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

SUBJECT: Docket No. DT 20-135

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 Commission Staff (Staff) that it delegated to Staff the authority, effective August 15, 2018, to make or deny certification to the Universal Service Administration Company (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.;
- Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc.;
- Granite State Telephone, Inc.;
- Consolidated Communications of Maine Company (Northland Telephone Company of Maine);
- Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, 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).

Effective as of December 27, 2019, Dixville Telephone Company (Dixville) discontinued operations in New Hampshire, pursuant to the Commission orders and company filings made in Docket No. DT 18-175. Accordingly, on September 22, 2020, Staff made its certification to USAC for all of the companies except Dixville. USAC notified Staff that it also required certification for Dixville. Dixville provided its affidavit to Staff, and Staff made its certification to USAC for Dixville on October 1, 2020. Confirmations of Staff's certifications are attached hereto.



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