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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW
 Room TW-204B
 Washington, D.C. 20554

Administrator
 Universal Service Administrative Co.
 100 South Jefferson Road
 Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: State Certification of Rural Carriers for Federal Universal Service Support In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45/CC Docket No. 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001). D

Dear Secretary Salas and Administrator of USAC:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PaPUC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that all federal high-cost support provided to the rural carriers listed on "Appendix A," attached hereto, for the year commencing January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002, will be utilized in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As required by Section 254(e), each of the carriers listed on "Appendix A" will only utilize the federal high-cost support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of their facilities and services for which the support is intended within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to the PUC in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

James J. McNulty
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 Secretary

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APPENDIX A

CERTIFIED RURAL LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

Bentleyville Communications Corporation t/d/b/a The Bentleyville Telephone Company
Frontier Communications of Breezewood, Inc.
Buffalo Valley Telephone Company
Frontier Communications of Canton, Inc.
Citizens Telephone Company of Kecksburg
Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.
Commonwealth Telephone Company
Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company
Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company
Deposit Telephone Company
Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc.
The Hancock Telephone Company
Hickory Telephone Company
Ironton Telephone Company
ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc.
Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services, Inc. (f/k/a Lackawaxen Telephone Company)
Frontier Communications – Lakewood, Inc.
Laurel Highland Telephone Company
Mahanoy & Mahantongo Telephone Company
Marianna & Scenery Hill Telephone Company
Armstrong Telephone Company – Pennsylvania
The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company
North Penn Telephone Company
North Pittsburgh Telephone Company
Frontier Communications – Oswayo River, Inc.
Armstrong Telephone Company – North
Palmerton Telephone Company
Pennsylvania Telephone Company
Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company
South Canaan Telephone Company
Sugar Valley Telephone Company
United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania
Venus Telephone Corporation
Yukon-Walz Telephone Company
West Side Telephone Company - PA

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