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RE: Alaska Qualified Certification of Support for High Cost Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, WC Docket No. 10-90, and Statement Concerning Wireless Deployment in Rural Alaska.

To the Filing Representatives:

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and based on self-certifying affidavits filed with the RCA by the Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), that all federal high cost support provided to ETCs in Alaska during 2013, and that which will be provided during 2015, either has been or will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). Accompanying this certification is Attachment A, a list of carriers currently designated as ETCs by the RCA pursuant to its authority under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), along with each carrier's assigned study area code, if known.

As noted above, this certification pertains to all RCA-designated ETCs, including competitive ETCs that are not subject to economic regulation by the RCA and other local exchange carrier ETCs that have been economically deregulated. To the extent our narrow reading of the phrase "not subject to the jurisdiction of the State" in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b) is in error, the RCA's decision to certify for all ETCs currently designated by the RCA, including those which the RCA does not economically regulate, may, in the alternative, be appropriately viewed as a supplemental certification contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(c)(1). Please note that the RCA has instructed all ETCs to make an individual assessment of whether 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b)

applies, and if so, to file appropriate certifications directly with the Federal Communications Commission and with the Administrator, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(c)(2).

Additionally, this certification in no way precludes the RCA from reviewing in further detail how any carrier has deployed its federal universal service support, nor from ordering the support be used in conformance with RCA directives or policies. This certification similarly does not bind the RCA in any future or pending matters before it involving any carrier to which this certification applies.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



Robert M. Pickett  
Chairman

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ATTACHMENT A

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ETC Name	Study Area Code	USAC Study Area Name	ETC Type	
ACS of Alaska, Inc.	613022 613012	ACS-AK Greatland ACS-AK Juneau	ILEC	Rural
ACS of Anchorage, Inc.	613000	ACS of Anchorage	ILEC	Non-Rural
ACS of Fairbanks, Inc.	613008	ACS-Fairbanks, Inc.	ILEC	Rural
ACS of the Northland, Inc.	613010 613020	ACS-N Glacier State ACS-N Sitka	ILEC	Rural
Adak Eagle Enterprises d/b/a/ Adak Telephone Utility	610989	Adak Tel. Utility	ILEC	Rural
Alaska Telephone Company	613017	Alaska Tel. Co. (All exchanges served, including previous GTE Exchanges)	ILEC	Rural
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.	613001	Arctic Slope Tel.	ILEC	Rural
Bettles Telephone, Inc.	613002	Bettles Tel. Co. Inc.	ILEC	Rural
Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613003	Bristol Bay Tel Coop.	ILEC	Rural
Bush-Tell	613004	Bush-Tell Inc.	ILEC	Rural
Circle Telephone and Electric, LLC	613005	Circle Utilities	ILEC	Rural
Cordova Telephone Cooperative, LLC	613007	Cordova Tel. Coop.	ILEC	Rural
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613006	Copper Valley Tel.	ILEC	Rural
GCI Communications Corp. SAC # 619001 <sup>1</sup>	613000 613001 613007 613006 613008 613010 613022 613012 613013 613015	ACS of Anchorage Arctic Slope Tel. Cordova Tel. Coop. Copper Valley Telephone ACS-Fairbanks, Inc. ACS-N Glacier State ACS-AK Greatland ACS-AK Juneau Ketchikan Public UT Matanuska Tel. Assoc.	CLEC	Rural and Non- Rural
Interior Telephone Company, Inc.	613011	Interior Tel. Co. Inc. (All Exchanges served, including previous GTE areas of Seward/Moose Pass)	ILEC	Rural
Ketchikan Public Utilities	613013	Ketchikan Public UT	ILEC	Rural

<sup>1</sup> Although GCI continues to report all wireline lines (in both AK remote and AK non-remote areas as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(e)(3)(i)) under SAC number 619001, since January of 2012, USAC no longer reports GCI's AK non-remote wireline disbursements under SAC number 619001; instead USAC reports GCI's AK non-remote wireline disbursements under SAC number 989004.

ETC Name	Study Area Code	USAC Study Area Name	ETC Type	
			ILEC	Rural
Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	613015	Matanuska Tel. Assoc.	ILEC	Rural
Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.	613016	Mukluk Tel. Co. Inc.	ILEC	Rural
North Country Telephone, Inc.	613026	North Country Tel. Co.	ILEC	Rural
Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613018	Nushagak Elec. & Tel.	ILEC	Rural
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613019 619011	OTZ Tel. Cooperative OTZ Telecommunications, Inc.	ILEC	Rural
Summit Telephone and Telegraph Company of Alaska, Inc.	613028	Summit Tel. & Tel-AK	ILEC	Rural
United-KUC, Inc.	613023	United Utilities Inc. (United KUC) <sup>2</sup>	ILEC	Rural
United Utilities, Inc.	613023	United Utilities Inc.	ILEC	Rural
Yukon Telephone Company	613025	Yukon Tel. Co. Inc.	ILEC	Rural
ACS Wireless, Inc.	613000 613017 613006 613008 613010 613022 613012 613013 613015	ACS of Anchorage Alaska Tel. Co. Copper Valley Tel. ACS-Fairbanks, Inc. ACS-N Glacier State ACS-AK Greatland ACS-AK Juneau Ketchikan Public UT Matanuska Tel. Assoc.	CMRS	Rural & Non Rural
ASTAC Wireless, LLC SAC# 619010	611449 613001	Former GTE Exchange of Barrow Arctic Slope Tel.	CMRS	Rural
Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership	619008 613018	Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership Nushagak Elec. & Tel.	CMRS	Rural
Copper Valley Wireless, Inc.	619006 613006 613007	Copper Valley Wireless Copper Valley Telephone Cordova Tel. Coop.	CMRS	Rural
Cordova Wireless Communications, LLC	619007 613010	Cordova Tel. Coop. ACS-N Glacier State (Yakutat only) <sup>3</sup>	CMRS	Rural
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility	613000 613022 613012 613008	ACS of Anchorage ACS-AK Greatland ACS-AK Juneau ACS-Fairbanks, Inc.	CMRS	Rural & Non Rural

<sup>2</sup> United Utilities, Inc. and United KUC are separate but affiliated entities with separate intrastate study areas and separate ETC designations; however, for high cost purposes they are designated as a single study area by USAC and the FCC.

<sup>3</sup> In 2013, the Commission designated Cordova Wireless Communications, LLC as a wireless ETC for the Yakutat exchange, within the ACS-N Glacier State study area; therefore its support certification regarding this study area is on a prospective basis only.

ETC Name	Study Area Code	USAC Study Area Name	ETC Type	
SAC# 619004, 989001	613010 613017 613006 613013 613015	ACS-N Glacier State Alaska Tel Co. Copper Valley Telephone Ketchikan Public UT Matanuska Tel. Assoc.		
GCI Communications Corp. (as a wireless provider) SAC # 619014 <sup>4</sup>	610989 613000 613001 613003 613004 613007 613006 613008 613010 613022 613011 613012 613013 613015 613016 613017 613018 613019 613020 613023 613023 613025	Adak Tel. Utility ACS of Anchorage Arctic Slope Tel. Bristol Bay Tel. Coop. Bush-Tell Cordova Tel. Coop. Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. ACS-Fairbanks, Inc. ACS-N Glacier State ACS-AK Greatland Interior Tel. Co. Inc. ACS-AK Juneau Ketchikan Public UT Matanuska Tel. Assoc. Mukluk Tel. Co. Inc. Alaska Tel. Co. Nushagak Elec. & Tel. OTZ Tel. Cooperative ACS-N Sitka United Utilities Inc. United Utilities Inc. (United KUC) <sup>5</sup> Yukon Tel. Co. Inc.	CMRS	Rural & Non Rural
MTA Communications, LLC, d/b/a MTA Wireless	619003	Matanuska-Kenai, Inc.	CMRS	Rural
TelAlaska Cellular, Inc.	619013	TelAlaska Cellular, Inc.	CMRS	Rural
OTZ Telecommunications, Inc.	619011 613019	OTZ Telecommunications, Inc. OTZ Telephone Cooperative	CMRS	Rural
Windy City Cellular, LLC	619012	Windy City Cellular	CMRS	Rural

<sup>4</sup> Although GCI continues to report all wireless lines (in both AK remote and AK non-remote areas as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(e)(3)(i)) under SAC number 619014, since January of 2012, USAC no longer reports GCI's AK non-remote wireless disbursements under SAC number 619014; instead USAC reports GCI's AK non-remote wireless disbursements under SAC number 989007. In addition, USAC now reports AK non-remote wireless disbursements for certain other wireless carriers using the following SAC numbers: AT&T Mobility, 989001; MTA Wireless, 989005; and ACS Wireless, 989006.

<sup>5</sup> United Utilities, Inc. and United KUC are separate but affiliated entities with separate intrastate study areas and separate ETC designations; however, for high cost purposes they are designated as a single study area by USAC and the FCC.