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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*; Rule 54.312(c)(5)
Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Under Section 54.312 of the Commission's rules,¹ Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. ("PRT") provided notice to the Commission on February 19, 2016 that PRT proposed to modify its Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I Round 2 broadband deployment plan to include 323 census blocks not identified by PRT at the time of its initial election on August 23, 2013.² The Wireline Competition Bureau released Public Notice of PRT's filing on March 4, 2016.³

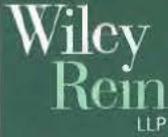
Since that filing, one party has challenged the eligibility of seven of the newly identified census blocks.⁴ PRT has removed those census blocks from its CAF

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(4).

² See Letter from Thomas J. Navin, Counsel, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (Feb. 19, 2016).

³ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadline for Existing Providers to Notify Puerto Rico Telephone Company that They Serve Census Blocks that Puerto Rico Telephone Company Propose to Serve with Connect America Phase I Incremental Support*, Public Notice, DA 16-250, WC Docket No. 10-90 (Wireline Comp. Bur. Mar. 4, 2016).

⁴ See Letter from Alexandra Verdiales, Counsel, Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico LLC, to Thomas J. Navin, Counsel, Puerto Rico Telephone Company (Apr. 18, 2016). The seven census blocks are those identified with GEO ID Codes 720252003024003, 721191304021030, 721191304021026, 721191304021024, 721191304021025, 720819578003022, and 720819578003015.



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Phase I Round 2 deployment plan and instead will deploy to additional locations in other census blocks in the plan.

As required under the rules, no sooner than 46 days following the Public Notice, and prior to commencing construction, PRT must provide the necessary certification with respect to the new census blocks.⁵ Enclosed is the required certification made by Mario R. Barrera, Chief Operating Officer, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc.

Copies of this letter and the attached certification are being sent to the Bureau, the Administrator, and the Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board. There are no tribal areas affected by this deployment plan.

Please contact me should you have any questions about this filing.

Best regards,

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Attachment

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⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.312(c)(4), (5)(i)-(v).