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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 (NCUC Docket Nos. P-100, Sub 133L, P-100, Sub 133N, and P-100, Sub 171)

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the North Carolina 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.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission certifies for the carriers listed that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within North Carolina was used in the preceding calendar year (**2015**)¹ 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.²

¹ Wilkes Communications, Inc. was designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in August 2016 and, therefore, was not eligible to receive high-cost support for the calendar year 2015.

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.").

Company Name	Study Area Code
Barnardsville Telephone Company	230469
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina	235193
Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink	230470
Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink	230471
Citizens Telephone Company	230473
Ellerbe Telephone Company	230478
Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC (GTE)	230479
Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC (Contel)	230509
Mehtel, Inc.	230485
North State Telephone Company	230491
Pineville Telephone Company	230494
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company	230498
Service Telephone Company	230500
Wilkes Communications, Inc. [NOTE 1]	
Windstream Concord Telephone, LLC	230474
Windstream Lexcom Communications, LLC	230483
Windstream North Carolina, LLC	230476
Verizon South Inc.	230864

NOTE 1: Wilkes Communications, Inc. was designated as an ETC in August 2016. Therefore, Wilkes did not receive, nor was it eligible to receive, high cost support for the calendar year 2015.

Signed,

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