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Re: WC Docket No. 14-58/CC Docket No. 96-45, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314, SC PSC Docket 2016-14-C

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina 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 Public Service Commission of South Carolina certifies for the carriers listed all federal high cost support provided to such carriers within South Carolina 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.

Check if list of certified carriers is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Pratt".

State Representative

September 28, 2018

Telecommunications Advisor

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54.314(a) State-Certification
Filing Year: 2016

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Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Public service Commission of South Carolina** 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 **Public service Commission of South Carolina** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **SOUTH CAROLINA** 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.¹

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Public service Commission of South Carolina

| CARRIER | SAC |
|--|------------|
| WINDSTREAM SC | 240517 |
| FARMERS TEL COOP | 240520 |
| SANDHILL TEL COOP | 240546 |
| FTC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC | 249002 |
| Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. | 240479 |
| Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. | 240526 |
| SOUTHERN BELL-SC | 245194 |
| UTC OF THE CAROLINAS | 240506 |
| BLUFFTON TEL. CO. | 240512 |
| CHESNEE TEL CO | 240515 |
| CHESTER TEL CO - SC | 240516 |
| FORT MILL TEL CO | 240521 |
| HARGRAY TEL CO | 240523 |
| HOME TEL CO | 240527 |
| HORRY TEL COOP | 240528 |
| LANCASTER TEL CO | 240531 |
| LOCKHART TEL CO INC | 240532 |
| MCCLELLANVILLE TEL | 240533 |
| NORWAY TEL CO | 240535 |
| PALMETTO RURAL COOP | 240536 |

¹ 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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| CARRIER | SAC |
|---------------------|--------|
| PIEDMONT RURAL COOP | 240538 |
| PBT TELECOM, INC. | 240539 |
| RIDGEWAY TEL CO | 240541 |
| ROCK HILL TEL CO | 240542 |
| ST STEPHEN TEL CO | 240544 |
| WEST CAROLINA RURAL | 240550 |
| WILLISTON TEL CO | 240551 |

Signed, 

Signature of Certifying State Commission Representative: Certified On-Line

Name of Certifying State Commission Representative: Douglas Pratt

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