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Re: FCC WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State-Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 - Revised

The Montana Public Service Commission filed with USAC and the FCC the Montana ETCs and study areas certified for 2015 high-cost support on September 24, 2014. The list of study areas for Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. inadvertently omitted the Sagebrush Mobility Fund Phase I study area codes. The attached list of ETCs and study areas has been corrected.

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Montana Public Service Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter (see attachment) are eligible to receive federal-high cost and low-income support for the program years cited.

The Montana Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Montana 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.<sup>1</sup>

Questions regarding this certification should be directed to Gary Duncan on 406-444-6189 or [gduncan@mt.gov](mailto:gduncan@mt.gov).

Bill Gallagher  
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Chairman  
Montana Public Service Commission

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification to the Administrator and Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")

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**2015 Montana PSC Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Certification**  
**Company Name and Study Area(s)**

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- 1.) 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative – 482255
- 2.) 3 Rivers CLEC – 489003
- 3.) Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative – 482235, 483308
- 4.) Cable and Cellular Communications, LLC – 489005
- 5.) Central Montana Communications – 483310
- 6.) CenturyTel dba CenturyLink – 482249
- 7.) Qwest dba CenturyLink QC – 485104
- 8.) Citizens dba Frontier – 484322
- 9.) Hot Springs Telephone Company – 482241
- 10.) Interbel Telephone Cooperative – 482242
- 11.) Lincoln Telephone Company – 482244
- 12.) Mid-Rivers CLEC – 489001
- 13.) Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - 482246
- 14.) Nemont Telephone Cooperative – 482247
- 15.) Northern Telephone Cooperative – 482248
- 16.) Project Telephone Company – 482250
- 17.) Range Telephone Cooperative – 482251
- 18.) Range CLEC – 489007
- 19.) Ronan Telephone Company – 482252
- 20.) RT Communications - 512251 (Wyoming)
- 21.) Sagebrush Cellular – 489006, 489010, 488003, 488004, 488005, 488006, 488007, 488008, 488011, 488012
- 22.) Southern Montana Telephone Company – 482254
- 23.) Triangle Communications System, Inc. – 489008, 488014
- 24.) Triangle Telephone Cooperative – 482257
- 25.) iSmart Mobile – 489013
- 26.) Commnet Wireless – 488013