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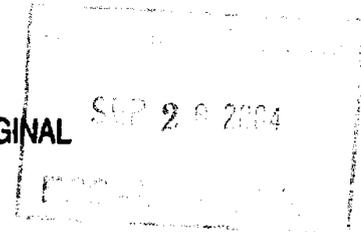


September 22, 2004

Bill Owens
Governor

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW - A306
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Colorado's Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High Cost Carriers
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.313-314, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and No. 00-256

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model support (HCM), Hold Harmless support (HH), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attachment A lists rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Colorado PUC pursuant to §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, the assigned study area code is listed beside each carrier's name.

Questions regarding the annual certifications should be directed to Geri Santos-Rach, Chief of Fixed Utilities, at (303) 894-2533.

Very truly yours,


Bruce N. Smith
Director

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery
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