



**GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**

*Public Services Commission*



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**CC Docket 96-45, WC Docket 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 Virgin Islands Public Services Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that Choice Communications and Vitelcom Cellular are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Public Services Commission of the Virgin Islands certifies for these carriers that all federal high-cost support provided under the phased-down CETC program was used in the preceding calendar year (2018) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The Public Services Commission of the Virgin Islands also certifies for these carriers that all Connect USVI Stage 1 funds received in 2018 were used as intended for the restoration and hardening of the telephone network between September 2017 and June 2019 per the FCC's Order establishing the Connect USVI fund.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the Public Services Commission of the Virgin Islands. This certification is for study areas 649002 and 649005 for the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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