

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEW YORK        )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF MONROE        )

1. My name is Kenneth Mason. I am employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, (the "Company") as its Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am 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 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

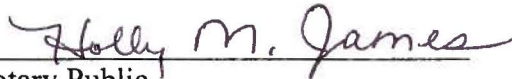
2. The Company hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support it received in 2012 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended. The Company also certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support it will receive in 2014 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Kenneth Mason

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2013.

  
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Notary Public

**HOLLY M. JAMES**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Monroe County  
Registration No. 01JA4805438  
My Commission Expires Nov. 30, 2014