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**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of  
Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314**

**New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Annual Certification for Alteva of Warwick LLC,  
Formerly the Warwick Valley Telephone Company d/b/a WVT Communications**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On August 7, 2017, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly Warwick Valley Telephone Company ("Alteva"), filed a verified petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") under Docket No. TO01090575 requesting that the Board file a certification with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and with the Administrator of the Universal Service Support ("USS") fund of the FCC (the "Administrator"), the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), stating that all federal high-cost support funds provided to Alteva within New Jersey were used in the preceding calendar year (2017) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a). The filing contains 2017 data for cost support and pro forma, 2018 projected data for cost support, an affidavit of

newspaper publication, and reports to satisfy requirements of FCC Form 481 and of the Board. Alteva requested the certification be filed by the Board with the FCC and with the Administrator on or before October 1, 2017.

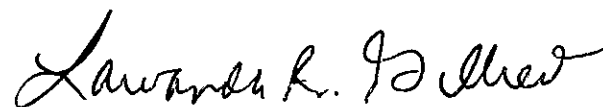
The Board certified Alteva, a rural telephone company defined at 47 U.S.C. § 153 (44), as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) for receipt of federal high-cost support funds pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 254(e). See Order of Approval, I/M/O a Petition by Warwick Valley Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. TO97080587 (November 25, 1997). Alteva, an incumbent local exchange carrier, provides service to business and residential customers in Vernon/Highland Lakes, Upper Greenwood Lake, and Franklin Borough in New Jersey. Alteva is also a competitive local exchange carrier providing interexchange services elsewhere in the State pursuant to the authority granted by this Board in In the Matter of the Petition of Warwick Valley Telephone Company for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services, and Interexchange Toll Service in New Jersey, BPU Docket No. TE98090985 (March 3, 1999).

Consistent with prior petitions filed with the Board regarding the use of USS funds, Alteva has filed the following information:

- A- Cost Support Response Form and supporting schedules of Alteva of Warwick prepared as of August 7, 2017 (schedules for 2017 pro forma and 2018 projected).
- B- Affidavit of Virginia O'Hanlon, Manager, Regulatory and Tax Compliance, of Alteva of Warwick, including FCC Form 481 and certifying that USS funds received by Alteva of Warwick in the preceding calendar years (2016 and 2017), and will receive in 2018 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required pursuant to section 254(e) of the Telecommunications of 1996 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 et seq.
- C- A copy of the proof of newspaper publications of this filing.
- D- 2017 CAF ICC Data Collection, in support of Alteva of Warwick's certification requirements for 2017 as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313.

Having reviewed the petition and the information submitted in support thereof, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, upon review of the complaints filed per lines reported by Alteva and given that no one has objected to Alteva of Warwick's continued use of federal USS funds following newspaper publications, Board Staff submits that all federal high-cost support funds provided to Alteva within New Jersey were used in the preceding calendar year (2017) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required by section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 et seq. Accordingly, I submit this certification as authorized by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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