



# Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Re: Annual Certification of Eligible Telecommunication Carriers  
(ETCs) for Eligibility to Receive Federal High-Cost Fund  
Support

05-GF-135

CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that state commissions must file an annual certification with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating that all federal high-cost fund (HCF) support provided to carriers in their respective states will be used only for the intended purposes.<sup>1</sup> The FCC left it open for the state commissions and the affected carriers to develop an appropriate mechanism for such certifications.

As in previous years, the Commission received sworn affidavits from the carriers identified in the enclosed list. The list identifies the name and study area as identified by USAC, and the date of receipt. All Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) receiving or projected to receive HCF support in the first quarter of 2007 have submitted affidavits.

In its sworn affidavit, each carrier states:

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, which requires states to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that all Federal High-Cost

<sup>1</sup> 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).

Support within this state be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

5. Carrier hereby states that it will use the Federal High-Cost Support Funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Relying on these sworn affidavits, the Commission certifies that all the federal HCF support funds received by these Wisconsin companies will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Commission has taken note of the FCC's recent revisions to the annual certification and reporting requirements for ETCs under its jurisdiction and that in its order the FCC encourages states to adopt these same requirements.<sup>2</sup> The Commission has issued a notice in rulemaking Docket No. 1-AC-198 addressing proposed rule changes to the Wisconsin Universal Service Fund. Those rules include provisions regarding ETC certification. The notice includes a request for comment as to whether changes in our state rules concerning ETC status "are necessary or desirable pursuant to the changes made to the federal ETC requirements" by the FCC.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Jeff Richter, of our staff, at (608) 267-9624.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 27, 2006

For the Commission:

*/s/ Sandra J. Paske*

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, "Report and Order," (released March 17, 2005).

## Certification Checklist Search Results for Wisconsin ETCs

Study Area Name	Study Area	Date Received
24-7 Telecom	339005	9/1/2006
Airadigm Communications	339020	9/1/2006
Alltel Communications Inc.	339017	8/8/2006
American Cellular Corporation (Dobson Cellular Systems)	339920	8/10/2006
Amery Telcom, Inc.	330842	9/1/2006
Amherst Tel. Co.	330843	9/1/2006
Badger Telecom, Inc dba TDS Telecom	330844	9/1/2006
Baldwin Telecom Inc.	330846	9/1/2006
Bayland Communications, Inc.	339004	9/1/2006
Bayland Tel. Inc.	330925	9/1/2006
Belmont Tel. Co.	330847	9/1/2006
Bergen Tel. Co.	330848	9/1/2006
Black Earth Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330849	9/1/2006
Bloomer Tel. Co.	330850	9/1/2006
Bonduel Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330851	9/1/2006
Brown County MSA Cellular dba Cellcom	339014	9/1/2006
Bruce Telephone Co., Inc.	330855	9/1/2006
Burlington, Brighton	330856	9/1/2006
Central State Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330859	9/1/2006
CenturyTel - Central WI	331159	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Fairwater-Brandon-Alto, Inc.	330877	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Forestville, Inc.	330884	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Larsen-Redfield, Inc.	330898	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest Wisconsin, Inc.	330934	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Kendall, Inc.	330924	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Wisconsin, Inc.	330841	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Wisconsin, Inc.	330857	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Wisconsin, Inc.	330970	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Wisconsin, Inc.	330959	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Midwest-Wisconsin, Inc.	330922	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Monroe County, Inc.	330913	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, Inc.	330956	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc.	330950	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Southern Wisconsin, Inc.	330931	9/1/2006
CenturyTel of Wisconsin, LLC	330895	9/1/2006
Chequamegon Tel. Coop. Inc.	330860	9/1/2006
Chequamegon Telecommunications Co., Inc.	339003	9/1/2006
Chibardun Tel. Coop. Inc.	330861	9/1/2006
Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330863	9/1/2006
Clear Lake Telephone Company, Inc.	330865	9/1/2006
Cochrane Coop. Tel. Co.	330866	9/1/2006
Coon Valley Farmers Tel. Co.	330868	9/1/2006
CTC Telcom, Inc.	339001	9/1/2006
Cuba City Tel. Exch. Co. Inc.	330872	9/1/2006
Dickeyville Tel. Corp.	330875	9/1/2006
Eastcoast Telecom, Inc. dba TDS Telecom	330914	9/1/2006
Farmers Independent Tel. Co.	330879	9/1/2006
Farmers Telephone Co. dba TDS	330880	9/1/2006

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FC of Mondovi, Inc.	330912	9/1/2006
FC of Viroqua, Inc.	330967	9/1/2006
FC of Wisconsin, Inc.	330964	9/1/2006
FC- St. Croix, Inc.	330944	9/1/2006
Grantland Telecom, Inc. dba TDS Telecom	330930	9/1/2006
Hager Telecom Inc.	330889	9/1/2006
Hillsboro Tel. Co. Inc.	330892	9/1/2006
Indianhead Tel. Co.	330936	9/1/2006
La Valle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330899	9/1/2006
Lakefield Telephone Company	330896	9/1/2006
Lemonweir Valley Tel. Co.	330900	9/1/2006
Luck Tel. Co.	330902	9/1/2006
Manawa Tel. Co. Inc.	330905	9/1/2006
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330908	9/1/2006
Metro Southwest PCS, LLP dba Cellcom	339013	9/1/2006
Mid-Plains, Inc. dba TDS	330881	9/1/2006
Midway Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330909	9/1/2006
Midwest Wireless Wisconsin, LLC	339006	9/1/2006
Milltown Mutual Tel. Co.	330910	9/1/2006
Mosinee Tel. Co.	330915	9/1/2006
Mt. Horeb Tel. Co.	330916	9/1/2006
Mt. Vernon Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330917	9/1/2006
Nelson Tel. Coop.	330918	9/1/2006
Niagara Tel. Co.	330920	9/1/2006
Northeast Tel. Co.	330938	9/1/2006
NPCR, INC. dba NEXTEL PARTNERS	339009	8/11/2006
Nsighttel Wireless dba Cellcom	339015	9/1/2006
Price County Telephone Company, Inc.	330937	9/1/2006
Rhineland Telephone Company	330940	9/1/2006
Rhineland Telephone Company	330941	9/1/2006
Rhineland Telephone Company	330870	9/1/2006
Rhineland Telephone Company fka Headwaters	330891	9/1/2006
Richland-Grant Tel. Coop. Inc.	330942	9/1/2006
Riverside Telecom, Inc. dba TDS Telecom	330943	9/1/2006
Sage Telecommunications	339021	8/22/2006
Scandinavia Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330945	9/1/2006
Sharon Tel. Co.	330946	9/1/2006
Sharon Telephone Company	339008	9/1/2006
Siren Tel. Co. Inc.	330949	9/1/2006
Somerset Tel. Co. Inc.	330951	9/1/2006
Southeast Tel. Co. of Wisconsin Inc.	330952	9/1/2006
Spring Valley Tel. Co. Inc.	330953	9/1/2006
State Long Distance Tel. Co.	330955	9/1/2006
Stockbridge	330954	9/1/2006
Telephone USA of WI	331155	9/1/2006
Tenney Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330958	9/1/2006
Tri-County Tel. Coop. Inc.	330960	9/1/2006
Union Telephone Co.	330962	9/1/2006

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US Cellular Corporation - WI	339007	8/31/2006
Utelco Inc. dba TDS Telecom	330963	9/1/2006
Vernon Tel. Coop.	330966	9/1/2006
Waunakee Tel. Co. dba TDS Telecom	330968	9/1/2006
Wausau Cellular Tel. Co. Limited Partnership dba Cellcom	339011	9/1/2006
West Wisconsin Telcom Coop Inc.	330971	9/1/2006
Wisconsin RSA 10 Limited Partnership dba Cellcom	339012	9/1/2006
Wisconsin RSA 3 Limited Partnership dba Cellcom	339016	8/8/2006
Wisconsin RSA 4 Limited Partnership dba Cellcom	339010	9/1/2006
Wittenberg Tel. Co.	330973	9/1/2006
Wood County Tel. Co.	330974	9/1/2006

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