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**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**

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Public Service Commission of Maryland ("Maryland Commission") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited in the attached State-Certification.

The Maryland Commission certified the following carriers listed below via USAC's E-file electronic certification system on August 30, 2016. A copy of the electronic certification receipt is enclosed.

Company Name	Study Area Code
Armstrong Telephone Company of Maryland	180216
Verizon Maryland LLC	185030

By Direction of the Maryland Commission,

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

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cc: Shawn Beqaj, Vice President, Armstrong Telephone Company of Maryland  
Susan D. Paiva, Assistant General Counsel, Verizon Maryland LLC.

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54.314(a) State-Certification  
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Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Maryland Public Service Commission** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The **Maryland Public Service Commission** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **MARYLAND** was used in the preceding calendar year ( **2015** ) and will be used in the coming calendar year ( **2017** ) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup>

**ETCs CERTIFIED BY Maryland Public Service Commission**

<b>CARRIER</b>	<b>SAC</b>
ARMSTRONG TEL OF MD	180216
VERIZON MARYLAND INC	185030

Signed,

Signature of Certifying State Commission Representative: Certified On-Line

Name of Certifying State Commission Representative: David Collins

Title or Position of Certifying State Commission Representative: Executive Secretary

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Date: 08/30/2016

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")



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### 54.314 CERTIFICATION

**Congratulations. The Study Area Codes (SACs) you selected for this filing have been successfully certified.**

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Your certification results are listed below:

Certified Submissions				
SAC	Carrier Name	Preceding	Upcoming	Status
180216	ARMSTRONG TEL OF MD	2015	2017	Certified Online
185030	VERIZON MARYLAND INC	2015	2017	Certified Online

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