

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication**

DATE: September 28, 2018
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM:  Kath Mullholand, Director – Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

SUBJECT: Docket No. DT 18-134
47 CFR §54.314 Certifications
Staff Memo

TO: Service List

In order for companies to be eligible to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 USC §254(e) and 47 CFR §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. On September 24, 2018, the Commission, by Secretarial Letter, notified Staff that it delegated the authority, effective August 15, 2018, to make or deny certification to USAC regarding this program.

Each year, to ensure that the certification is accurate, Staff directs companies to submit sworn affidavits from an officer of the company authorized to make an affidavit regarding the company's use of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support funds.

Staff received and reviewed affidavits from:

- Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc.;
- Dixville Telephone Company;
- Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc.;
- Granite State Telephone, Inc.;
- Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE;
- Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE; and
- TDS Telecom on behalf of Kearsarge Telephone Company, Merrimack County Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, Wilton Telephone Company, and MCT Communications, Inc. (Hollis Telephone Company, Inc. and Contoocook Telephone Company).

On August 29, 2018, Staff made its certification to Universal Service Administration Company, a copy of which is attached hereto.

54.314(a) State-Certification

Filing Year: 2018

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. & 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The **New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **NEW HAMPSHIRE** was used in the preceding calendar year (2017) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2019) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

ETCs CERTIFIED BY New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

CARRIER	SAC
GRANITE STATE TEL	120039
DIXVILLE TEL CO	120042
DUNBARTON TEL CO	120043
KEARSARGE TEL CO	120045
MERRIMACK COUNTY TEL	120047
UNION TEL CO	120049
WILTON TEL CO - NH	120050
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE OPERATIONS LLC	125113
BRETTON WOODS TEL CO	120038
CONTOOCCOOK TELEPHONE COMPANY	123321
HOLLIS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC	123321
NORTHLAND TELEPHONE OF ME, INC.	103313

Signed,

Signature of Certifying State Commission Representative: Certified On-Line

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Title or Position of Certifying State Commission Representative: Director, RISD

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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 the 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 upcoming 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.")

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:

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b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.

c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.

