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September 21, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher, Vice President
High Cost & Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street NW – Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers - Competitive ETCs Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch / Ms. Majcher:

On September 8, 2011, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) issued an order amending the eligible telecommunications carrier designation for Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc. With this letter, the Board hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc. 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 (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges. The Board bases this certification on the carrier certification filed by Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jim Langenberg, Iowa Utilities Board staff, at (515) 725-7327 or e-mail jim.langenberg@iub.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Conrad".

Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

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STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CEDAR-WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. ETA-2011-0004
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO AMEND
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION**

(Issued September 8, 2011)

On May 2, 2011, Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc. (Cedar-Wapsie), filed a request with the Utilities Board (Board) to amend a Board order issued December 6, 2005, pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2, granting eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to Cedar-Wapsie. Cedar-Wapsie filed a correction to the application on August 8, 2011. Cedar-Wapsie seeks an amendment to the Board's December 6, 2005, order to allow it to add additional wire centers, identified in Exhibits A and B that are attached to this order, to the designated service area established for Cedar-Wapsie in the 2005 order.

In support of its motion, Cedar-Wapsie states that since the Board approved its ETC designation, it has continued to build out its licensed service area, approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to include these additional wire centers. Cedar-Wapsie asserts that there will be no change made to the study areas comprising the designated service area and that granting this motion will merely

enable it to receive federal universal service support for each eligible subscriber served within the designated service area.

Cedar-Wapsie states that it has filed timely compliance statements and service quality reports pursuant to the requirements of 199 IAC 39.2 and commits that the federal universal service support it receives will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). Cedar-Wapsie also commits that it will comply with applicable Iowa statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to all competitive ETCs.

The Board has reviewed Cedar-Wapsie's request, as corrected, and finds that it is reasonable. In 2005, Cedar-Wapsie met all the requirements of the Board's rules and was designated as an ETC in Iowa. It has acquired an additional designated service area. In the request filed on May 2, 2011, Cedar-Wapsie made the necessary certifications so as to substantially comply with 199 IAC 39.2, including voice grade access to the public switched network, local usage, call setup technology, single-party service, and access to emergency services, operator services, interexchange service, and directory assistance. Toll limitation for low-income customers (199 IAC 39.2(1)"j") is not relevant for a wireless carrier that does not charge separately for toll calls. Furthermore, the relief sought in Cedar-Wapsie's request is analogous to the relief the Board has granted to Southeast Wireless, Inc., by order issued October 27, 2010, U.S. Cellular Corp., by order issued March 30, 2007, and NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners, by order issued December 17, 2007.

For these reasons, the Board will amend Cedar-Wapsie's ETC designation to add the additional wire centers, identified in the exhibits attached to this order, to its designated service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier filed by Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc., on May 2, 2011, and corrected on August 8, 2011, is granted as described in this order.

2. The designated service area for Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc., shall be amended so as to add the additional wire centers identified in Exhibits A and B that are attached to this order.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall send copies of this order to Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc.; the Universal Service Administration Company; the Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Branch; and the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Darrell Hanson

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Robert B. Berntsen

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of September 2011.

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