

**EXHIBIT D**

**Affidavit**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )

) ss.

COUNTY OF Deuel )

1. I am the General Manager of *Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (F/K/A SSTELECOM, 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, 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 frozen high cost support f/k/a high cost model support and interstate access support.

3. During 2020, the Company received federal high cost universal service support as shown on Confidential 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 Confidential Exhibit A. During 2020, 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 2022 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.

Luacy Bandemer  
General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 23 day of June 2021.



Nichole Olson  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**My Commission Expires  
March 19, 2027**

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_