

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2026)
Compliance

Case No. PU-25-15

ORDER CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT

September 10, 2025

Discussion

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that telecommunications carriers use universal service support “only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.” Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Section 54.314 requires: “States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.” State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC’s certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O

at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the discussion above, the NDPSC issues the following:

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support that was used in the preceding calendar year and all federal support that will be used in the coming calendar year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the company's study area.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership
BEK Communications Cooperative	North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	North Dakota Telephone Company
Consolidated Telcom	Northwest Communications Cooperative, A Cooperative Association
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation d/b/a Polar Communications
Daktel Communications LLC	Polar Telcom, Inc.
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Qwest Communications dba CenturyLink QC
Griggs County Telephone Co. (Study areas 381615 and 381622)	RC Technologies Corporation
Halstad Telephone Company	Red River Rural Telephone Association, d/b/a Red River Communications
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Reservation Telephone Cooperative
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company	Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
Loretel Systems, Inc.	SRT Communications, Inc.
Midcontinent Communications	Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
Midstate Communications Inc.	United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Midstate Telephone Company	
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
MLGC, LLC
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a
AT&T Mobility

Venture Communications Cooperative
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Wolverton Telephone Company

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

3. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringstad
Commissioner

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-25-15**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF
BADLANDS CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389009 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders and annual reminder letters concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By Stephen Prew

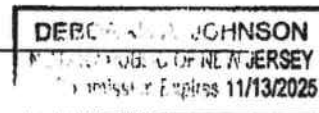
Stephen Prew
Vice President - Taxes of Cellco Partnership
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Badlands Cellular of
North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 24th day of March, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Stephen Prew, Vice President – Taxes of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Deborah A. Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission expires _____



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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.

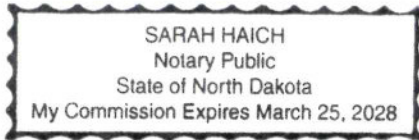
Dated this 23rd day of JUNE, 2025.


CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.

By 
Bryan Personne
Its: Chief Executive Officer

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

On this 23 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared BRYAN PERSONNE, known to me to be the Chief Executive Officer of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.




Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Telcom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 23rd day of June, 2025.


CONSOLIDATED TELCOM

By 
Bryan Personne
Its: Chief Executive Officer

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

On this 23 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared BRYAN PERSONNE, known to me to be the Chief Executive Officer of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

SARAH HAICH
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires March 25, 2028


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 23 day of July, 2025.

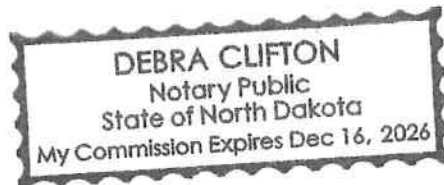
DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

By *Holly Utke*
Holly Utke
Its: Chief Executive Officer

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

On this 23 day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared HOLLY UTKE, known to me to be the Chief Executive Officers of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Debra Clifton
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 23 day of July, 2025.

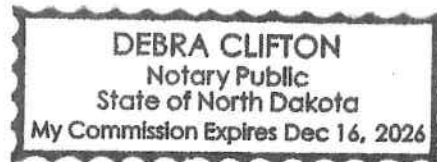
**DAKOTA CENTRAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By *Holly Utke*
Holly Utke
Its: Chief Executive Officer

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

On this 23 day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared HOLLY UTKE, known to me to be the Chief Executive Officer of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Debra Clifton
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Daktel Communications, LLC. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Daktel Communications, LLC. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 23 day of July, 2025.

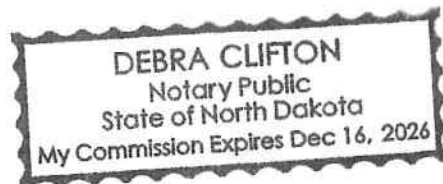
DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.

By *Holly Utke*
Holly Utke
Its: Chief Executive Officer

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

On this 23 day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared HOLLY UTKE, known to me to be the Manager of DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Debra Clifton
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Dec. 16, 2026



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 27 day of June, 2025.

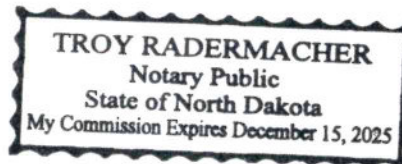
**DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

By 
Kent Schimke
Its: Manager

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

On this 27 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KENT SCHIMKE, known to me to be the Manager of DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN
CASE NO. PU-25-15 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)

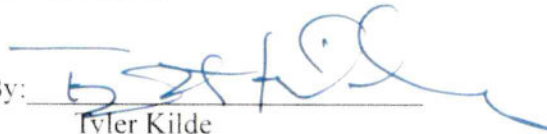
Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

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 2025 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 2024 and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2026 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

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.

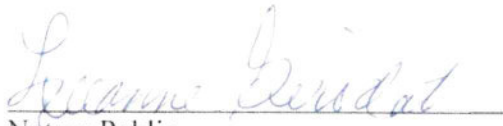
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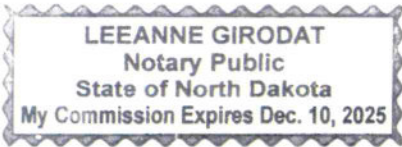
**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
(SAC 381615)**

By: 
Tyler Kilde
President

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

On this 21 day of July 2025, 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.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



My commission expires: Dec 10, 2025

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN
CASE NO. PU-25-15 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)

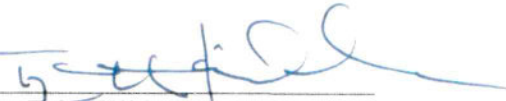
Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) (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.
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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) was used in the preceding calendar year of 2024 and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2026 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

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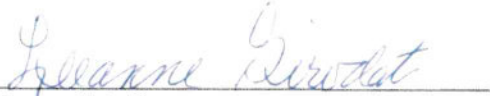
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**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
(SAC 381622)**

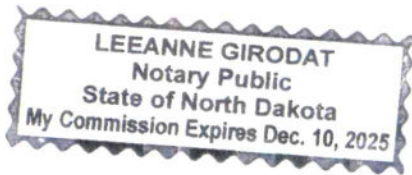
By: 
Tyler Kilde
President

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

On this 21 day of July 2025, 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 381622), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: Dec. 10, 2025



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-25-15 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of Norman)

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

1. Affiant is employed by HalstadTelephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO.

2. The Company is an EligibleTelecommunications Carrier (ETC)within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the FederalTelecommunications 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 ET C . The Company receives Support from two study area codes identified by USAC as 361401 and 389002

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 2025.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Halstad Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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.

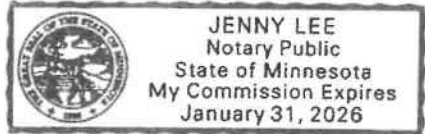
HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY

Dated this 25th day of June, 2025.

By 

Mark Forseth
Its: CEO

State of Minnesota)
) SS
County of Norman)



On this day of June 26, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK FORSETH, known to me to be the CEO of HALSTAD COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Notary Public
For the State of Minnesota

My commission expires: Jan 31, 2026

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY'S

ANNUAL STATE CERTIFICATION OF
SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

PURSUANT TO 47 C.F.R § 54.314

CASE NO. PU-25-15

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE
COMPANY REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE
SUPPORT**

SOUTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BROWN)

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

1. I am the CEO of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company of Groton, South Dakota (hereinafter, the "Cooperative").

2. The Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Cooperative 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 Cooperative as an eligible telecommunications carrier.


3. I am personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Cooperative, and with how the Cooperative uses all Support it receives.

4. The Cooperative is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 Cooperative will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, through the Cooperative'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 July 21st, 2025.

**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**



By: James Groft
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS
COUNTY OF BROWN

On this 21 day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared **James Groft**, known to me to be the CEO of **James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company**, the cooperative that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such cooperative executed the same.



Notary Public, South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 9-21-28

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-25-15 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND
WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC. CERTIFYING
USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
County of Otter Tail)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Arvig Enterprises, Inc. the holding company of Loretel Systems, Inc. (SAC 361443) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 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 2025.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Loretel Systems, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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.

LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2025

By : [Signature]

Staci Malikowski

Its: CFO

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
County of Otter Tail)

On this day of June 16, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STACI MALIKOWSKI, known to me to be the CFO of LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]

Notary Public
For the State of Minnesota

My commission expires: 1-31-2030



Further affiant sayeth not.

Patrick McCann
Patrick McCann
VP of Legal & General Counsel
Midcontinent Communications

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 2025, by Patrick McCann as VP of Legal & General Counsel for Midcontinent Communications who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Cindy Dee Wooten
Notary Public

Cindy Dee Wooten
Notary Print Name:

My Commission Expires: March 12, 2026



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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)

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 Support that it receives.

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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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)

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)

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 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

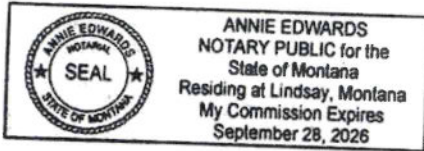
Dated this 24 day of June, 2025



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)

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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

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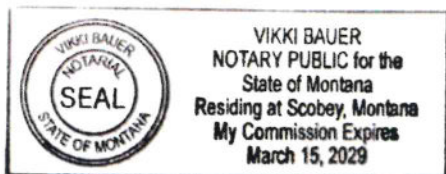
Dated this 10th day of July, 2025.

**MISSOURI VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By Dionne Nieskens
Dionne Nieskens
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 10th day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DIONNE NIESKENS, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Vikki Bauer
Notary Public
For the State of Montana

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN
CASE NO. PU-25-15 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO.10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO.14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF MLGC, LLC CERTIFYING USE OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

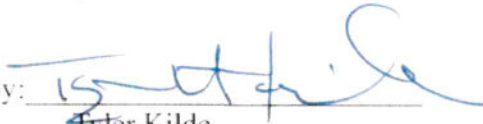
Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by MLGC, LLC (SAC 389027) (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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to MLGC, LLC (SAC 389027) was used in the preceding calendar year of 2024 and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2026 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 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 21st day of July, 2025

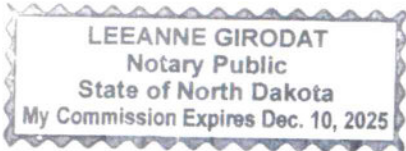
MLGC, LLC

By: 
Tyler Kilde
President

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

On this 21 day of July 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the President of MLGC, LLC (SAC 389027), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



My commission expires: Dec 10 2025

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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

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AFFIDAVIT OF NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 28th day of July, 2025.

Verna J. [Signature] Notary Public



**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-25-15**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF
NORTH CENTRAL RSA 2 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389006 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders and annual reminder letters concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By Stephen Prew

Stephen Prew
Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 24th day of March, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Stephen Prew, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Deborah A. Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

DEBORAH A. JOHNSON
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 11/13/2025

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-25-15**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF
NORTH DAKOTA 5 - KIDDER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION
OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389010 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders and annual reminder letters concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

By Stephen Prew
Stephen Prew
Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 24th day of March, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Stephen Prew, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership.

Deborah A. Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

DEBORAH A. JOHNSON
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 11/13/2025

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-25-15**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF
NORTH DAKOTA RSA NO. 3 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION
OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389008 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders and annual reminder letters concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership

By Stephen Prew

Stephen Prew
Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 24th day of March, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Stephen Prew, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership.

Deborah A. Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

DEBORAH A. JOHNSON
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 11/13/2025

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 17th day of June, 2025.

**NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

By TeeJay Kurtz
TeeJay Kurtz
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TEEJAY KURTZ, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Shawna M Senger
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

SHAWNA M SENGER
Notary Public
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires
February 10, 2026

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 17th day of June, 2025.

**NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

By TeeJay Kurtz
TeeJay Kurtz
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TEEJAY KURTZ, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Shawna M Senger
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

SHAWNA M SENGER
Notary Public
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires
February 10, 2026

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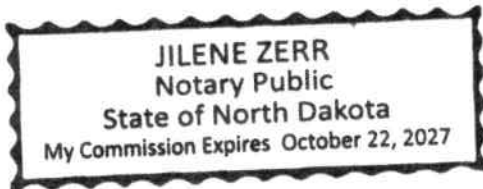
Dated this 15 day of July, 2025.

**NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By Jeremy X. Becker
Jeremy Becker
Its: Manager

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

On this 15 day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEREMY BECKER, known to me to be the Manager of NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Jilene Zerr
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-25-15**

**AND BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF
NORTHWEST DAKOTA CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389007 to the Company.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within 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 NDPSC's Orders and annual reminder letters concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order 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.

5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used 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 and 54.314.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By Stephen Prew
Stephen Prew
Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership

State of New Jersey)
) ss.
County of Somerset)

On this 24th day of March, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Stephen Prew, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.

Deborah A. Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

DEBORAH A. JOHNSON NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY My Commission Expires 11/13/2025

for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 17 day of June, 2025.

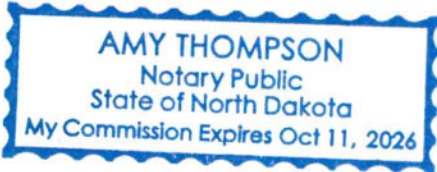
POLAR TELCOM, INC.

By *Karl Blake*
Karl Blake
Its: Executive Vice President

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

On this 17 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of POLAR TELCOM, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Amy Thompson
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Senior Manager Regulatory Finance of Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent").
2. Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (North Dakota) ("Carrier") which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, I am authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost.
3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.
4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 14-58 and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11- 191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost Support was used during the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 Telecommunications Act.
5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Kenneth W. Buchan

Kenneth W. Buchan
Senior Manager Regulatory Finance
Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 30TH day of June 2025, by Kenneth W. Buchan as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Josh Freeman
NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary
My commission expires:

at death



JOSH FREEMAN
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 89375
Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION
dba RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS

Dated this 25th day of June, 2025

By : Thomas Steinolfson

Thomas Steinolfson
Its: General Manager/CEO

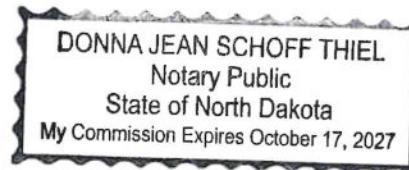
State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Richland)

On this day of June 25th, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared THOMAS STEINOLFSON, known to me to be the GENERAL MANAGER/CEO of RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION dba RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Donna Jean Schoff Thiel

Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: Oct. 17, 2027



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 30th day of June, 2025.

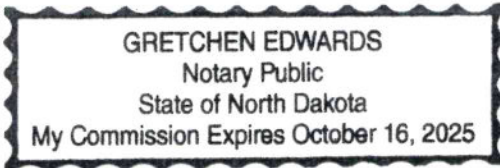
**RESERVATION TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

By *Shane D Hart*
Shane D. Hart
Its: Manager

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

On this 30th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared SHANE D. HART, known to me to be the Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Gretchen Edwards
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

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

1. Affiant is employed by Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 10th day of July, 2025.

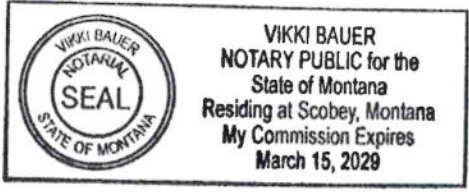
SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.

By *Dionne Nieskens*
Dionne Nieskens
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 10th day of July, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DIONNE NIESKENS, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Vikki Bauer
Notary Public
For the State of Montana



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

**AFFIDAVIT OF SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 17th day of June, 2025.

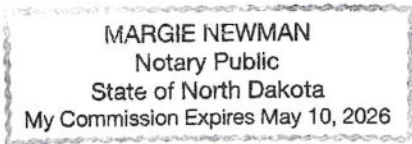
SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By Cassidy Hjelmstad
Cassidy Hjelmstad
Its: General Manager

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

On this 17th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared CASSIDY HJELMSTAD, known to me to be the General Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Margie Newman
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



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.

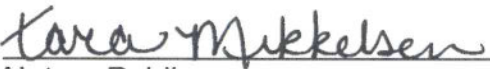
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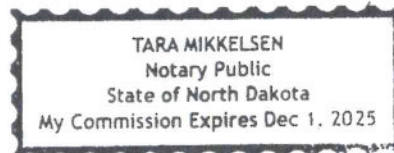
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN
COMMUNICATIONS**

By 
Steve Swanson
Its: General Manager

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

On this 24 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE SWANSON, known to me to be the General Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

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 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 2025 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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.

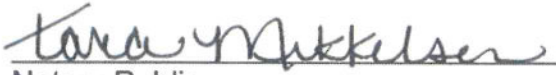
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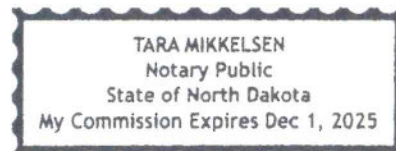
**UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL
AID CORPORATION**

By 
Steve Swanson
Its: Manager

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

On this 24 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE SWANSON, known to me to be the Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)

County of Sargent)ss.

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

1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (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. The Company serves 7 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 6,700 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
4. 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.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket No. 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 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, 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 2025, and for all quarters thereafter.
6. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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. * 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) dual-tone multi-frequency

signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation services for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2025.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By:

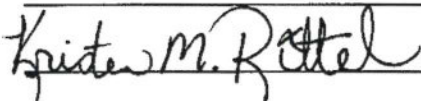

Fay Jandreau

Its: General Manager/CEO

State of South Dakota)

County of Hyde)ss.

On this 29th day of July 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared FAY JANDREAU, known to me to be the GENERAL MANAGER/CEO for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

 Notary Public

For the State of South Dakota

**My Commission Expires
5/12/2026**

My commission expires: _____



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 17th day of June, 2025.

**WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By *Troy Schilling*
Troy Schilling
Its: Manager

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

On this 17 day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TROY SCHILLING, known to me to be the Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Andrea Scharbach
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota

