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Re: Docket Nos. 10-90 and 96-45, USF Certification as required by 47 C.F.R.
§§ 54.313 and 54.314, for the year 2014
Maine Rural Telephone Carriers (attached)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On May 10, 2001, the FCC adopted a modified mechanism to provide high-cost support to rural carriers. *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, 14th Report and Order and 21st Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (rel. May 10, 2001) (Rural USF Order). That Order requires states to certify that the rural carrier(s) in their jurisdiction will use the federal support in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This certification letter is being submitted to satisfy that requirement.

On September 10, 2014 and September 18, 2014, we requested that any interested person comment as to whether the rural telephone companies named herein were in compliance with Section 254.

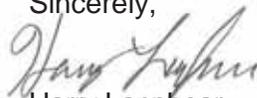
In accordance with the requirements of that Order and 47 C.R.R. §54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that the rural carriers only used support during the preceding calendar year (2013) and will only use support in the coming calendar year (2015) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended. The MPUC's certification of compliance is based on the representations made by rural LEC in Maine dockets:

2014-00263	CHINA TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00265	COMMUNITY SERVICE TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00266	MAINE TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00267	NORTHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MAINE
2014-00269	SIDNEY TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00270	STANDISH TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00276	OXFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00277	OXFORD WEST TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00279	UNITEL, INC.

2014-00281	LINCOLNVILLE NETWORKS
2014-00282	TIDEWATER TELECOM, INC.
2014-00286	UNION RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY
2014-00287	COBBOSSEECONTEE TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00288	HAMPDEN TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00289	HARTLAND & ST. ALBANS TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00290	ISLAND TELEPHONE CO. (TDS)
2014-00291	SOMERSET TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00292	WARREN TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00293	WEST PENOBSCOT TELEPHONE COMPANY (TDS)
2014-00294	MID MAINE TELECOM, LLC
2014-00295	SACO RIVER TELEPHONE, LLC and
2014-00296	PINE TREE TELEPHONE, LLC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joel Shifman at joel.shifman@maine.gov or at (207)287-1381.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Director

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