

**EXHIBIT  
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Affidavit**

STATE OF SOUTH

DAKOTA COUNTY OF

PERKINS

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1. I am the General Manager of West River Cooperative 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, the USF/ICC Transformation Order of 2011 and the USF Transformation Order of 2016 with respect to the receipt of any federal high cost universal service support received as either Interstate Access Support, Connect America Fund ICC, Interstate Common Line Support/Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support, High Cost Loop Support, Safety Net Additive Support or Safety Valve Support.

3. During 2019, the Company received federal high cost 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 2019, the Company used the federal high cost 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 high cost universal service support it receives during 2021 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 (A) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and (B) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03.

*Colle Nash*

General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 24 day of June 2020.



*Colgan Huber*

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My Commission Expires: 7-20-23

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2019**  
**500 E. Capitol Ave.**  
**Pierre, SD 57501- 5070**  
**puc.sd.gov**

If you have questions regarding this report, call SD PUC at (605) 773-3201.

Name of Carrier: \* West River Cooperative Telephone Co

Telephone: \* 6052445213

Address: \* 801 Coleman Avenue, PO Box 39

Web Site Address: www.westrivertel.coop

City: \* Bison

Federal Employer ID: \* XXXXXXXXXX  
No dashes in the number

State & ZIP code \* SD 57620-0039

Name \* Kay Grinsteiner

E-mail \*\* kgrinsteiner@wrctc.coop

Telephone \* 6052445213

**1. Where in South Dakota, during any part of 2019, did your company provide telecommunications service? This may be provided by city or by ZIP code.**

- Bison - 57620
- Buffalo - 57720
- Camp Crook - 57724
- Lemmon - 57638
- Meadow - 57644
- Newell - 57760
- Nisland - 57762
- Sorum - 57649
- Reva - 57651
- Vale - 57788

**2. Please check all applicable types of service::**

- OSP  
  IXC  
  CLEC  
  Wireless  
  ILEC  
  Nomadic VoIP

**3. Provide the total number of broadband lines (business and residential combined) broken down by the following:**

	Number of Lines Subscribed to:
1. DSL < 4 mbps	
2. DSL 4-9.9 mbps	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">████</span>
3. DSL 10-24.9 mbps	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████</span>
4. DSL > 24.9 mbps	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">████</span>
5. Fiber	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████</span>
6. Cable	

**4. Provide the total number of broadband lines (business and residential combined) broken down by the following:**

	Number of Lines with Access to:
1. DSL	[Redacted]
2. Fiber	[Redacted]
3. Cable	[Redacted]

**5. To be answered by all providers offering telecommunication services in South Dakota. Each line should be reported on this form only once. Do not report a line in more than one category.**

How did your company provide telecommunication services during 2019? Check all that apply	Number of Business Access Lines	Number of Residential Access Lines	Number of Lifeline Access Lines	Number of Enhanced Lifeline Access Lines	Number of Other Access Lines (* please describe below)	Number of Total Access Lines
Incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC)	[Redacted]					[Redacted]
Competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Wireless fixed	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Wireless mobile	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Nomadic VoIP	<input type="checkbox"/>					
*Please describe number of other access lines:						
InterExchange Carrier (IXC)	<input type="checkbox"/>					

If you are requesting confidential treatment according to ARSD 20:10:01:39 through 20:10:01:44, check here

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**Thank you for submitting your Telecommunications Annual Report to the South Dakota  
Public Utilities Commission.**

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# West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

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801 Coleman Ave. P. O. Box 39 Bison, SD 57620

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December 16, 2019

Charles W. Murphy, Chairman  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
PO Box D  
Fort Yates, ND 58539

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its 2012 Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, adopted new "Trial Engagement" provisions that are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. *See* FCC Public Notice, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement, West River Cooperative Telephone Company would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in a manner consistent with the FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. While West River Cooperative Telephone Company leaves to your discretion attendees from the tribe at this requested meeting, it is important that at least some of the tribal representative attendees at the meeting are "decision-makers," as this can change the perspectives of the discussions. West River Cooperative Telephone Company asks that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe provide a name and contact information for a Tribal representative who can assist in scheduling and arranging a meeting with the appropriate Tribal government staff and leaders to discuss deployment and sustainability of telecommunications services on Tribal lands. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling (605) 244-5213, or through an email directed to [cnash@wrctc.coop](mailto:cnash@wrctc.coop). Please respond by December 31, 2019.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to discussing these important matters with you.

Sincerely,

Colle Nash, General Manager

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# West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

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801 Coleman Ave. P. O. Box 39 Bison, SD 57620

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December 16, 2019

Mr. Kevin Keckler, Sr., Tribal Chairman  
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Government  
PO Box 590  
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Dear Mr. Keckler:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its 2012 Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, adopted new "Trial Engagement" provisions that are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. *See* FCC Public Notice, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement, West River Cooperative Telephone Company would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in a manner consistent with the FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. While West River Cooperative Telephone Company leaves to your discretion attendees from the tribe at this requested meeting, it is important that at least some of the tribal representative attendees at the meeting are "decision-makers," as this can change the perspectives of the discussions. West River Cooperative Telephone Company asks that the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe provide a name and contact information for a Tribal representative who can assist in scheduling and arranging a meeting with the appropriate Tribal government staff and leaders to discuss deployment and sustainability of telecommunications services on Tribal lands. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling (605) 244-5213, or through an email directed to [cnash@wrctc.coop](mailto:cnash@wrctc.coop). Please respond by December 31, 2019.

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