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RE: Alaska Certification of Support for Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314(d)(6).

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Alaska Commission) hereby supplements its recently filed annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on behalf of ACS Wireless, Inc. (ACS-W).¹

On August 30, 2010, the Alaska Commission granted ACS-W's application to be designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the Alaska Telephone Company (ATC) study area pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2).² ACS-W's ETC designation for the ATC study area became effective prior to the annual certification deadline of October 1, 2010, and in fact, the State of Alaska included ACS-W as an ETC in its September 24, 2010 annual certification letter to the FCC and the USAC. However, today's letter seeks to comply with 47 CFR § 54.314

¹ See Attachment A. *Alaska Certification of Support for Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256*, filed via First Class U. S. Mail to the FCC and the USAC on September 24, 2010; and electronically to the FCC on September 24, 2010 (ECFS No. 2010924179920).

² RCA Order U-10-012(2), *Order Designating Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Provision of Wireless Service, Subject to Condition, and Closing Docket & Concurring Statement of Commissioner Kate Giard*, issued August 30, 2010 in RCA Docket U-10-012, *In the Matter of the Application of ACS Wireless, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Federal Universal Service Support in the Alaska Telephone Company Study Area*, closed August 30, 2010.

(d)(6) by expressly providing certification for ACS-W as a newly designated ETC in the ATC study area.

On September 16, 2010, ACS-W requested that the Commission file this certification letter with the FCC and the USAC pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314 (d)(6).³ To that end, ACS-W has certified to the Alaska Commission that all federal high-cost universal service support, received by ACS-W in 2011 for the ATC study area, will be used pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 254(e).⁴ Accordingly, the Alaska Commission certifies that to the best of its knowledge, all federal high cost support that may be provided in 2011 to ACS-W for the ATC study area 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.

Our certification does not preclude us from reviewing in further detail how ACS-W has employed its federal universal service funds and ordering that use of funds comply with our directives or policies.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



Robert M. Pickett
Chairman

³ *Motion for Certification of ACS Wireless, Inc.'s Use of Federal High-Cost Universal Service Support in the Alaska Telephone Company Study Area for Calendar Year 2010*, filed September 16, 2010 (Motion for Certification).

⁴ ACS-W filed a *Regulated ETC and Wireless ETC Data Response and Affidavit* as part of its Motion for Certification, wherein ACS-W affirms it will use funds "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e)."

Attachment A



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47 C.F.R Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256.

To the Filing Representatives:

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Alaska Commission) hereby certifies that to the best of its knowledge based on certifications filed by the utilities involved, all federal high cost support provided to regulated rural carriers 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 and Local Switching support, and High Cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges. No companies in Alaska receive High Cost Model support.

We have included (Attachment A) a list of regulated rural carriers certified as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) by the Alaska Commission pursuant to sections 54.314 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) rules (47 C.F. R. § 54.314). As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code, if known.

Our certification does not cover non-regulated wireline service areas and each carrier is responsible for self-certifying its compliance with Section 54.314(b) for such areas.

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We have also included (Attachment B) a separate list of wireless ETCs even though these carriers are not economically regulated by the Alaska Commission. We have done so as we directed the companies to file annual certifications with us concerning their use of funds and we plan to regularly review their responses in this area. These companies should be filing individual certifications with the FCC and USAC concerning the use of funds by a non-regulated entity.

Our certification does not preclude us from reviewing in further detail how any carrier has employed its federal universal service funds and ordering that use of funds comply with our directives or policies. Our decision does not bind us in future or pending rate cases and we reserve the right to conclude that a company should employ its universal service funding differently than it does today or in the future in light of more recent data or a more detailed review.

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Attachment A

ETCs subject to annual certification under 47 C.F.R. 54.314(a)	Service Area Description NECA Code	ETC Type	
		ILEC	Rural
ACS of Alaska, Inc.	Greatland – 613022 Juneau – 613012	ILEC	Rural
ACS of Fairbanks, Inc.	Fairbanks – 613008	ILEC	Rural
ACS of the Northland, Inc.	Glacier State – 613010 Sitka – 613020	ILEC	Rural
Adak Eagle Enterprises d/b/a Adak Telephone Utility	Adak – 610989	ILEC	Rural
Alaska Telephone Company	ATC – 613017 (all exchanges served, including previous GTE exchanges)	ILEC	Rural
Bettles Telephone, Inc.	Bettles – 613002	ILEC	Rural
Bush-Tell, Inc.	Bush-Tell – 613004	ILEC	Rural
GCI Communication Corp.	CVTC – 619006 Fairbanks – 613008 Glacier State – 613010 Juneau – 613012 Ketchikan – 613013 MTA – 613015 Greatland – 613022	CLEC	Rural
Interior Telephone Company, Inc.	ITC – 613011 (all exchanges served, including previous GTE areas of Seward/Moose Pass)	ILEC	Rural
Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	MTA – 613015	ILEC	Rural
Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.	Mukluk – 613016	ILEC	Rural
North Country Telephone, Inc.	NCTI – 613026	ILEC	Rural
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	OTZ – 613019 & 619011	ILEC	Rural
Summit Telephone and Telegraph Company of Alaska, Inc.	Summit – 613028	ILEC	Rural
United-KUC, Inc.	United-KUC – 613023	ILEC	Rural
United Utilities, Inc.	UUI – 613023	ILEC	Rural
Yukon Telephone Company	YTC – 613025	ILEC	Rural

Attachment B

ETCs subject to annual certification under 47 C.F.R. 54.314(b)	Service Area Description NECA Code	ETC Type	
ACS Wireless, Inc.	Anchorage - 613000 Copper Valley - 613006 Fairbanks - 613008 Glacier State - 613010 Juneau - 613012 Ketchikan - 613013 MTA - 613015 ATC - 613017 Greatland - 613022	Wireless	Rural & Urban
ASTAC Wireless, LLC.	ASTAC - 611449	Wireless	Rural
Dobson Cellular Systems of Alaska, LLC (d/b/a AT&T Mobility)	Anchorage - 613000 Copper Valley - 613006 Fairbanks - 613008 Glacier State - 613010 Juneau - 613012 Ketchikan - 613013 MTA - 613015 Alaska Tel Co - 613017 Greatland - 613022	Wireless	Rural
Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership	BBCP - 619008	Wireless	Rural
Copper Valley Wireless, Inc.	Copper Valley - 619006 Copper Valley - 613007	Wireless	Rural
Cordova Wireless Communications, Inc.	Cordova - 619007 CTCI - 613007	Wireless	Rural
GCI Communications Corp. (as a wireless provider)	GCI - 619001 Anchorage - 613000 Fairbanks - 613008 Juneau - 613012 Ketchikan - 613013 MTA - 613015 Greatland - 613022 Glacier State - 613010 Mukluk - 613016 Adak - 610989 Copper Valley - 613006 ITC - 613011 ASTAC - 613001 OTZ - 613019 BBTC - 613003 UUI - 613023 United-KUC - 613023 Cordova - 613007 Nushagak - 613018	Wireless	Rural & Urban
MTA Wireless	MTA - 619003	Wireless	Rural
OTZ Telecommunications, Inc.	OTZ - 619011 OTZ - 613019	Wireless	Rural
TelAlaska Cellular, Inc.	TelAlaska - 619013	Wireless	Rural
Unicom, Inc. (transferred to GCI)	Unicom - 619009 United Utilities - 613019	Wireless	Rural
Windy City Cellular, LLC.	WCCL - 619012	Wireless	Rural