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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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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  
Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc.- ME

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On November 2, 1999, the FCC adopted a mechanism to provide high-cost support to non-rural carriers. *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Ninth Report and Order and 18<sup>th</sup> Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 99-306), released November 2, 1999 (Non-Rural USF Order). That Order requires states to certify that the non-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 company named herein was in compliance with Section 254.

In accordance with the requirements of that Order and 47 C.F.R. the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that all the federal high-cost funds provided to the non-rural company, Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc.-ME, were used during the preceding calendar year (2013) and will be used during the coming calendar year (2015) for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended in a manner consistent with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). To the best of our knowledge, all federal high-cost support will be used only to support those services for which the support is intended.

The MPUC's certification of compliance is based on the representation made by Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc. - ME in Maine docket 2014-00262.

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

Sincerely,

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