

July 10, 2015

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RE: 2015 Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 (Docket No. **15-00068**)

The Federal Communications Commission requires telecommunications providers/eligible telecommunications carriers to provide statements to the state regulatory agency regarding the use of Universal Service Funds annually. The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47 §54.314 states in part:

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 coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Additionally, Part 54.314(d)(1) provides the scheduled support payment quarters for receipt of certifications on or before October 1st of the preceding year, stating in part:

Carriers subject to certifications filed on or before October 1 shall receive support in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of the succeeding year.

If your company intends to file for certification to receive Universal Service Support for the next fiscal year, please submit your request no later than August 14, 2015. In order to assist the Authority in ensuring that Universal Service Funds are paid to eligible carriers for all four quarters of Fiscal Year 2015, your request must include a statement that support will be used 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).

All Certification requests must include the company SAC number issued by the Universal Service Administration Company.

All Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) designated Eligible Telecommunication Carriers should provide in their response the rate center(s) (area) where the company is providing services, the number of lines being served by UNEs, the number of lines being served by resale, type of switching as well as the location of the switch.

When filing your response, please reference Docket No. **15-00068**. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact John Hutton at 615-770-6889 or john.hutton@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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