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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher, Vice President
High Cost & Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street NW – Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Certification Of High Cost Support For Rural Carriers - Competitive ETCs
Pursuant To 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch / Ms. Majcher:

On September 9, 2009, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) issued an order designating eligible carrier status to C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association. (Study area code to be determined.) With this letter, the Board hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association in 2009, 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), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges. The Board bases this certification on the individual carrier certification filed by C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jim Langenberg, a member of the Utilities Board's staff at (515) 281-5695 or e-mail jim.langenberg@iub.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

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Encl.

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STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: C-M-L TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	DOCKET NO. IAC-2009-3902
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ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER

(Issued September 9, 2009)

On July 13, 2009, C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association (C-M-L) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for universal service eligible carrier status in certain Iowa exchanges. C-M-L asks that the Board designate it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2 in the identified exchanges attached to this order. No objections have been filed regarding this application.

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254 (the Act). Under the Act (and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets certain service requirements before it may be designated an eligible carrier as set forth in subrule 39.2(4). The carrier must:

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;
- 2) Offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(c) provides that "own facilities" includes purchased unbundled network elements);
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and
- 4) Offer the services throughout the designated service area.

An ETC must also offer a minimum amount of local exchange service, defined in usage minutes, provided with no additional charge to customers. See In re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, "First Report and Order," CC Docket No. 96-45, March 17, 2005. See also 199 IAC 39.2(1)"b." However, the FCC has not quantified a minimum amount of local usage required to be included in a universal service offering. Id., at ¶ 33. The Board understands that C-M-L will comply with any and all minimum local usage requirements adopted by the FCC. The Board also understands that until the FCC establishes a minimum requirement, C-M-L will offer at least one universal service fund package with unlimited local calling.

In its request for designation, C-M-L states that it satisfies each of these requirements. Based upon these unopposed representations and the company's commitment to follow the minimum local usage requirements when adopted by the FCC, the Board finds that C-M-L offers the services supported by the federal

2. The designated service area for C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association shall be the area in Iowa where C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide service.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association, the Universal Service Administration Company, the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Robert B. Berntsen

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of September, 2009.

EXHIBIT A

WPSF617
Cherokee
Peterson

WPOL759
Archer

WPOL761
Cleghorn
Meriden
Larrabee

**IOWA UTILITIES BOARD
O'BRIEN COUNTY
INCUMBENT LOCAL
TELEPHONE SERVICE
AREA REFERENCE MAP**

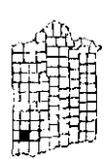
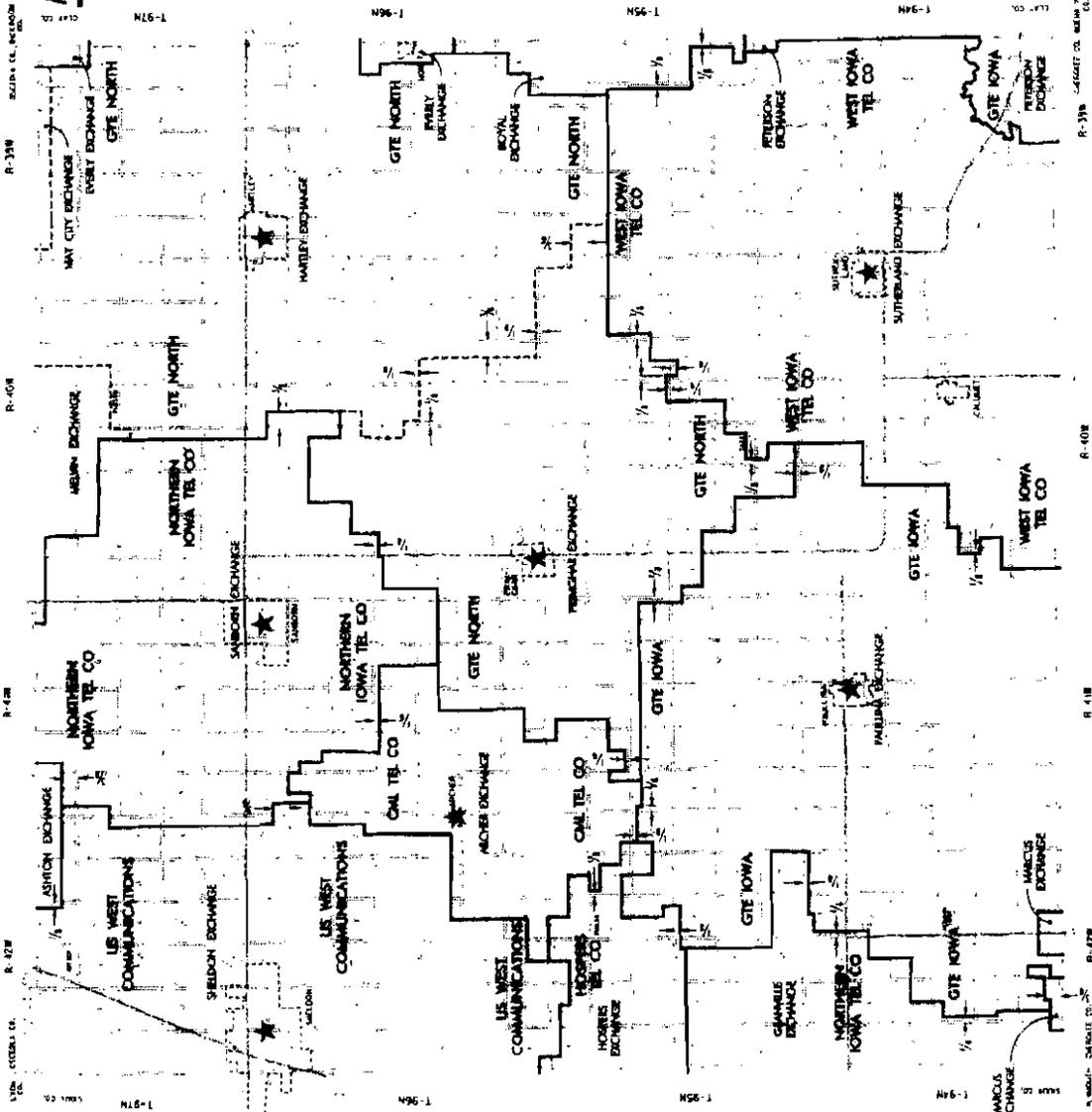
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LEGEND

- COMPANY BOUNDARY
 - - - EXCHANGE BOUNDARY
 - · - · - AREA CODE / LATA BOUNDARY
 - · - · - LATA BOUNDARY ONLY
 - · - · - CORPORATE BOUNDARY
 - ★ EXCHANGE HEADQUARTERS
- MEASURED FOLLOW SECTION HALF SECTION, QUARTER SECTION, 1/4 SECTION, AND 1/4 QUARTER MARKERS EXIST AS INDICATED



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