## EXHIBIT D

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) ss.

 I am the CEO of Northern Valley Communications, LLC 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 bereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 19%, as amended by the Telecommunication and of 19% and the USPICC Transformation Order of 2011, with respect to the receipt of our footent universal service funds neverived as local switching support, respect to the receipt of our footent universal service funds neverived as faced switching support, and the communication of the communication of
- 3. During 2016, the Company received federal universal service support as abown on Eshibit A to this failfaviar and had investment and expense relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Eshibit A. During 2016, 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 4 TU.S.C. § 234(e)
- The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2018 only for the provision, maintenance and ungrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).
- 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 § 20:10:3243:03.

James Suft

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 212 day of June 2017.

My Commission Expires: 9-21-22