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January 8, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A306
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934**

**Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support,
WC Docket No. 09-197**

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Please find enclosed, on behalf of ML Connect, LLC (FRN 0027382639) a petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(6). ML Connect, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative ("MLEC") located in Centerville, Tennessee.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or have any questions regarding the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri K. Firestein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terri K. Firestein
Sr. Director
CCG Consulting
Regulatory Consultant to ML Connect, LLC

Cc: Keith Carnahan, President & CEO

Enclosures