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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

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, on September 24, 2015 the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC) certified to USAC, using the USAC online E-file system, thirty-six Study Area Codes (SACs). Two additional SACs which the MPSC wishes to certify could not be certified in the E-File on-line system. USAC advised the MPSC to use paper certification for those two SACs.

The MPSC hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that iSmart Mobile SAC 489013 and Triangle Communications Systems, Inc. SAC 489008 are eligible to receive federal-high cost and low-income support for the program years cited.

The Montana Public Service Commission certifies, for iSmart Mobile and Triangle Communications Systems, Inc., all federal high-cost support provided to these carriers within Montana was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) 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)

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<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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54.314(a) State-Certification  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. & 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Montana Public Service Commission** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The **Montana Public Service Commission** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **MONTANA** was used in the preceding calendar year ( **2014** ) and will be used in the coming calendar year ( **2016** ) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup>

## ETCs CERTIFIED BY Montana Public Service Commission

CARRIER	SAC
3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	489003
MID-RIVERS TEL. COOP.	489001
INTERBEL TEL COOP	482242
QWEST CORP-MT	485104
BLACKFOOT TEL - BTC	482235
BLACKFOOT TEL - CFT	483308
HOT SPRINGS TEL CO	482241
LINCOLN TEL CO INC	482244
MID-RIVERS TEL COOP	482246
NEMONT TEL COOP-MT	482247
NORTHERN TEL COOP	482248
CENTURYTEL-MONTANA	482249
PROJECT TEL CO	482250
RONAN TEL CO	482252
SOUTHERN MONTANA TEL	482254
3-RIVERS TEL COOP	482255
TRIANGLE TEL COOP	482257
CENTRAL MONTANA	483310
CITIZENS-FRONTIER-MT	484322
RANGE TEL COOP-MT	482251

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<b>CARRIER</b>	<b>SAC</b>
RANGE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	489007
CABLE & COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	489005
SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.	489006
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. - CL	489010
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488003
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488004
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488005
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488006
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488007
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488008
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488011
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	488012
Commnet Wireless, LLC	488013
Triangle Communication System, Inc.	488014
RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	512251
RANGE TELEPHONE. COOPERATIVE. INC. - WY	512251

Signed,

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