**EXHIBIT C – AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )
) ss.
COUNTY OF MCCOOK )

1. I am the General Manager of Tri-County Telcom, Inc., 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, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and/or safety valve support.

3. During 2006, 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 2006, 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 2008 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; (ii) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03; (iii) provides a flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; and (iv) provides equal access to long distance carriers.

General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 17 day of May 2007.

Carol A. Peterson
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: June 12, 2008