

April 21, 2016

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A225
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Sterling Communications, Inc. Annual Section 254(g) Certification – Geographic Rate Averaging and Rate Integration; *In the Matter of Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace*, CC Docket No. 96-61.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sterling Communications, Inc., attached is the 2016 certification of compliance with the Commission's geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements in Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (512) 343-2544.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Young
Authorized Representative for
Sterling Communications, Inc.

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Attachment

STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

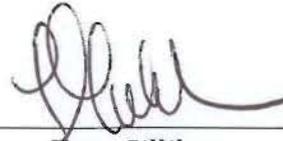
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STERLING COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

2016 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

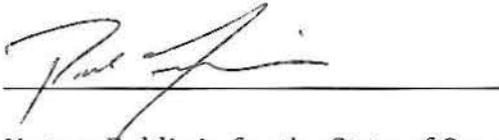
I, Tom Gillihan, hereby certify that I am the President/CEO of Sterling Communications, Inc. and that I am authorized to execute this certificate on behalf of Sterling Communications, Inc.

Furthermore, I hereby swear under oath that, to the best of my knowledge, Sterling Communications, Inc. complies with the geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements pursuant to Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in providing detariffed interstate, domestic, interexchange services.



Tom Gillihan
President/CEO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 2016, to certify which witness my hand.



Notary Public in for the State of Oregon

My Commission Expires: 3/27/2018

