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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 Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc.- ME (SAC
105111)

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

On August 2, 2018 we requested that any interested person comment as to whether Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc. (NNETO)¹ was in compliance with Section 254.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Maine was used in the preceding calendar year (**2017**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2019**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support

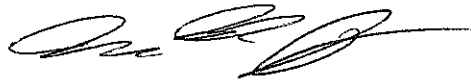
¹ Please note that Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc. is more commonly referred to as Consolidated Communications in Maine.

is intended.²

The MPUC's certification of compliance is based on the representation made by NNETO - ME (SAC 105111) in Maine docket 2018-00209.

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

Signed,



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² 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 coming 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.").