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Re: Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 96-45, USF Certification as required by 47 C.F.R.  
§§ 54.313 and 54.314, for the year 2017. Maine Rural Telephone Carriers (list of carriers below)

On May 10, 2001, the FCC adopted a modified mechanism to provide high-cost support to rural carriers. *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, 14<sup>th</sup> Report and Order and 21<sup>st</sup> Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (rel. May 10, 2001) (Rural USF Order). That Order requires states to certify that the rural carrier(s) in their jurisdiction will use the federal support in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This certification letter is being submitted to satisfy that requirement.

On August 15, 2017, August 18, 2017, August 21, 2017, and, and August 22, 2017, we requested that any interested person comment as to whether the rural telephone companies named herein were in compliance with Section 254.

In accordance with the requirements of that Order and 47 C.R.R. §54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that the rural carriers only used support during the preceding calendar year (2016) and will only use support in the coming calendar year (2018) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended. The MPUC's certification of compliance is based on the representations made by rural LECs in Maine dockets:

Company Name	Study Area Code	Maine Docket
CHINA TEL CO.	100004	2017-00132
COBBOSSEECONTEE TEL	100005	2017-00217
COMMUNITY SERVICE	100015	2017-00133
HAMPDEN TEL CO	100010	2017-00218
HARTLAND & ST ALBANS	100011	2017-00219
ISLAND TEL CO	100007	2017-00220
LINCOLNVILLE TEL CO	100003	2017-00200
Maine Telephone Co.	100025	2017-00134
MID MAINE TELECOM	103315	2017-00206
NORTHLAND TEL CO-ME	103313	2017-00136

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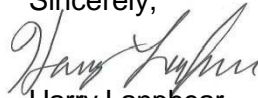
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OXFORD COUNTY TEL	100019	2017-00214
OXFORD WEST TEL CO	100002	2017-00215
PINE TREE TEL & TEL	100020	2017-00207
SACO RIVER TEL & TEL	100022	2017-00208
Sidney Telephone	103313	2017-00137
SOMERSET TEL CO	100024	2017-00221
STANDISH TEL CO	100025	2017-00138
Tidewater Telecom	100003	2017-00199
UNION RIVER TEL CO	100027	2017-00216
UNITY TEL CO., INC.	100029	2017-00213
WARREN TEL CO	100031	2017-00222
WEST PENOBSCOT TEL	100034	2017-00223

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael Johnson at [michael.r.johnson@maine.gov](mailto:michael.r.johnson@maine.gov) or at (207) 287-1572.

Sincerely,



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