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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	
Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc. (SAC #492268))	
Petition for Waiver of Section 54.904(d) Filing Deadline)	
For Submission of Annual Interstate Common Line Support)	
Certification for a Rural Rate-of-Return Carrier)	

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**SUPPLEMENT TO
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 54.904(d) DEADLINE
FOR ANNUAL INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc. ("Western") hereby supplements its pending petition, dated July 17, 2008, for waiver of the June 30, 2008 deadline in Section 54.904(d) of the Rules for the filing of its annual Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS") certification. The purpose of the supplement is to furnish corrected information regarding the date that the certification was received by the Commission.

At the time it prepared and filed its subject petition, Western believed that the ICLS certification that it mailed to the Commission on or about Monday, June 23, 2008, had been received on or before June 30, 2008, but that the copy it had mailed simultaneously to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") had not been received until July 3, 2008. Western's belief was based upon a conversation with a member of the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") staff. Western attempted to verify the date of Commission receipt itself, but could find no postings for "Western New Mexico Telephone Company" in the Commission's

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Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") for CC Docket No. 96-45 during June and July 2008.

On Monday, July 21, 2008, Western's counsel found the attached Western ICLS certification, which indicates that it was "Received & Inspected" in the FCC Mailroom on "Jul 07 2008," while searching in ECFS for something else under the subject "Numerous" in CC Docket No. 96-45. On the same day, a copy of the same FCC-stamped ICLS certification was received by Western from NECA.

Even though the copy of Western's ICLS certification mailed to the Commission was not received by June 30 as originally believed, Western still made material and substantial attempts to comply with its ICLS filing requirements for 2008-2009, as well as timely and good faith efforts to prepare and submit its annual ICLS certifications by the June 30, 2008 deadline. That some sort of unanticipated and uncontrollable United States Postal Service delay or mix-up occurred is indicated by the fact that the Western certifications were mailed simultaneously in New Mexico, but were received in USAC's Washington, DC office and in the Commission's mailroom in the same city four (4) days apart (with the certification being received by USAC on July 3, but not by the Commission until July 7). Grant of the requested waiver still will have no significant adverse impact upon USAC's administration of the ICLS program, while the loss of approximately \$875 thousand of ICLS will impair Western's finances, investment capabilities, rate structure and/or service quality, as well as constitute an excessive penalty for an unintentional and uncontrollable delay in mail delivery.

Western reiterates its request for an expedited waiver of the Section 54.904(d) deadline.

Respectfully submitted,
WESTERN NEW MEXICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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Dated: July 23, 2008

Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) 2008 - 2009

Date June 16, 2008

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc. will use its **INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

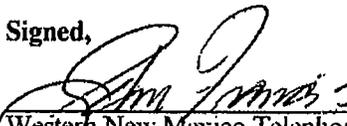
I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

ICLS

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Western New Mexico Telephone Company	New Mexico	492268

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box)

Signed,


Western New Mexico Telephone Company

Date: 6/16/08

Mr. John Francis
Executive Vice President

Carrier's Name: Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc.
Carrier's Address: P.O. Box 3079, Silver City, NM 88062-3079
Carrier's Telephone Number: 505-388-2546

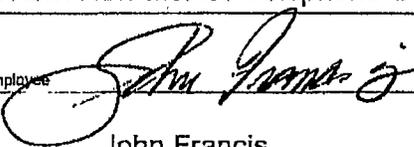
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**FCC Form 508
Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism
Projected Annual Common Line Revenue Requirement Form**

**FCC Form 508
OMB Control No. 3060-0972**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING FCC FORM 508 ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

<p>Certification of Officer or Employee to Authorize an Agent to File FCC Form 508, Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism Projected Annual Common Line Revenue Requirement Form, on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</p> <p>I certify that <u>National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA)</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on FCC Form 508 on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer or employee of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism projected revenue requirement information provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism projected annual common line revenue requirement information provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p>			
Name of Authorized Agent <u>National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.</u>			
Name of Reporting Carrier <u>Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc.</u>			
Signature of authorized officer or employee 			Date <u>06/16/2008</u>
Printed name of authorized officer or employee <u>John Francis</u>			
Title or position of authorized officer or employee <u>Executive Vice President</u>			
Telephone number of authorized officer or employee: <u>(575) 388 - 2546</u> .ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	<u>492268</u>	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	<u>6/30/2008</u>
<p><small>Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.</small></p>			