

**EXHIBIT D**

**Affidavit**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )

) ss.

COUNTY OF Sanborn )

1. I am the General Manager of Santel Communications Cooperative 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 the USF Transformation Order of 2016, and subsequent FCC Orders which apply voice and broadband service obligations as a condition to receiving support under the various types of federal high-cost support, including: Interstate Access Support, Connect America Fund ICC, Interstate Common Line Support/Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support or High Cost Loop Support.

3. During 2023, the Company received federal high cost universal service support as shown on Confidential Exhibit A to the Company's Annual ETC Certification Filing 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 2023, 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 2025 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.

BTS  
General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 17 day of June 2024.



Pamela Kopfmann  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 09/04/2026