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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No.10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Montana Public Service Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program year cited.

The Montana Public Service Commission certifies, based on signed and notarized affidavits required to be filed by an officer of each ETC, that for the carriers listed on Attachment A all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Montana was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year (2013) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Travis Kavulla in black ink.

Travis Kavulla
Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission

¹ 47 C.F.R. ¶54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")

Attachment 1

Montana Public Service Commission 2012 Certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers for 2013 Federal USF Support

List of Montana Certified Eligible Telecommunications Carriers for 2013

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. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489001
11. MTPCS, LLC dba Cellular One -- 489009
12. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482247
13. Northern Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482248
14. Project Telephone Company -- 482250
15. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (Legacy Qwest Corporation) -- 485104
16. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482251
17. Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489007
18. Reservation Telephone Cooperative -- 381632
19. Ronan Telephone Company -- 482252
20. RT Communications, Inc. -- 512251
21. Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. -- 489006 and 489010
22. Southern Montana Telephone Company -- 482254
23. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 482255
24. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -- 489003
25. Triangle Communication System, Inc. -- 489008
26. Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. -- 482257
27. Tri County Telephone Association, Inc., subsidiary TCT West, Inc. -- 512296
28. West River Cooperative Telephone Company -- 391689