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Ms. Marlene H Dortch
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445 12th Street SW
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RE: USF Certification B FCC Docket No. 10-90

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 10-90 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.

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, 2016, 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, 2016, 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 to which it is eligible.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
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

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

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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 (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 2016 and for 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 10th day of August, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.

By _____
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

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

On this 10TH day of August, 2016, 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.

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

BRYAN W PERSONNE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 23, 2017