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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

As noted in the enclosed copy of the September 20, 2017 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the carriers listed have accounted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support they receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a), the North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed (see attached list) all federal high-cost support provided to the carriers was used in the preceding calendar year (2016) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Best regards,

Patrick Fahn
Director, Public Utilities Division
ND Public Service Commission
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Enclosures

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Telecommunications Carrier		Study Area Code
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.	Rural	381601
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389009
BEK Communications Cooperative	Rural	381604
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	Rural	381131
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	Rural	386325
Consolidated Telcom	Rural	381607
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Rural	381610
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381610
Daktel Communications LLC	Rural	386128
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381611
Griggs County Telephone Co.	Rural	381615 & 381622
Halstad Telephone Company	Rural-MN & ND	361401 & 389002
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Rural	381616
James Valley Telecommunications	Rural-SD	391664
Loretel Systems, Inc.	Rural-MN	361443
Midcontinent Communications	CETC	389011
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural-MT	482246
Midstate Communications Inc.	Rural	381638
Midstate Telephone Company, LLC	Rural	381617
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.	Rural	382247
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural	382247
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	CETC	389015
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389006
North Dakota 5- Kidder Limited Partnership	CETC	389010
North Dakota Network Co.	CETC	389004
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership	CETC	389008
North Dakota Telephone Company	Rural	381447
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association	Rural	381625
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389007
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation dba Polar Communications	Rural	381630 & 381614
Polar Telcom, Inc.	Rural	389003
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	Non-rural	385144
RC Technologies	Rural-SD	399010 & 391674
Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River Communications	Rural	381631
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381632
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	CETC & Mobility	389013, 388001, 388002, 388003, 388004, 388005, 388006
SRT Communications, Inc.	Rural	383303
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.	Rural	381636
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	Rural	381636
Venture Communications Cooperative	Rural-SD	391680
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381637
Wolverton Telephone Company	Rural	381509

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Case No. PU-17-294

Public Service Commission
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ORDER CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT

September 20, 2017

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(a) 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 by September 14 of each year, 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 foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

Order

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.

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

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership

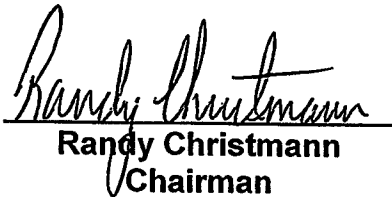
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Wolverton Telephone Company

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



Brian Kroshus
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner

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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 ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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

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

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 Absaraka 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 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.

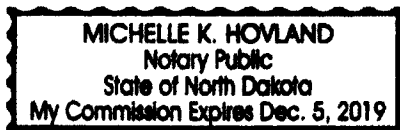
Dated this 3rd day of August, 2017.

**ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By: Ann Faught
Ann Faught
Its: Manager

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

On this 3rd day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ANN FAUGHT, known to me to be the Manager of ABSARAKA 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.



Michelle K. Howland
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Dec 5, 2019

**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
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 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.

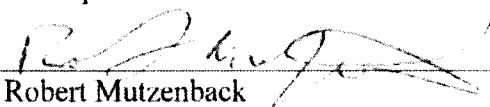
5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is

intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

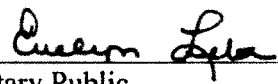
By


Robert Mutzenback

Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Badlands Cellular of
North Dakota Limited Partnership

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

On this 4th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert Mutzenback, Assistant Secretary of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.



Notary Public

My Commission expires 10/30/17

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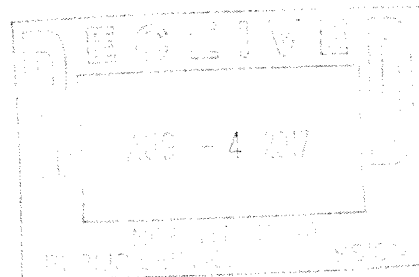
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ND Public Service Commission
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RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

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 BEK 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Derrick Bulawa".

Derrick Bulawa
CEO
BEK Communications Cooperative

Enc.

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

BEK Communications Cooperative

Derrick Bulawa, CEO

BEK Communications

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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 BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

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

1. Affiant is employed by BEK 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 BEK 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.

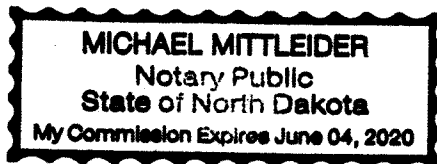
Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By *Derrick Bulawa*
Derrick Bulawa
Its: Manager

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

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



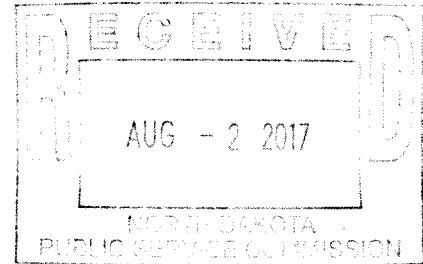
Michael Mittleider
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: June 4th, 2020



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August 2, 2017

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



Re: USF Certification – PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC ("CTC-MN"), Study Area Code 361123 hereby requests certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation ("USAC") for universal service support, pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314.

CTC-MN's Oslo exchange provides service to 37 customers in North Dakota.

CTC-MN files the enclosed affidavit executed by a corporate officer certifying that CTC-MN used the federal support during the preceding calendar year and will use the support in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Bohler at 952-491-5534 or via e-mail at Scott.Bohler@ftr.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Schlie".

Michelle Schlie
Sr. Analyst, Regulatory Affairs
Attachments

cc: Scott Bohler, Frontier

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF DURHAM)

Allison M. Ellis, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Study Area Code 361123, (the "Company"), as its Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. Affiant is an officer of the Company and is authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
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 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 Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) and the order of the FCC released November 18, 2011 in CC Docket Number 96-45 and WC Docket Number 10-90 et al. (FCC 11-161), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support provided to such carriers within each state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used by in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended. 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 the federal Support it received during the four quarters of 2016 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support was intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and that the Company used the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 as in effect at that time. The Company also certifies that the federal Support it will receive during the four quarters of 2018 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 that the Company will use the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

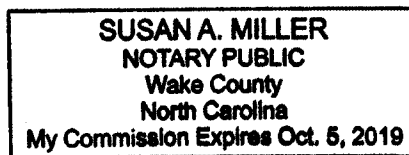
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Allison M. Ellis

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DURHAM)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 2017.


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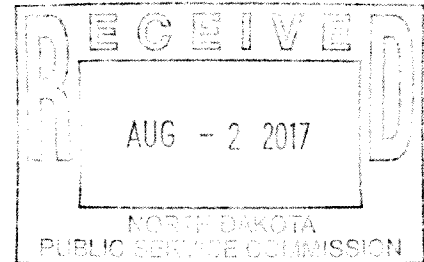
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August 2, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: USF Certification – PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC ("CTC-MN"), Study Area Code 361123 hereby requests certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation ("USAC") for universal service support, pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314.

CTC-MN's Oslo exchange provides service to 37 customers in North Dakota.

CTC-MN files the enclosed affidavit executed by a corporate officer certifying that CTC-MN used the federal support during the preceding calendar year and will use the support in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Bohler at 952-491-5534 or via e-mail at Scott.Bohler@ftr.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schlie
Sr. Analyst, Regulatory Affairs
Attachments

cc: Scott Bohler, Frontier

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF DURHAM

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Allison M. Ellis, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Study Area Code 361123, (the "Company"), as its Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. Affiant is an officer of the Company and is authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
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 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 Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) and the order of the FCC released November 18, 2011 in CC Docket Number 96-45 and WC Docket Number 10-90 et al. (FCC 11-161), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support provided to such carriers within each state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used by in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended. 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 the federal Support it received during the four quarters of 2016 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support was intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and that the Company used the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 as in effect at that time. The Company also certifies that the federal Support it will receive during the four quarters of 2018 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 that the Company will use the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

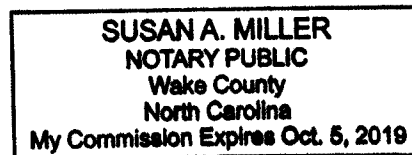
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Allison M. Ellis

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DURHAM)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 2017.


Notary Public



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

*Consolidated
Telcom*

To Whom It May Concern:

*Consolidated
Enterprises, Inc.*

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 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. 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.

*Consolidated
Communications
Corporation*

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

*Consolidated
Cable Vision, Inc.*

Sincerely,

*Consolidated
Communications
Networks, Inc.*

Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
General Manager/CEO

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encl.

**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)

Paul Schuetzler, 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 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 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.

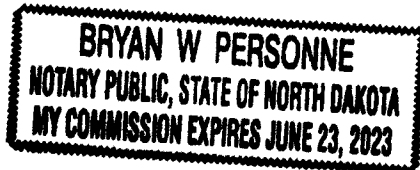
Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORKS, INC.**

By Paul Schuetzler
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

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

On this 15th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager 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.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 6/23/23

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

*Consolidated
Telcom*

To Whom It May Concern:

*Consolidated
Enterprises, Inc.*

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 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. 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.

*Consolidated
Communications
Corporation*

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

*Consolidated
Cable Vision, Inc.*

Sincerely,

*Consolidated
Communications
Networks, Inc.*

Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Telcom
General Manager/CEO

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encl.

**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)

Paul Schuetzler, 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 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 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

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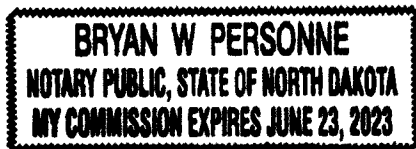
Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED TELCOM

By Paul Schuetzler
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

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

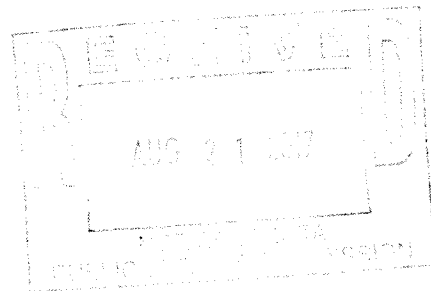
On this 15th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 6/23/23



August 21, 2017



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

RE: USF Certification-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 reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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,

Keith A. Larson
General Manager/CEO
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

42 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

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

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

Keith Larson, 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 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.

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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

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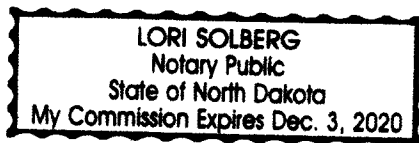
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

By Keith Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager 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.



Lori Solberg
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 12/3/20



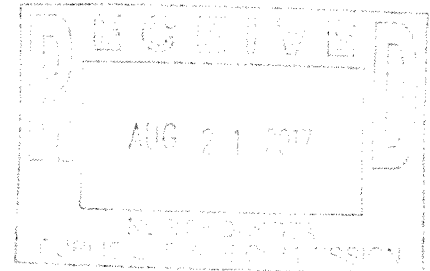
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Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
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RE: USF Certification-Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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,

Keith A. Larson

General Manager/CEO

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

43 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

Keith Larson, GM/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 DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

Keith Larson, 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 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.

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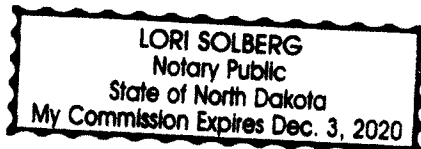
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

**DAKOTA CENTRAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By Keith Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager 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.



Lori Solberg
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My commission expires: 12/3/20



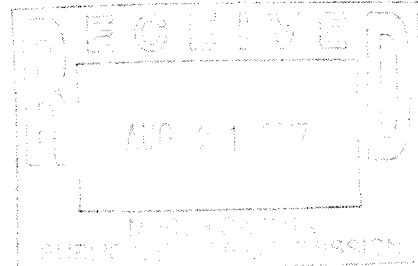
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August 21, 2017

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RE: USF Certification-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 reference proceedings, is an affidavit certifying 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. 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,

Keith A. Larson
General Manager/CEO
Daktel Communications, LLC

44 **PU-17-294** Filed: 8/21/2017 Pages: 3
**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Daktel Communications LLC

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

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

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

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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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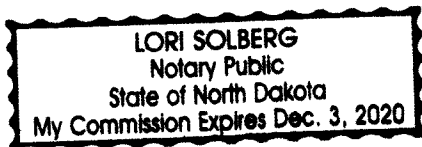
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.

By Keith A. Larson
Keith Larson
Its: Manager

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

On this 17th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, 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.



Lori Solberg
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 12/3/20



Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.

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August 8, 2017

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

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

Honorable Commission

Enclosed for filing in accordance the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all 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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. K. Johnson".

Robert K Johnson
CEO
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
RJohnson@drtel.com
(701) 344-6010
(701) 344-4300 (Fax)

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

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Robert Johnson, 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 DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

Robert 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 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 2017 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 16th day of August, 2017.

**DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

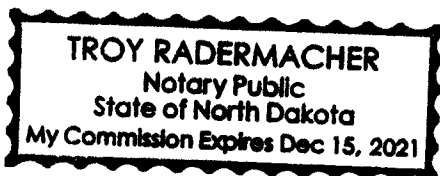
By

Robert Johnson

Its: Manager

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

On this 16 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROBERT JOHNSON, known to me to be the Manager of DICKY 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.



Troy Radermacher
Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: Dec 15, 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 GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

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 Vice 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 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 Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) 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 3 day of August, 2017.

GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY

By 

Tyler Kilde

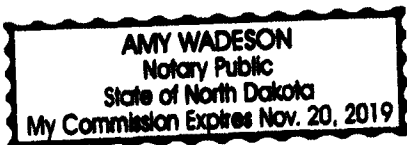
Its: Vice President

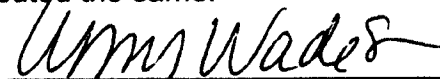
State of North Dakota)

) ss.

County of Ransom)

On this 3 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the Vice 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: 11-20-19

**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 GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

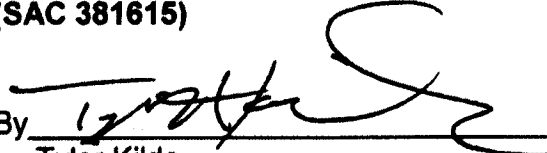
Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Vice 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 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 Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) 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.

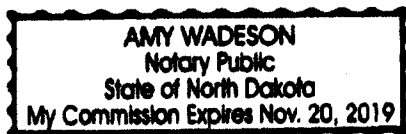
Dated this 3 day of August, 2017.


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

By 
Tyler Kilde
Its: Vice President

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

On this 3 day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the Vice 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: 11-20-19

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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 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 Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO.

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. 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 2018.

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.

Dated this 2 day of August, 2017.

HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY

By

Mark Forseth
Its: CEO

State of Minnesota)

) ss.

County of Norman)

On this day of August 2, 2017, 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.



Melanie Nelson

Notary Public

For the State of ~~North Dakota~~ Minnesota

My commission expires: Jan 31, 2021



Inter-Community Telephone Co.

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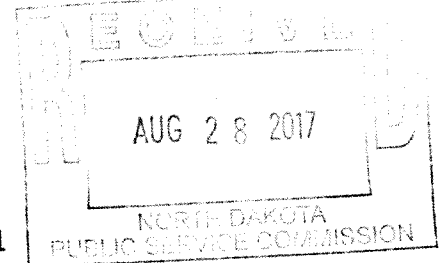
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August 28th, 2017

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

To Whom it may concern:

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 Inter-Community 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.

Respectfully,

Mark Johnson
Inter-Community Telephone Company
1-800-350-9137
P.O. Box 8
Nome, ND 58062

**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 INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

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

Mark 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 Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (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 Inter-Community Telephone Company, 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 28 day of AUGUST, 2017.

INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LLC

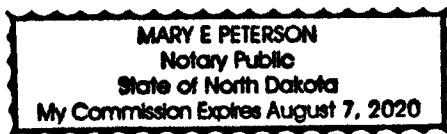
By Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson

Its: General Manager/CEO

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

On this 28th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK JOHNSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Mary E Peterson
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 8-7-2020

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FCC Mail Room

APPLICATION OF JAMES VALLEY
 COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
 TO PROTECT TRADE SECRET AND
 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN 2016
 FORM 481 ETC REPORT

CASE NO. _____
**Affidavit of James Valley
 Cooperative Telephone Company
 Regarding Certification of Use
 of Federal Universal Service Support**

STATE OF 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 employed by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Cooperative"), in the position of CEO.
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.