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**VIA ECFS**

November 5, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Notice of Consolidation of Commonly-Owned Study Areas  
Lakeland Communications Group, LLC  
Wisconsin Study Areas 330902 and 330910  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

On behalf of Lakeland Communications Group, LLC ("Lakeland"), JSI respectfully submits the attached notice of consolidation in CC Docket No. 96-45. The attached provides the Wireline Competition Bureau notice of the consolidation effective January 1, 2020, of the Lakeland Wisconsin study areas.

Please direct inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned consultant for the Company.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall  
Vice President

on behalf of

John K. Klatt, President and CEO  
Lakeland Communications Group, LLC

Attachment

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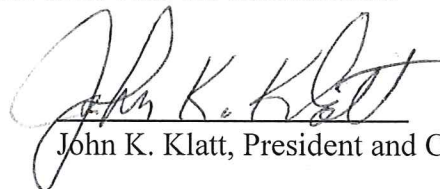
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Dear Mr. Palmer,

Lakeland Communications Group, LLC ("Lakeland" or "Company") is an incumbent local exchange carrier which owns two study areas in the state of Wisconsin – Study Area Codes 330902 and 330910. Both study areas operate under the Lakeland entity and receive Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support.

Lakeland hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") that effective January 1, 2020, the Company will consolidate the foregoing study areas with 330902 being the surviving study area. Pursuant to FCC precedent, no prior approval is required when commonly-owned existing study areas in the same state are consolidated.<sup>1</sup>

  
John K. Klatt, President and CEO

cc: Alexander Minard, FCC  
Suzanne Yelen, FCC  
Victor Gaither, High Cost Program, Universal Service Administrative Co.  
Jeff Phillips, National Exchange Carrier Association

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Request for Clarification Filed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., and Petitions for Waivers Filed by Alaska Telephone Company, Ducor Telephone Company, and Kingsgate Telephone, Inc., Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules, AAD 95-173, AAD 96-29, AAD 96-51, Memorandum Opinion and Order. 11 FCC Red 8156, 8160 (Com. Carr. Bur. July 16, 1996).