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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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## VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
WC Docket No. 09-197

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of Carolina West Wireless, Inc. (SAC 239004) ("Carolina West"), please find attached a redacted, public version of a supplement ("Supplement") to Carolina West's Annual ETC Report under Section 54.209 of the FCC's Rules ("ETC Report"). The attached Supplement has been marked "**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**"

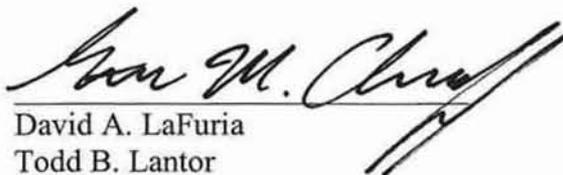
Carolina West is also submitting, under separate cover, a confidential version of this Supplement. The confidential version is marked "**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**"

An original and four (4) copies of this Supplement are enclosed. An additional copy has been provided, which you are requested to date-stamp and return in the envelope provided.

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Please contact the undersigned at 703-584-8678 if any questions arise concerning the above-referenced enclosures or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Chernoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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cc: Nicholas Degani, Esq.

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

In the Matter of )  
Federal-State Joint Board on ) CC Docket No. 96-45  
Universal Service )  
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SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL ETC REPORT OF  
CAROLINA WEST WIRELESS, INC.

Carolina West Wireless, Inc. (“Carolina West” or the “Company”), a wireless service provider designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Company (“ETC”) in the State of North Carolina, hereby supplements its annual compliance filing (“2009 Annual ETC Report” or “Report”) containing information as set forth in the Commission’s *Report and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding (“*ETC Report and Order*”).<sup>1</sup>

I. INTRODUCTION

Commission staff has requested that Carolina West provide additional information regarding outages and how support received during the previous year was used at the wire-center level. Staff has also requested that Carolina West provide maps showing areas of coverage enhancements from the previous year as well as coverage enhancements proposed through 2012. Finally, Staff has requested clarification of the wire center information in the spreadsheets provided in Carolina West’s updated service quality improvement plan.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Report & Order*, 20 FCC Rcd 6371 (2005) (“*ETC Report and Order*”).

## II. DISCUSSION

In response to staff's request, Carolina West supplements its 2009 Annual ETC Report by providing (1) a clarification that Carolina West had [ ] outages affecting 911 special facilities during the reporting period; (2) a map showing the coverage enhancements the Company made with USF support during the 12-month time period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009; (3) a map showing the predicted coverage from the service quality improvements proposed for 2010 through 2012; and (4) an explanation regarding the wire-center detail provided in the spreadsheets provided in its updated service quality improvement plan.

### A. Outages.

Staff has requested confirmation of whether any outages affected 911 special facilities. Carolina West hereby confirms that [ ].

### B. Service Quality Improvement Plan.

Two maps are attached to this filing as Supplemental Exhibit A. The first map, showing coverage improvements made during the previous year overlaid on eligible wire centers, addresses staff's request for additional detail of the Company's service quality enhancements during the previous year at the wire-center level. The second map addresses staff's request for a visual representation of signal coverage improvements planned with the use of support through 2012. As with the initial filing, Carolina West is submitting Supplemental Exhibit A with a request for confidential treatment.

In response to staff's request for clarification of the wire-center information on the spreadsheets in Carolina West's updated service quality improvement plan, Carolina West clarifies the manner in which the spreadsheets labeled as Tabs 4 and 5 of Exhibit A

provide were intended to be read together. Specifically, Tab 4 provides a list of proposed sites along with the name of the wire center to be benefited and a description of how the proposed site will benefit the wire center in question. Tab 5 provides a list of the wire centers in Carolina West's ETC service area along with a description of how each wire center will be benefited by high-cost USF support. For each wire center that will be benefited by a new cell site, the corresponding proposed site from Tab 4 is listed in the description. By cross-referencing Tabs 4 and 5, the reader can see "how high-cost universal service support will be used to improve [Carolina West's] coverage, service quality or capacity in every wire center for which it [. . .] expects to receive universal service support."<sup>2</sup>

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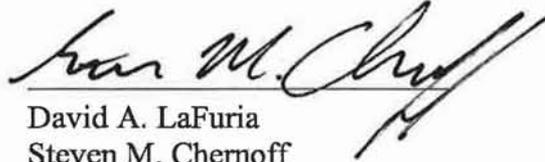
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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 6372, ¶ 2.

**III. CONCLUSION**

We trust that you will find this Supplemental ETC Report to be responsive to the compliance materials requested in the *ETC Report and Order*.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: January 11, 2010

# **Supplemental Annual ETC Report**

## **Supplemental Exhibit A**

**[withheld pursuant to request  
for confidential treatment]**