

**CERTIFICATION OF CITY OF BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT**

**Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2012**

**Sec. 54.313(a)(6) Ability to Function in an Emergency Situation**

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(6) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2). Carrier is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Carrier has four (4) hours of backup battery reserve in its central office, supported by an on-site generator which enables it to provide service for a reasonable period of time if external power is lost. Carrier's network is engineered to handle reasonable excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Carrier has redundancy in its network for use in re-rerouting traffic when facilities are damaged.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 11, 2013.

/s/ Steve Meyer

Steve Meyer, Executive Vice President & General Manager

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