



THE STATE

OF WYOMING

MATTHEW H. MEAD  
GOVERNOR

## Public Service Commission

HANSEN BUILDING, SUITE 300

2515 WARREN AVENUE

CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82002

(307) 777-7427

FAX (307) 777-5700

TTY (307) 777-5723

<http://psc.state.wy.us>

### COMMISSIONERS

ALAN B. MINIER, Chairman

STEVE OXLEY, Deputy Chairman

KATHLEEN "CINDY" LEWIS, Commissioner

CHRISTOPHER PETRIE  
Secretary and Chief Counsel

DARRELL ZLOMKE  
Commission Administrator

September 22, 2011

The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Ms. Karen Majcher  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Certification of Federal High Cost Support for Wyoming's Non-Rural Local Exchange Carriers and Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) Serving Lines in the Areas of Non-Rural Local Exchange Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (CC Docket No. 96-45)

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WyPSC) hereby submits, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, its annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 requires the appropriate state regulatory authority to annually certify those non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers and eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the areas of non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers within their jurisdiction for purposes of receiving federal universal service support.

For the 2011 annual certification process, the WyPSC applied the requirements and guidelines of WyPSC Rule Section 514 to the ETCs in Wyoming jurisdictional to it. The annual reporting requirements and guidelines contained in WyPSC Rule Section 514 were modeled after the FCC's *ETC Report and Order* adopted February 25, 2005, in CC Docket 96-45, FCC 05-46 and the WyPSC's own annual certification processes and rulemaking proceedings conducted during 2004, 2005 and 2006 for Wyoming's ETCs. The annual reporting requirements for previously designated ETCs in Wyoming became effective August 17, 2006.

Attached to this submission is a letter (PSC Letter Number 11-163) that the staff of the WyPSC sent to each ETC subject to its jurisdiction. This letter and its attachments describe the

requirements and responsibilities of the WyPSC in conducting the annual certification process for each previously designated ETC serving designated areas within Wyoming. Rule Section 514 gives each carrier the opportunity to verify that it continues to offer the nine supported services and functionalities required for designation as an ETC under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Code of Federal Regulations, throughout its designated service areas within Wyoming. The WyPSC has also obtained from its jurisdictional non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers and ETCs serving lines in the areas of non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers their respective signed affidavits setting forth how federal universal service support funds have been used, and how they will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. Additionally, the data provided by each applicant was the subject of public hearings before the WyPSC. The respective affidavits, additional documentation and detailed supporting information from each ETC jurisdictional to the WyPSC will be made available to you upon request.

As the state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia*, the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the WyPSC hereby certifies the following non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers and ETCs serving lines in the service areas of non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers as being eligible to receive federal universal service support funds for the upcoming program year:

Carrier	Study Area Code
Advanced Communications Technology	519004
All West Wireless	519009
All West Wyoming	519008
Qwest Corporation	515108
Silver Star Communications	519001
Union Telephone Company d/b/a Union Cellular	519905
Gold Star Communications LLC	519005

The WyPSC finds these certifications to be in the public interest.

Based upon the representations in the affidavits submitted by these carriers, the review and examination of the additional documentation and support required by WyPSC Rule Section 514 to be filed by carriers, the information adduced at the public hearings, and the WyPSC staff analysis, the WyPSC certifies that the above-identified carriers will use the federal universal service support funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and the requirements and mandates of 47 C.F.R. Part 54. This includes all elements and components of High Cost Model (HCM) support.

Sincerely,

  
ALAN B. MINIER  
Chairman

  
STEVE OXLEY  
Deputy Chairman

  
KATHLEEN A. LEWIS  
Commissioner