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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Karen Majcher
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Re: Docket Nos. 10-90 and 96-45, USF Certification as required by 47 C.F.R.
§§ 54.313 and 54.314, for the year 2013
Maine Rural Telephone Carriers (attached)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On May 10, 2001, in its Rural USF Order, the FCC adopted a modified mechanism to provide high-cost support to rural carriers.¹ That Order requires states to certify that the rural carrier(s) in their jurisdiction will use the federal support in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This certification letter is being submitted to satisfy that requirement.

In accordance with the requirements of that Order and 47 C.R.R. §54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that the rural carriers only used support during the preceding calendar year (2012) and will only use support in the coming calendar year (2014) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

A list of rural LECs in Maine to which this certification applies is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joel Shifman at joel.shifman@maine.gov or at (207)287-1381.

Sincerely,

Harry Lanphear
Administrative Director

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Attachment

¹ *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, 14th Report and Order and 21st Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (rel. May 10, 2001) (Rural USF Order).

1. **China Telephone Company 100004**
2. **Cobbosseecontee Telephone & Telegraph Company 100005**
3. **Community Service Telephone Company 100015**
4. **Hampden Telephone Company 100010**
5. **Hartland St. Albans Telephone Company 100011**
6. **The Island Telephone Company 100007**
7. **Lincolnton Networks, Inc.² 100003**
8. **Maine Telephone Company 100025**
9. **Mid-Maine Telecom 103315**
10. **Northland Telephone Company 103313**
11. **Oxford Telephone Company 100019**
12. **Oxford West Telephone Company 100002**
13. **Pine Tree Telephone & Telegraph Company 100020**
14. **Saco River Telegraph & Telephone Company 100022**
15. **Sidney Telephone Company 103313**
16. **Somerset Telephone Company 100024**
17. **Standish Telephone Company 100025**
18. **Tidewater Telecom, Inc. 100003**
19. **Union River Telephone Company 100027**
20. **Unitel, Inc. 100029 (Unity Tel)**
21. **Warren Telephone Company 100031**
22. **West Penobscot Telephone Company 100034**

² Lincolnton Networks, Inc. was designated by the Maine Public Utilities Commission as an ETC, and replaces Lincolnton Telephone Company as the ILEC in the Lincolnton service area. See *Lincolnton Telephone Company, Tidewater Telecom, Inc. & Lincolnton Networks, Inc., Application for Approvals Related to Merger of Lincolnton Telephone Company and Related Transactions*, Docket No. 2008-232, Order Approving Stipulation (August 29, 2008), attached hereto.