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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 Secretary Dortch and Administrator Majcher:

On behalf of the Vermont Public Service Board (the "Board"), I hereby submit the Board's annual Federal Universal Service Fund certification. In accordance with 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.314, I certify that all federal high-cost funds flowing to the following eleven companies operating in Vermont will be used in 2013 in a manner consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended:

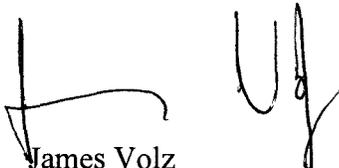
Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC
d/b/a FairPoint Communications (SAC 145115).
Franklin Telephone Company (SAC 140053).
Ludlow Telephone Company (SAC 140058).
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Shoreham Telephone Company, LLC (SAC 140064).
Topsham Telephone Company, Inc. (SAC 140068).
Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Co., Inc.,
d/b/a Waitsfield Telecom, d/b/a Champlain Valley Telecom (SAC 140069).
FairPoint Vermont, Inc., d/b/a Fairpoint Communications (SAC 143331).
Vermont Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a VTel (SAC 147332).
National Mobile Communications,
d/b/a Sovernet Communications (SAC 149004).

All federal support given to these carriers will be available as revenue to the receiving companies. The Board requires all of these companies to periodically file information pertaining to their receipt of federal support, as well as other information that indicates how the federal funds have been and will be used.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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