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September 24, 2018

Kath Mullholand
Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DT 18-134, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, 47 C.F.R. §54.314 Certifications

Dear Director Mullholand:

On an annual basis, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §254(e) and 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Commission must certify that any funds provided will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. To ensure that the certification is accurate, Commission Staff directs ETCs to submit sworn affidavits from an authorized officer regarding the carrier's use of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support funds.

For convenience, the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) has provided the ability to complete such certifications on-line. Previously, those certifications were done by secretarial letter.

In the interest of administrative efficiency, the Commission has delegated to the Director of RISD the authority to make or to deny certification through USAC regarding the eligibility of ETCs for Universal Service Funds, as necessary, effective as of August 15, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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