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Re: Annual Certification of Eligible Telecommunication Carriers (ETCs) for Eligibility to Receive Federal High-Cost Fund Support — 05-GF-135

CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that state commissions must file an annual certification with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating that all federal high-cost fund (HCF) support provided to carriers in their respective states will be used only for the intended purposes.[1]

As in previous years, the Commission requested and received sworn affidavits from the carriers identified in the enclosed list. The list identifies the name and study area as identified by USAC. All Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) receiving or projected to receive HCF support in the first quarter of 2012 have submitted affidavits. In addition, this year ETCs receiving HCF support were requested to provide information regarding the amount of support and its use. All ETCs that receive HCF support also provided information supporting the statements in their affidavits regarding their use of current and projected HCF support.

[1] In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45/CC Docket No. 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001).

In its sworn affidavit, each carrier states, among other things:

> 4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, which requires states to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that all Federal High-Cost Support within this state be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
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> 5. Carrier hereby states that it will use the Federal High-Cost Support Funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. If the Commission identifies situations where this statement is called into question, it will investigate and take corrective action as necessary.

Relying on these sworn affidavits, and the additional information provided in support of those affidavits, the Commission certifies that all the federal HCF support funds received by the Wisconsin ETCs listed on the enclosure will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Commission has taken note of the FCC's revisions to the annual certification and reporting requirements for ETCs under its jurisdiction and that in its order the FCC encourages states to adopt these same requirements.[2] The Commission has issued a notice in rulemaking Docket No. 1-AC-198 addressing proposed rule changes to the Wisconsin Universal Service Fund. Those proposed rules now include updated provisions regarding ETC certification and reporting that closely conform to the FCC's current federal ETC requirements.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Jeff Richter, of our staff, at (608) 267-9624.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 27th, 2011

For the Commission:

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[2] In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, "Report and Order," (released March 17, 2005).

SAC	Study Area Name
330841	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI (CENCOM)
330842	AMERY TELCOM, INC.
330843	AMHERST TEL CO
330844	BADGER TELECOM, INC.
330846	BALDWIN TELECOM
330847	BELMONT TEL CO
330848	BERGEN TEL CO
330849	BLACK EARTH TEL CO
330850	BLOOMER TEL CO
330851	BONDUEL TEL CO
330855	BRUCE TEL CO, INC
330856	BURLINGTON B&W
330857	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI (CASCO)
330859	CENTRAL STATE TEL CO
330860	CHEQUAMEGON COM COOP
330861	CHIBARDUN TEL COOP
330863	CITIZENS TEL COOP-WI
330865	CLEAR LAKE TEL CO-WI
330866	COCHRANE COOP TEL CO
330868	COON VALLEY FARMERS
330870	RHINELNDER-FRONTIER
330872	CUBA CITY EXCHANGE
330875	DICKEYVILLE TEL CORP
330877	CENTURYTEL-FAIRWATER
330879	FARMERS INDEPENDENT
330880	FARMERS TEL CO - WI
330881	MID-PLAINS TEL CO
330884	CENTURYTEL-FORESTVIL
330886	FRONTIER NORTH-WI
330889	HAGER TELECOM INC.
330891	RHINELNDER-FRONTIER
330892	HILLSBORO TEL CO
330895	CENTURYTEL-WISCONSIN
330896	LAKEFIELD TEL CO
330898	CENTURYTEL LARSEN
330899	LA VALLE TEL COOP
330900	LEMONWEIR VALLEY TEL
330902	LUCK TEL CO
330905	MANAWA TEL CO
330908	MARQUETTE-ADAMS COOP
330909	MIDWAY TEL CO

SAC	Study Area Name
330910	MILLTOWN MUTUAL TEL
330912	FRONTIER-MONDOVI
330913	CENTURYTEL MONROE
330914	EASTCOAST TELECOM
330915	MOSINEE TEL CO
330916	MOUNT HOREB TEL CO
330917	MT VERNON TEL CO
330918	NELSON TEL COOP
330920	NIAGARA TEL CO
330922	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI/NW
330924	CENTURYTEL-MW-KENDAL
330925	BAYLAND TEL CO
330930	GRANTLAND TELECOM
330931	CENTURYTEL-SO WI
330934	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI (PLATTEVILLE)
330936	INDIANHEAD TEL CO
330937	PRICE COUNTY TEL CO
330938	NORTHEAST TEL CO
330940	RHINELANDER-FRONTIER
330941	RHINELANDER-FRONTIER
330942	RICHLAND-GRANT COOP
330943	RIVERSIDE TELECOM
330944	FRONTIER-ST.CROIX
330945	SCANDINAVIA TEL CO
330946	SHARON TEL CO
330949	SIREN TEL CO, INC
330950	CENTURYTEL-NW WI
330951	SOMERSET TEL CO
330952	SE TEL OF WISCONSIN
330953	SPRING VALLEY TEL CO
330954	STOCKBRIDGE & SHERWD
330955	STATE LONG DISTANCE
330956	CENTURYTEL-NORTH WI
330958	TENNEY TEL CO
330959	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI (THORP)
330960	TRI-COUNTY COMM COOP
330962	UNION TEL CO
330963	UTELCO, INC
330964	FRONTIER-WISCONSIN
330966	VERNON TEL COOP
330967	FRONTIER OF VIROQUA

SAC	Study Area Name
330968	WAUNAKEE TEL CO
330970	CENTURYTEL-MW-WI
330971	W. WISCONSIN TELCOM
330973	WITTENBERG TEL CO
330974	WOOD COUNTY TEL CO
331155	TELEPHONE USA OF WI
331159	CENTURYTEL-CENTRL WI
335220	WISCONSIN BELL
341183	CITIZENS OF ILLINOIS
339001	CTC TELCOM, INC.
339003	CHEQUAMEGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC.
339004	BAYLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
339005	24-7 TELECOM, INC.
339006	MIDWEST WIRELESS WISCONSIN, LLC
339007	UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION
339008	SHARON TELEPHONE CO
339010	WISCONSIN RSA #4 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
339011	WAUSAU CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LP
339012	WISCONSIN RSA #10 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
339014	BROWN COUNTY MSA CELLULAR LTD. PARTNERSHIP
339015	NSIGHTTEL WIRELESS, LLC
339016	WISCONSIN RSA #3 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
339017	ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
339020	AIRADIGM COMMUNICATIONS INC.
339021	SAGE TELECOM
339023	WI RSA #1 Limited Partnership (ALLTEL)
339024	WI RSA #7 Limited Partnership (ALLTEL)
339027	Vernon Communications, LLC
339920	AMERICAN CELLULAR CORP. (WI)
339922	NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS
339926	NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS
Unknown	MIDWEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Unknown	NEIT WIRELESS LLC