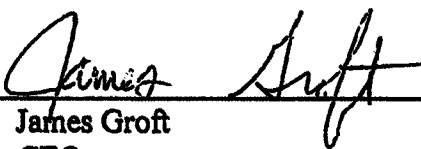


5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the 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.

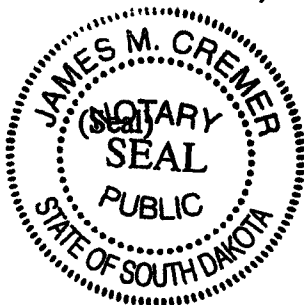
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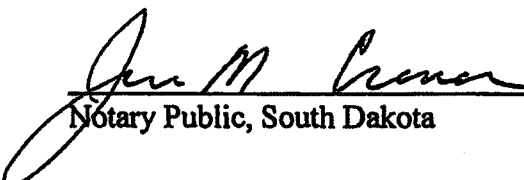
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**


By: James Groft
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS
COUNTY OF BROWN

On this 24th day of July, 2017, 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

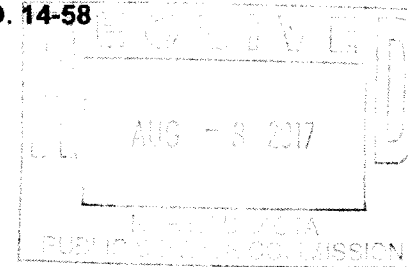
My Commission Expires: 1-27-2021

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 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. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CFO.

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 2018.

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.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.

LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC.*

By

Staci Malikowski

Its: CFO

State of Minnesota)

) ss.

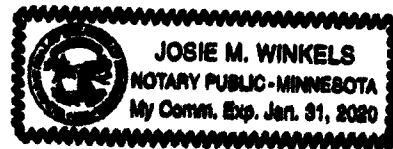
County of Otter Tail)

On this day of August 7th, 2017, 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.

Josie M. Winkels
Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: 1-31-20

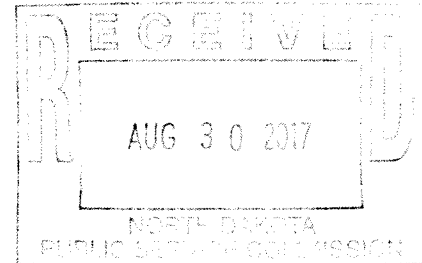




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August 30, 2017

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary, Director of Administration
Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-17-294: 47 C.F.R. §54.314 Annual Use Certification

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit from Midcontinent Communications as required certifying that all Universal Service support funds received by Midcontinent was only used, and will be used, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and WC Docket No. 14-58.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andi Livingston".

Andi Livingston
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Midcontinent Communications
(605) 274-3648
andrea.livingston@midco.com

cc: Patrick Fahn

Enclosure

State of South Dakota)

)SS

County of Minnehaha)

AFFIDAVIT

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Scott Anderson hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 254(e) and in WC Docket No. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

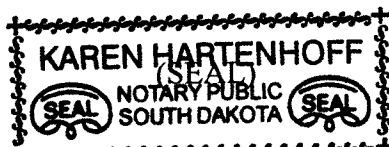
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Scott Anderson
Chief Legal Officer
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 2017.

Klaus Hartenoff

Notary Public



My Commission Expires 4-21-2022

Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff

My Commission Expires: 4-21-2022

State of South Dakota)
)ss
County of Minnehaha)

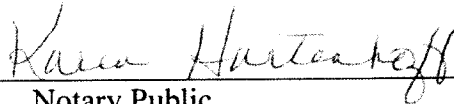
AFFIDAVIT

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Scott Anderson hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 254(e) and in WC Docket No. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

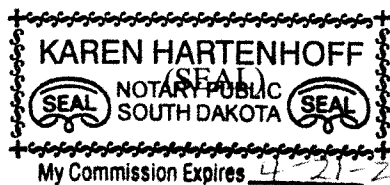


Scott Anderson
Chief Legal Officer
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 2017.



Notary Public



Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff

My Commission Expires: 4-21-2022

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017)
Annual Certification of Eligible)
Telecommunications Carriers to the)
Federal Communications Commission for)
2018 High Cost and Low-Income Support)

COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-17-294
Docket No. 14.58

AFFIDAVIT OF Craig Johnson

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

1. Affiant is employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
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 2018, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2016 and will only use support in 2018 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

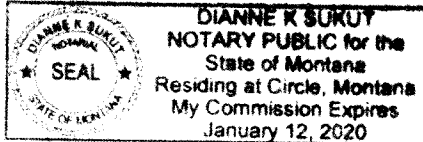
Dated this 29 day of August, 2017

Craig Johnson

Craig Johnson
President
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of Montana
County of McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on August 29, 2017 by Craig Johnson.



Dianne R. Suritt
Notary Signature

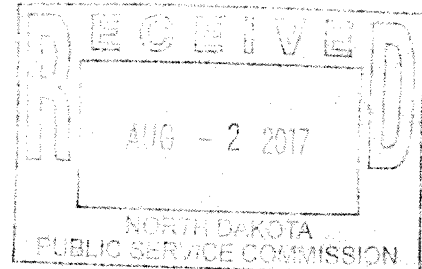
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VIA EMAIL: ndpsc@nd.gov

August 2, 2017

North Dakota State Public Service Commission

600 E. Boulevard, Dept.408

Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441 (Revised)

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of Aug 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate 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. In making this filing, he undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

VIA EMAIL: ryanw@midstate.net

Manager: Ryan Wilhelm

Midstate Communications

P.O. Box 400

Stanley, N.D. 58784

FRN: 0003-7558-32
SAC: 381638

4 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/2/2017 Pages: 3
Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support

Midstate Communications Inc.

Ryan Wilhelm, Manager

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)

Ryan Wilhelmi, 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 2017 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) 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 4 day of August, 2017.

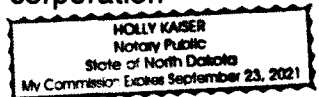
MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By *Ryan Wilhelm*
Ryan Wilhelm
Its: Manager

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

On this 4 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Holly Kaiser
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Sept 23, 2021

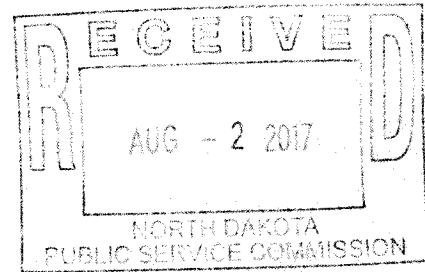




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VIA EMAIL: ndpsc@nd.gov

August 2, 2017

North Dakota State Public Service Commission

600 E. Boulevard, Dept.408

Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441 (Revised)

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of Aug 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying 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. In making this filing, he undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

VIA EMAIL: ryanw@midstate.net

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ryan Wilhelmi".

Manager: Ryan Wilhelmi

FRN: 0003-7558-08

SAC: 381617

Midstate Telephone Company

P.O. Box 400

Stanley, N.D. 58784

5 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/2/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Midstate Telephone Company

Ryan Wilhelmi, Manager

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)

Ryan Wilhelmi, 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.

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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

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) 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 4 day of August, 2017.

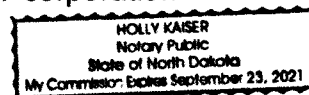
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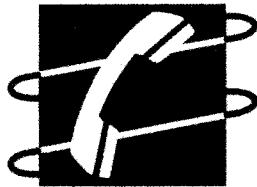
By Ryan Wilhelmi
Ryan Wilhelmi
Its: Manager

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

On this 4 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Holly Kaiser
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Sept 23, 2021





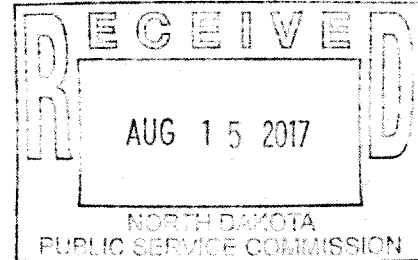
Missouri Valley
Communications, INC.
TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

August 15, 2017

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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission Mail Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

RS/sb

Enclosures

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

**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)

Remi Sun, 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.

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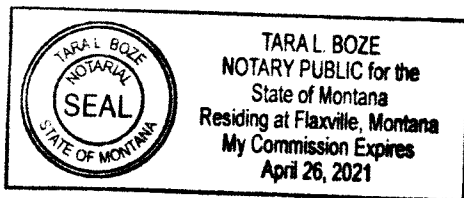
Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

**MISSOURI VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By [Signature]
Remi Sun
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, 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.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of Montana
My commission expires: 4-26-21



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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Remi Sun", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

RS/sb

Enclosures

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

**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)

Remi Sun, 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 2017 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 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 15th day of August, 2017.

**NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE,
INC.**

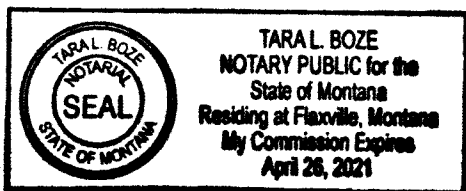
By

Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Tara L. Boze
(Notary Public

For the State of Montana

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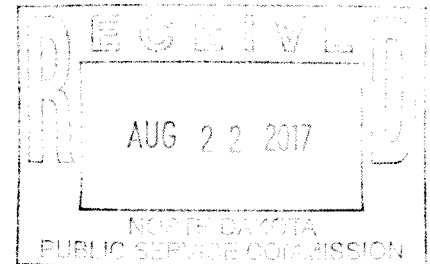
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Darrel Nitschke
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Re: Affidavit of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"), Filed Pursuant to Case No. PU-439-02-441 and PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and seven copies of New Cingular's affidavit required by the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The affidavit consists of a one-page sworn statement by Lisa Mitchell-Kastner, the Vice President/General Manager for AT&T Mobility LLC and its subsidiary, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, certifying that the federal support New Cingular receives is used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e).

Also enclosed is an eighth copy of the affidavit and a self-addressed envelope. Please file stamp one copy of the affidavit and return it to my office in the enclosed envelope for our files.

If you have any questions or concerns or require anything further with regard to this filing, please feel free to contact my office at any time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Blessing
Area Manager, AT&T External Affairs

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT

AT&T Mobility LLC and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

The undersigned, Lisa Mitchell-Kastner, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby state as follows:

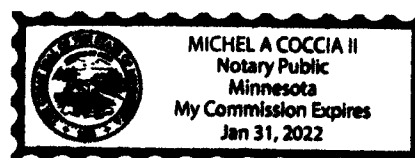
1. I serve as Vice President and General Manager/Northern Plains for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Suite 301, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.
2. In my capacity as Vice President/General Manager, I am an authorized representative of the Company and its subsidiary licensees and am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of New Cingular.
3. New Cingular has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of qualifying to obtain all available federal universal service support including, but not limited to, support for rural, insular and high costs areas, and for low-income customers, In the Matter of the Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Order, ND. PUC Case No. PU-11-86 (July 13, 2011).
4. New Cingular files this affidavit pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCCs") Order of May 23, 2001 in CC Docket 96-45, its Order of June 10, 2014 in WC Dockets 14-58, and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal high-cost universal service support received by the carrier will only be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.
5. In accordance with section 54.314(b) of the FCC's rules and section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, New Cingular hereby certifies that it only used federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2016) and will only use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming calendar year (2018) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

AT&T Mobility LLC
By: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Its: Manager

By: Lisa Mitchell-Kastner
Name: Lisa Mitchell-Kastner
Title: Vice President and General Manager/
Northern Plains

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 22 day of August 2017.

[Signature] Notary Public





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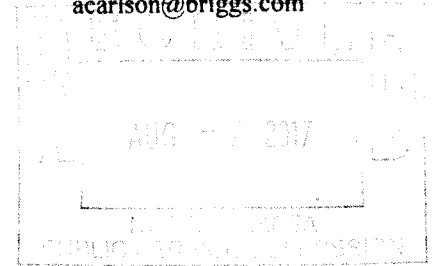
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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Central RSA 2 of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support received by the Company in the previous year has been, and the support to be received by the Company in the coming calendar year will be, used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An original, plus one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please contact me immediately if there are any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Carlson

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22 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/7/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**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 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 concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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.



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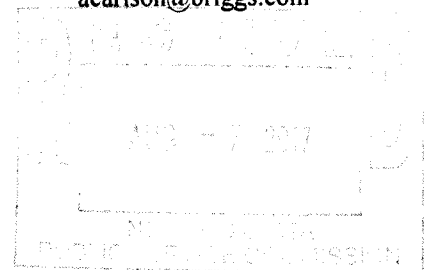
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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support received by the Company in the previous year has been, and the support to be received by the Company in the coming calendar year will be, used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An original, plus one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please contact me immediately if there are any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Carlson

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20 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/7/2017 Pages: 3
Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**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 concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

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.

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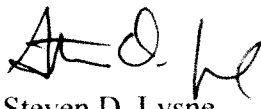
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 and PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network Co. (dba: SRT Wireless) 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Lysne
CEO/General Manager
North Dakota Network Co.

Enclosure

**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 NETWORK COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

Steve Lysne, 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 Network 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.

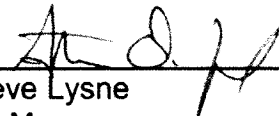
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification 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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network 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

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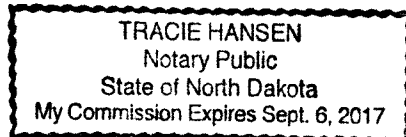
Dated this 8th day of August, 2017.


NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK COMPANY

By 
Steve Lysne
Its: Manager

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

On this 8th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK 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 North Dakota
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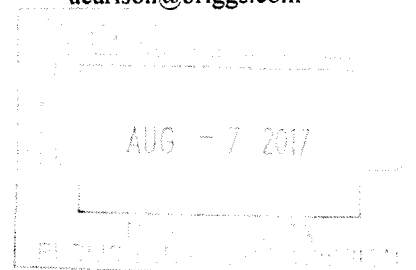
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**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota RSA No. 3 of
North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for North Dakota RSA No. 3 of North Dakota Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support received by the Company in the previous year has been, and the support to be received by the Company in the coming calendar year will be, used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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Sincerely,

Andrew M. Carlson

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

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

**AFFIDAVIT OF
NORTH DAKOTA RSA NO. 3 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 Dakota RSA No. 3 of 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.

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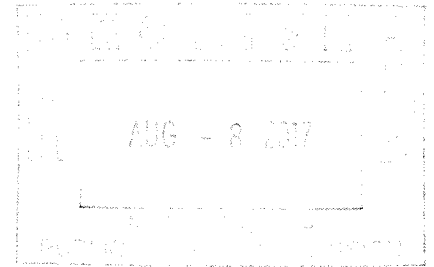
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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Dircks".

Dave Dircks,
General Manager
NDTC

Enclosure

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)

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

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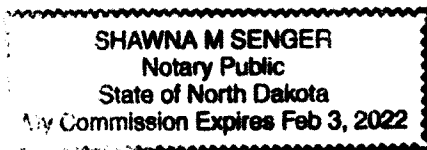
Dated this 27th day of August, 2017.

**NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

By [Signature]
Dave Dircks
Its: Manager

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

On this 8th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVE DIRCKS, 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.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Feb 3, 2022

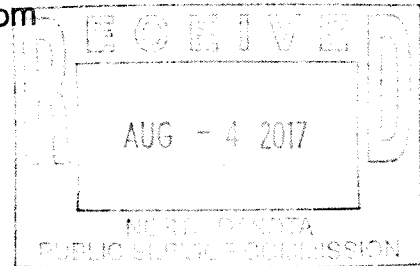


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August 4, 2017

ND Public Service Commission
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RE: USF Certification B – Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Northwest Communications 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Jeremy A. Becker
General Manager/CEO
Northwest Communications Cooperative

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Enclosure

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
Jeremy Becker, GM/CEO

**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 NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications 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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Northwest Communications 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.

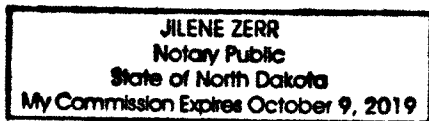
Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

**NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By Jeremy Becker
Jeremy Becker
Its: Manager

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

On this 4th day of August, 2017, 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
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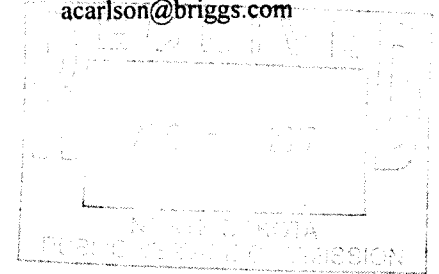
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August 7, 2017

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard - Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**Re: Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Northwest Dakota Cellular of
North Dakota Limited Partnership
Case No. PU-17-294**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification for Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (the "Company"), filed consistent with the Commission's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 reminder letter from Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. The Certification consists of a sworn affidavit, executed by a corporate officer, certifying that the high-cost federal universal service support received by the Company in the previous year has been, and the support to be received by the Company in the coming calendar year will be, used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

An original, plus one copy, of the Certification are enclosed. Please file-stamp the copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please contact me immediately if there are any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Carlson

AMC/sjc
Enclosures

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

**BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CASE NO. PU-17-294**

**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 concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 27, 2017 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-17-294. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

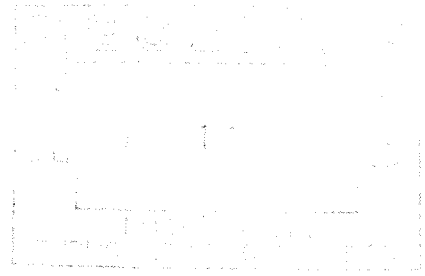
5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.7 and 54.314.



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August 11, 2017

Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota
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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar 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. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
General Manager/CEO
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
Polar Communications
Karl Blake, General Manager / CEO

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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 POLAR COMMUNICATIONS
STUDY AREAS 381630 AND 381614
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Polar Communications (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 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 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar 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. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

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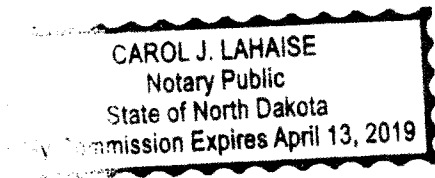
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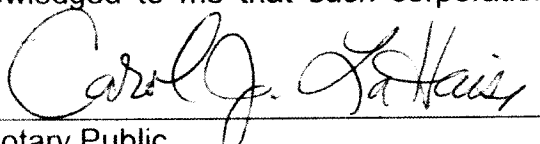
POLAR COMMUNICATIONS

By 
Karl Blake
Its: General Manager/CEO

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

On this 7th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of POLAR 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
My commission expires: _____



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August 11, 2017

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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
Executive Vice President
Polar Telecom, Inc.

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Polar Telecom, Inc.

Karl Blake, General Manager / CEO



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 POLAR TELCOM, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by Polar Telcom, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.

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.

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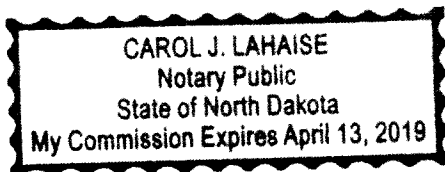
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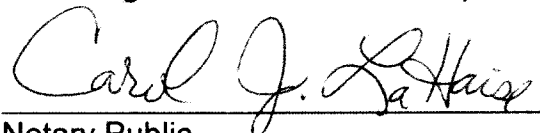
POLAR TELCOM, INC.

By 
Karl Blake
Its: Executive Vice President

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

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Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____