



September 14, 2018

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 09-197  
Supplement to Hughes Network Systems, LLC Petition for ETC Status in New York

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 5, 2018, Hughes Network Systems, LLC (“Hughes”) submitted a petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the state of New York in the above referenced docket in order to receive Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II support awarded via the New NY Broadband Program (“Broadband Program”).<sup>1</sup> In that petition, Hughes indicated that it was seeking ETC status only in the areas where it was awarded support through the Broadband Program.<sup>2</sup>

The Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) notified Hughes on August 22, 2018 that 44 of the census blocks were located on Tribal lands. Hughes has sent two notifications to each of the five tribes identified as residing in the New York State CAF census blocks: 1) Tonawanda Seneca, 2) Seneca, 3) Cayuga, 4) Onondaga, and 5) Saint Regis Mohawk. Each Tribe was informed that Hughes is in the process of applying for an ETC designation in census blocks where their tribes reside as a result of the Broadband Program. Two tribes, Seneca and Saint Regis Mohawk have assented to working with Hughes on the deployment. The remaining tribes have not responded.

Please associate this letter with the Hughes petition for ETC designation in New York.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Hughes Network Systems, LLC Petition for ETC Designation, *In the Matter of Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Support*, Dkt. No. WC 09-197 (Feb. 5, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid at pgs. 1-2.