



July 19, 2026

Via Post

Victor Schock
Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave
Dept 408
Bismarck, NB 58505

Re: In the Matter of Case No. PU-26-15 : Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314

Dear Mr. Schock:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Midcontinent Communications regarding the annual certification requirements applicable to Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) receiving federal high-cost universal service support and low-income support.

Accordingly, Midcontinent hereby requests that the NDPSC consider the accompanying sworn affidavit in connection with the Commission's annual FCC certification filing. The affidavit attests that all federal high-cost universal service support received by Midcontinent during the relevant period, and all such support expected to be received in the coming year, will be used solely for the services for which the support is intended, consistent with applicable federal and state requirements.

Midcontinent Communications requests that the Commission complete its annual certification of Midcontinent and file that certification on or before October 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

County of Minnehaha)

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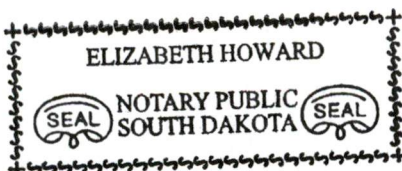
As an authorized representative of Midcontinent Communications, I, Char Hay, hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding the requirements governing the receipt and use of any federal universal service support under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Federal Communication Commission's rules, and related orders adopted in WC Docket No. 14-58. I hereby certify, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §254(e), 47 CFR §54.313, and the high-cost universal support service rules contained in 47 C.F.R Part 54, that all federal high-cost received by Midcontinent Communications during calendar year 2025 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. I further certify that all federal high-cost support to be received by Midcontinent Communications during calendar year 2027 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C §254(e), and the rules governing the use of high-cost universal service support.

Midcontinent further certifies that under N.D.A.C. § 69-09-05-121.1 (5), (6), (7), and (8), and 47 CFR § 54.313, it provides equal access to long distance carriers within its service area, it is in compliance with requirements for service quality standards and can perform under emergency situations. Midcontinent further certifies that it provides consumer protection.

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VP of Billing & Regulatory Finance
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July, 2026.





Notary Public

Notary Print Name: Elizabeth Howard

My Commission Expires: 7/23/2031