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August 15th, 2006

Ms. Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building – 1st floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Bonrud,

Please find enclosed an original and ten copies of an Affidavit For Certification of federal USF support for Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC. ("Citizens"). Citizens has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") by the Commission in the past, and asks the Commission to re-certify Citizens as an ETC for 2007.

A portion of Citizens' Jasper, Minnesota exchange extends into South Dakota, and serves 81 access lines in South Dakota. The Jasper exchange central office switch is located in Minnesota.

In 2005 Citizens added \$1,406.16 in outside plant investment in the South Dakota portion of the Jasper exchange. Citizens has not yet finalized its capital budget for 2007. Therefore, an estimate of the outside plant that may be placed in South Dakota in 2007, along with a specific description of these investments, cannot yet be provided.

I recognize that companies were to submit filings of this type by August 1, 2006, and apologize for Citizens' delay in filing. I trust the Commission will be able to include Citizens in its certification to the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications Commission.

If there are any questions please feel free to call me at (585) 777-1146

Sincerely,

Rachel K. Thompson
Governmental and External Affairs

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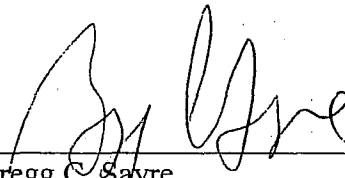
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1. My name is Gregg Sayre. I am employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, (the "Company") as its Assistant Secretary. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit 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. During the year 2006, the Company received federal universal service support, and had investments and expense relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

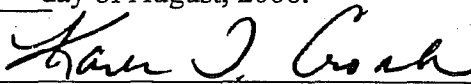
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Gregg C. Sayre

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August, 2006.



Notary Public

KAREN J. CRONK
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01 CR4991094
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Commission Expires 12/1/2010

Attachment to Affidavit
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC

Year 2005 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

1 High cost loop support	\$420,723
2 Local switching support	<u>\$131,068</u>
3 TOTAL	\$551,791

Year 2005 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Plant Specific Operations Expenses

4 Network support (Accts. 6110-16)	\$1,494
5 General support (Accts. 6120-24)	\$5,647,901
6 Central office (Accts. 6210-6215)	\$2,293,278
7 Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441)	\$4,566,919
8 Network operations (Accts. 6530-35)	\$5,334,223
9 Depreciation & amortization (Accts. 6560-65)	\$31,772,082

10 Customer Operations Expenses

11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	\$3,466,807
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Corporate Operations Expenses

12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12)	\$1,044,613
13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	\$5,723,953

14 Total Year 2005 Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$59,851,270
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Additions

15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210)	\$ 678,317
16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410)	\$ 9,508,996
17 TOTAL	\$ 10,187,313

18 Total Year 2005 Supported Expenditures Before Return On Investment	\$70,038,583
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These numbers include data for Minnesota and South Dakota