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COUNTY OF MONROE        )

1. My name is Kenneth Mason. I am an officer of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, (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 2013 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 2015 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

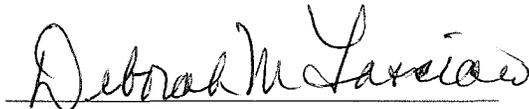
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Kenneth Mason  
Officer Title: Vice President, Regulatory

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
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Notary Public

DEBORAH M. FASCIANO  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Monroe County  
No. 01FA5048034  
My Commission Expires 8/14/2017