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PSC LETTER NUMBER 16-214

Re: *CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State-Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314*

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WyPSC), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a), hereby submits its annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires the appropriate state regulatory authority to annually certify those eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) within its jurisdiction for purposes of receiving federal universal service support.

For the 2016 annual certification process, the WyPSC applied the requirements and guidelines of WyPSC Rule Chapter 4 Section 14 to the ETCs jurisdictional to Wyoming. Chapter 4, Section 14 requires each carrier verify that it continues to offer the supported services and functionalities required for designation as an ETC under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Code of Federal Regulations, throughout its designated service areas within Wyoming. The WyPSC also obtained from its jurisdictional ETCs their respective signed affidavits setting forth how federal universal service support funds have been used in the past year and how they will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. Additionally, the data provided by each applicant was the subject of public hearings before the WyPSC on September 8, and 22, 2016. The respective affidavits, additional documentation and detailed supporting information from each ETC jurisdictional to the WyPSC will be made available to you upon request.

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As the state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia,* the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the WyPSC finds that certification is in the public interest, and hereby certifies the following ETCs as being eligible to receive federal universal service support funds for the upcoming program year:

ETC	Study Area Code
Advanced Communications Technology, Inc.	519004
All West Communications, Inc.	512290
Budget PrePay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile	519010
CenturyTel of Wyoming, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink	512299
Chugwater Telephone Company, Inc.	512289
Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.	512291
Gold Star Communications LLC d/b/a Silver Star Communications	519005
Boomerang Wireless LLC., d/b/a enTouch Wireless	Pending*
Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC	515108
Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (includes RT Communications, Inc.)	512251
Silver Star Telephone Communications, Inc., d/b/a Silver Star Communications	519001
Silver Star Telephone Communications, Inc., d/b/a/ Silver Star Communications	512295
Tempo Telecom LLC d/b/a Tempo	519014
Total Call Mobile, Inc.	519012
Tri County Telephone Association, Inc. (includes TCT West, Inc.)	512296
Uintah Basin Electronics Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Strata Networks	519011
Union Telephone Company, Inc.	512297 518001 518002 518003 518004 518005 518006
Union Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a Union Cellular	519905
United Telephone Company of the West, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink of the West	511595

*enTouch received designation as an ETC, in WyPSC Docket No. 62096-1-RA-16, pursuant to action taken at hearing on 9/22/16.

Based upon the representations made in affidavits submitted by these carriers, the FCC Form 481 submissions, the WyPSC's review and examination of the additional documentation and support required by WyPSC Rule Chapter 4, Section 14, the information adduced at the public hearing, and the WyPSC Staff analysis, the WyPSC certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Wyoming was used in the preceding calendar year (**2015**), in the year to date (**2016**), and will be used in both the remainder of 2016 as well as the coming calendar year (**2017**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and the requirements and mandates of 47 C.F.R. Part 54.

Please return a copy of this letter, noting your receipt, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope. If any additional information is needed to assure certification of these carriers, please contact Chief Counsel Christopher Petrie at (307) 777-5763.

Sincerely,

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