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September 20, 2011

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**RE: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256**

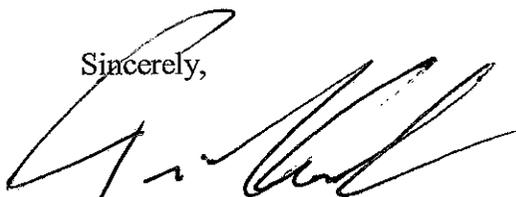
Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in Montana 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, Local Switching Support, High Cost Model Support, Interstate Access Support, Interstate Common Line Support, and Safety Net Additive Support.

Attached are lists of rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Montana PSC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules, which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high-cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Kavulla', written in a cursive style.

Travis Kavulla  
Chairman, Montana PSC

Attachments (2)

Attachment 1

Montana PSC 2011 Certification of ETC's for 2012 Federal USF Support

List of Certified Rural ETCs

1. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482235 and 483308
2. Cable and Communications Corporation -- 489005
3. Central Montana Communications, Inc. -- 483310
4. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink -- 482249
5. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana,  
    dba Frontier Communications of Montana -- 484322
6. Hot Springs Telephone Company -- 482241
7. InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482242
8. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. -- 482244
9. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482246
10. MTPCS, LLC dba Cellular One -- 489009
11. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482247
12. Northern Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482248
13. Project Telephone Company -- 482250
14. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482251
15. Reservation Telephone Cooperative -- 381632
16. Ronan Telephone Company -- 482252
17. RT Communications, Inc. -- 512251
18. Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. -- 489006 and 489010
19. Southern Montana Telephone Company -- 482254
20. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482255
21. Triangle Communication System, Inc. -- 489008
22. Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. -- 482257
23. Tri County Telephone Association, Inc.,  
    its subsidiary TCT West, Inc. -- 512296
24. West River Cooperative Telephone Company -- 391689

Attachment 2

Montana PSC 2011 Certification of ETC's for 2012 Federal USF Support

List of Certified Non-Rural ETCs

1. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489001
2. MTPCS, LLC dba Cellular One -- 489009
3. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (Legacy Qwest Corporation) -- 485104
4. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489007
5. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489003