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November 24, 2014

 Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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 Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
 Washington DC 20554

 Ms. Karen Majcher
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RE: Hiawatha Telephone Company, expansion of Universal Service Pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Federal Communications Act of 1996, Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 09-197, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On November 6, 2014, Hiawatha Telephone Company (Hiawatha) filed an application to expand their ETC status in the Brimley exchange (SAC 310713/310680), currently served by Chippewa County Telephone Company (Chippewa). Hiawatha plans to merge with Chippewa, with Hiawatha being the surviving entity.

On November 24, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an order in Case No. U-17743 approving Hiawatha's request for ETC expansion. The order is attached below.

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Sincerely,

 Robin P. Ancona, Director
 Telecommunications Division

 cc: Ryan McAnany, Telecommunications Division
 Jennifer Boyd, Telecommunications Division

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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FCC Mail Room

In the matter of the application of)
HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY)
for designation as an eligible telecommunications)
carrier in the Brimley exchange.)
_____)

Case No. U-17743

At the November 24, 2014 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John D. Quackenbush, Chairman
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner
Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

ORDER

On October 1, 1997, Hiawatha Telephone Company (Hiawatha) filed an application in Case No. U-11548 for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of universal service fund support. On November 25, 1997, the Commission issued an order approving Hiawatha's application as an ETC in its study area.

On November 6, 2014, Hiawatha filed an application pursuant to section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, 47 USC 214(e)(2), requesting ETC designation in the Brimley exchange, which is currently served by Chippewa County Telephone Company (Chippewa). Hiawatha is currently an ETC in the Munising, Seney, Eckerman, Paradise, Hulbert, Shingleton, Deer Park, Hiawatha Forest, and Grand Marais exchanges. The application states that Hiawatha plans to merge with Chippewa, with Hiawatha being the surviving entity. On October 7, 2014, in Case No. U-17706, Hiawatha was granted a temporary license to service the Brimley

exchange. On November 24, 2014, concurrent with this order, Hiawatha is granted a permanent license.

After reviewing Hiawatha's application, the Commission finds that the request to expand the study area should be granted. All other aspects of the November 25, 1997 order remain in effect.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application filed by Hiawatha Telephone Company to include the Brimley exchange in its eligible telecommunications carrier designated service area is granted.

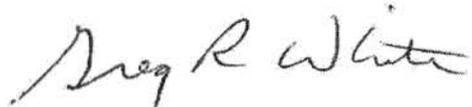
The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party aggrieved by this order may file an action in the appropriate federal District Court pursuant to 28 USC 1331.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



John D. Quackenbush, Chairman



Greg R. White, Commissioner



Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

By its action of November 24, 2014.



Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

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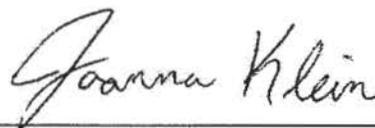
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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Case No. U-17743

County of Ingham)

Joanna Klein being duly sworn, deposes and says that on November 24, 2014 A.D. she served a copy of the attached Commission order by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.



Joanna Klein

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 24th day of November 2014



Lisa Felice
Notary Public, Eaton County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: April 15, 2020

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