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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC, 20554

RE: USF Certification B FCC Docket No. 10-90 and Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 10-90 and Docket No. 14-58 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.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2017, that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2017, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Larson  
General Manager/CEO  
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

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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**

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

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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.

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  
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year  
and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and  
upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and  
consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the

Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

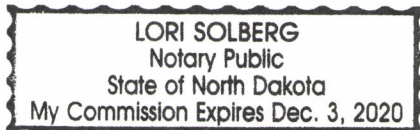
Dated this 17 day of August, 2017.

**DAKOTA CENTRAL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

By Keith A. Larson  
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

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

On this 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 12/3/20