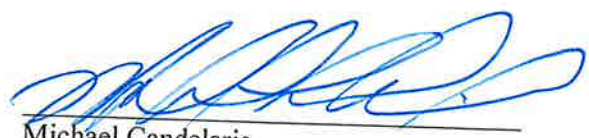
**AFFIDAVIT OF Michael Candelaria**

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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 2026, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2024 and will only use support in 2026 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

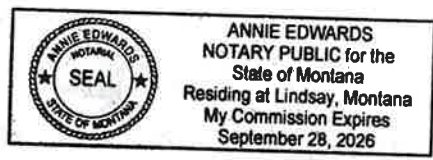
Dated this 24 day of June, 2025



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

State of Montana  
County of McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on June 24, 2025 by Michael Candelaria.



Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)

**EXHIBIT A – NDPSC Annual Report**

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:

(All information is submitted at the study area level of the ILEC as applied to the State of North Dakota) **The Company only serves 4 ILEC customers in the State of North Dakota from central office facilities located in Montana.**

**Prior CY 2024 Federal Universal Service Receipts:** None

**Estimated Next CY 2026 Federal Universal Service Receipts:** None

The changes, if any, from reports previously filed with the Commission are, as follows:

(None). \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of Prior Year's Support.** Not Applicable.

Specific construction or upgrade projects are listed, as follows:

(All information is submitted at the study area level of the ILEC as applied to the State of North Dakota) **The Company only serves 4 customers in the State of North Dakota from central office facilities located in Montana.**

Construction or Upgrade Project Name	Start Date	Completion Date	Amount of Investment	Geographic Area of Improvement	Estimated Population Served by Improvement	Description of How Service Will Be Improved
Not Applicable						





