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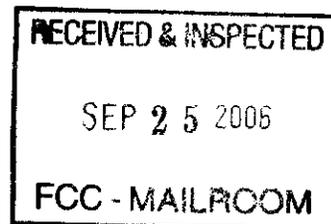
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RE: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in Montana 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, Local Switching Support, High Cost Model support, and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached are lists of rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Montana PSC pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC'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, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC).

Sincerely,

Greg Jergeson  
Chairman, Montana PSC

Attachments (2)

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Attachment 2

Montana PSC 2006 Certification of ETC's for 2007 Federal USF Support

List of Certified Non-Rural ETCs

1. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489001
2. Qwest Corporation -- 485104
3. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489007
4. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489003
5. WWC Holding Co., Inc.,  
a subsidiary of Alltel Communications, Inc. -- 489004

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Attachment 1

## Montana PSC 2006 Certification of ETC's for 2007 Federal USF Support

## List of Certified Rural ETCs

1. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482235 and 483308
2. Cable and Communications Corporation -- 489005
3. Central Montana Communications, Inc. -- 483310
4. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. -- 482249
5. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana,  
dba Frontier Communications of Montana -- 484322
6. Hot Springs Telephone Company -- 482241
7. InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482242
8. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. -- 482244
9. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482246
10. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482247
11. Northern Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482248
12. Project Telephone Company -- 482250
13. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482251
14. Reservation Telephone Cooperative -- 381632
15. Ronan Telephone Company -- 482252
16. RT Communications, Inc. -- 512251
17. Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. -- 489006
18. Southern Montana Telephone Company -- 482254
19. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482255
20. Tri County Telephone Association, Inc.,  
its subsidiary TCT West, Inc. -- 512296
21. Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. -- 482257
22. West River Cooperative Telephone Company -- 391689