EXHIBIT C
Affidavit

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)

1. I am the General Manager of *Valley Telephone Company* and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

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 2011, 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 2015, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2015, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2017 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (i) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and (ii) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03.

Dave Bickett, General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 1st day of June 2016.

SUSAN B. JENSEN
Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2018

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My Commission Expires: 1-31-18