



July 31, 2015

John Hutton
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Utilities Division
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

15-00068

Re: TRA Docket No. ~~14-00071~~
Section 254(e) Certification of
United Telephone Company
To Receive USF Disbursements
In Calendar Year 2015

Dear Mr. John Hutton:

I, Tommy Welch, Finance and Administration Manager of United Telephone Company d/b/a United Communications (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am the Director of Finance and Administration of the Company
2. The company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. & 153 (37), subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority;
3. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
4. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements for high cost support (including any high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) received in 2016 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tommy Welch'.

Tommy Welch
Director of Finance and Administration

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