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**Re: Certification of Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314, CC
Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256.**

This certification is filed in accordance with Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 54.314. The California Public Utilities Commission certifies that SureWest Telephone (Study Area Code 542334) is eligible to receive federal universal service high-cost support pursuant to 47 CFR Section 54.314.

It is further certified that the basic service rates in the areas served by SureWest are reasonably comparable to the national urban rate benchmark.

The federal universal service high-cost support received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Sincerely,

Paul Clanon
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