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TO SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILTIES COMMISSION

STATE OF MINNESOTA	)	Docket TC19-011
	) ss.	
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL	)	

1. I am the General Manager of Valley Telephone Company (herein referred to as Company) and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided in support of the Company's Request to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for Waiver of ETC annual Certification in Docket No. TC-19-011.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the USF/ICC Transformation Order of 2100, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as interstate access support, interstate common line support, support provided to competitive eligible telecommunications carriers, Connect America Fund support and high cost loop support.

3. During 2018, the Company received federal universal high cost support and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support was intended. During 2018, the Company used federal universal high cost support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which support was intended consistent with 47 USC § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal high cost support it receives during 2020 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254 (e).

5. The Company certifies that in the past and in the future all federal high cost support provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Dave Bickett, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 2019.

Notary Public

SUSAN B JENSEN
Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2023