BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 19-90

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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. Affiant is 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. Affiant is 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 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 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 2014 and for all quarter thereafter.

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.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2015.

JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: James Groft
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS
COUNTY OF BROWN

In this 2nd day of September, 2015, 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
BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.
PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and
state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative
   (hereinafter, the "company"), in the position of CEO/General Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the
   meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunication 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 Docket Number 96-45 (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 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 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 2014, and for all quarters thereafter.

Federal high cost support provided to Reservation 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 to support the
following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the
Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b)
local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signalling or its functional equivalent; (d)
single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services;
(f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to
directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low income consumers.
Dated this 10th day of September, 2015.

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

By Shane D. Hart
Its: CEO/General Manager

State of North Dakota)
)ss.
County of Mountrail  

On this 10th day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in
and for said County and State, personally appeared Shane D. Hart, known
to me to be the CEO/General Manager of Reservation Telephone
Cooperative, the corporation that is described in and that executed the
within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed
the same.

Monica M Bangen
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 4-25-2017
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 MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota
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 (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 2014 and for 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 day of Sept, 2015.

MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By Ryan Wilhelmi
Its: Manager

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

On this day of September, 2015, 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 2, 2015
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 MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

REGARDING

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana  )
               ) ss.
County of Daniels )

AFFIDAVIT OF REMI SUN

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 241(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 2015 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies 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 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 14th day of September, 2015

MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By

Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana
County of Daniels

By

TARA L. BOZE
NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana
Residing at Flaxville, Montana
My Commission Expires April 26, 2017

For the State of Montana
My Commission expires.
BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE PU-15-574
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. ______

AFFADAVIT OF RC TECHNOLOGIES
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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

Scott Bostrom, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon
affiant's own person knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by RC Technologies (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of
   General 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 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 the 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 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
   2014 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to RC
   Technologies 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 September, 2015.

RC TECHNOLOGIES

By: Scott Bostrom
Its: General Manager

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

On this 15th day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for the said and County and State, personally appeared SCOTT BOSTROM, known to me to be the General Manager of RC TECHNOLOGIES, 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 South Dakota
My commission expires:_____

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 SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana )  
) ss.  
County of Daniels  )

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AFFIDAVIT OF REMI SUN

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 Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the “Company”), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 241(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 2015 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, 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 14th day of September, 2015

SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.

By

Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana )
) ss.
County of Daniels )

On this 14th day of September, 2015, 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 SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC., the corporation that is described in and this executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.
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 241(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 2015 and for 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 14th day of September, 2015

NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

By

Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana )
) ss.
County of Daniels )

On this 14th day of September, 2015, 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 this executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

TARA L. BOZE
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE
STATE OF MONTANA
RESIDENT AT FLAXVILLE, MONTANA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
APRIL 28, 2017

For the State of Montana
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 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 (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 2014 and for 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 2 day of Sept, 2015.

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By ____________________

Ryan Wilhelmi

Its: Manager

State of North Dakota )

) ss.

County of Mountrail )

On this 2 day of September, 2015, 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 2, 2015

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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")
2. I am a corporate officer of the above mentioned Carrier authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.
3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.
4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCCs") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11-191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during 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 as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.
5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided. CenturyLink is certifying its compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313(c) at a holding company level, as allowed per the provisions of DA 13-2101 released October 30, 2013.

Further affiant sayeth not

[Signature]
David D. Cole
Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller
CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 23rd day of September, 2015, by David D. Cole as Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

[Signature]
Amy G. Allred
Printed Name of Notary
My commission expires: upon death
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER

September 28, 2015

On July 31, 2015, North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) and Midstate Communications Inc. (Midstate) filed a joint application requesting authorization for Midstate to relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange in North Dakota, and requesting approval for NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services to those customers as part of the current NDTC Leeds telephone exchange in North Dakota, Case No. PU-15-615.

Also on July 31, 2015, NDTC and Midstate filed a joint application for Midstate to relinquish the York telephone exchange from its designated essential telecommunications carrier (ETC) study area for the purpose receiving universal service support, and for NDTC to expand its designated ETC study area to incorporate the York telephone exchange.

In support of the joint applications, NDTC provided an affidavit of Dave Dircks, CEO/General Manager, and Midstate provided an affidavit of Ryan Wilhelmi, Manager.

On August 12, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing (Notice) that provided until September 25, 2015 for comments and requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matters without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-15-615 are:

1. Fitness and ability of NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services.
2. Adequacy of NDTC’s proposed telecommunications services.
3. Technical, financial and managerial ability of NDTC to provide telecommunications services.

4. Whether, upon granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to NDTC to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange, Midstate’s certificate of public convenience and necessity should be relinquished.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-15-616 are:

1. Qualification of the applicant under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding.

2. The ETC universal service support area to be designated.

3. Whether it is in the public interest to designate NDTC as an ETC in the York local exchange area for purposes of receiving universal service support.

4. Whether, upon designation of NDTC as an ETC for the York exchange, Midstate’s designation as an ETC for the York exchange should be relinquished.

Public Convenience and Necessity

NDTC holds certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside twenty five telephone exchanges serving approximately 11,800 North Dakota access lines. NDTC is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support in a study area that encompasses those North Dakota telephone exchanges. NDTC holds Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5521 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Leeds, North Dakota telephone exchange.

Midstate holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5740 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the York local exchange area, serving twenty North Dakota access lines. Midstate is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support in a study area that encompasses the Beach and the York local telephone exchanges in North Dakota.

Midstate will continue to provide local exchange service until all customers in the York exchange have been connected to NDTC’s Fiber to the Premise project. The anticipated start date of the project will be October 1, 2015 with completion by December 31, 2015.
The Commission finds that NDTC is fit and able to provide telecommunications services, from its Leeds telephone exchange, to the customers served in the York telephone exchange geographic area.

The Commission finds that the telecommunications services NDTC proposes to provide to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange are adequate.

The Commission finds that NDTC has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide telecommunications service to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange.

NDTC will provide telecommunications service to the geographic area currently known as the York telephone exchange as an incumbent local exchange carrier.

Midstate's certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the York exchange should be relinquished.

Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) provides for financial support to a common carrier that (1) offers the services established by the FCC to be supported by Federal universal service support mechanisms either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services; (2) advertises the availability of such services and the charges for such services using media of general distribution; and (3) is designated as an ETC. An ETC must use that financial support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

To be designated as an ETC, the carrier must (1) under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 47 Subpart B, offer to telecommunications customers each of the services and functionalities designated for federal universal service support; and (2) under CFR Part 47 § 54.405, make available Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers.

For telecommunications customers, the services designated by the FCC for support by universal service support mechanisms include voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.
In the affidavit of Dave Dircks, NDTC, affirms that it will continue to meet the obligations of an ETC in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange. NDTC also affirms that no waiver of ETC criteria is requested.

The Commission finds NDTC's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-05-12 is complete including the required affirmations and certifications.

The Commission finds NDTC is qualified under Section 214(e) of the federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service funding for the proposed designated service area.

For purposes of federal universal service funding, the designated expanded service area for NDTC is a rural study area.

Based on the evidence in this proceeding, NDTC is qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC to receive federal universal service funding and it is in the public interest that NDTC be designated as an ETC in the requested designated expanded service area.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. North Dakota Telephone Company's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications services in the area currently known as the York telephone exchange to become part of the current NDTC Leeds telephone exchange in North Dakota is approved.

2. North Dakota Telephone Company is issued First Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5521 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the expanded Leeds, North Dakota telephone exchange.

3. North Dakota Telephone Company's request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange is granted and North Dakota Telephone Company is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the expanded Leeds telephone exchange area in North Dakota.

4. Midstate Communications Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5740 to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the York, North Dakota telephone exchange area is relinquished and cancelled.
5. Midstate Communications Inc.’s designation as an essential telecommunications carrier in the York exchange area is relinquished and cancelled.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

First Amended  
Certificate Number 5521

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for North Dakota Telephone Company, a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the amended Leeds, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-15-615 and is conditioned upon North Dakota Telephone Company securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 28, 2015.

ATTEST:  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

[Signatures]

Executive Secretary  
Commissioner
September 28, 2015

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
State Capitol – 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Commissioners:

North Dakota Telephone Company ("NDTC") filed on July 27, 2015 in the above-referenced proceeding the attached Affidavit certifying that federal high-cost support provided to NDTC 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. On September 28, the North Dakota Public Service Commission granted Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status to an additional geographic area, formerly the Midstate Communications York exchange, which will be incorporated into the NDTC Leeds exchange, pending federal approvals.

NDTC hereby supplements the July 27, 2015 Affidavit to certify that upon obtaining federal approvals federal high-cost support for the expanded Leeds exchange 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.

Dated this __, __ day of September, 2015.

NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: ___________________________
    Dave Dircks, General Manager

State of North Dakota

Ramsey County

On this __, __ day in September, 2015, 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 Affiant"). The Affiant, after first being duly sworn, deposes and certifies that the statements made herein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this __, __ day of September, 2015.

(Signature)

(Notary Public)