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PSC LETTER NUMBER 14-177

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

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WyPSC), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a), hereby submits its *supplemental* annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires the appropriate state regulatory authority to annually certify those eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) within its jurisdiction for purposes of receiving federal universal service support.

For the 2014 annual certification process, the WyPSC applied the requirements and guidelines of WyPSC Rule § 514 to the ETCs jurisdictional to Wyoming. The annual reporting requirements for previously designated ETCs in Wyoming became effective January 7, 2014. Rule § 514 requires each carrier verify that it continues to offer the supported services and functionalities required for designation as an ETC under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Code of Federal Regulations, throughout its designated service areas within Wyoming. The WyPSC also obtained from its jurisdictional ETCs their respective signed affidavits setting forth how federal universal service support funds have been used in the past year and how they will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. Additionally, the data provided by each applicant was the subject of a public hearing before the WyPSC on September 4, 2014, supplemented with a hearing on September 26, 2014.

The respective affidavits, additional documentation and detailed supporting information from each ETC jurisdictional to the WyPSC will be made available to you upon request.

As the state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia*, the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the WyPSC finds that certification is in the public interest, and hereby certifies the following ETC as being eligible to receive federal universal service support funds for the upcoming program year:

ETC	Study Area Code
Union Telephone Company d/b/a Union Cellular	518001
	518002
	518003
	518004
	518005
	518006

Based upon the representations made in affidavits submitted by this carrier, the FCC Form 481 and 690 submissions, the WyPSC's review and examination of the additional documentation and support required by WyPSC Rule § 514, the information adduced at the public hearings, and the WyPSC Staff analysis, the WyPSC certifies for the carrier listed all federal high-cost support (including Mobility Fund Phase I support) provided to such carrier within Wyoming was used in the preceding calendar year (2013) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2015) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and the requirements and mandates of 47 C.F.R. Part 54.

Please return a copy of this letter, noting your receipt, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope. If any additional information is needed to assure certification of these carriers, please contact Chief Counsel Christopher Petrie. Your courtesy and cooperation is appreciated.

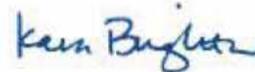
Cordially,



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