Affidavit

State of North Carolina)
) SS.
County of Durham)

1. My name is Allison M. Ellis. 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 at contemplated in 47 CFR § 54-314.

2. The Company hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support it received in 2014 was used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended. The Company also certifies that the federal high-cost it will receive in 2016 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Allison M. Ellis
Officer Title: Vice President Regulatory

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June 2015.

SUSAN A. MILLER
NOTARY PUBLIC
Wake County
North Carolina
My Commission Expires Oct. 5, 2010

Notary Public