



July 18, 2016

Mr. David Foster  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
(615)770-6884

Re: Certification of Eligibility to Receive Universal Service Funds Docket No. 16-00072  
CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, SAC 290557  
CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, SAC 290552  
CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, SAC 290574  
United Telephone Southeast, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, SAC 290567

Dear Mr. Foster:

Enclosed please find the signed and notarized affidavits for the above mentioned companies in regards to the State Certifications for Universal Service.

The Companies hereby request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ('FCC') and the Universal Service Administration Company ('USAC') before October 1, 2016, verifying that the Companies are in compliance with section 245(e) of the Telecommunications Act and notifying them that the Companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Attached for filing with the FCC and USAC is an affidavit attesting to the fact that any Federal Universal Service Funds the Companies may receive will be used as intended in compliance with the Telecommunications Act.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at (318) 362-1246 or Pam Melton at (615) 986-2727.

Sincerely,

Amy Young  
Senior Regulatory Financial Analyst  
Enclosures

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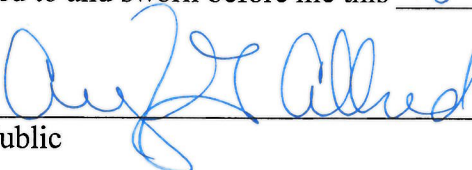
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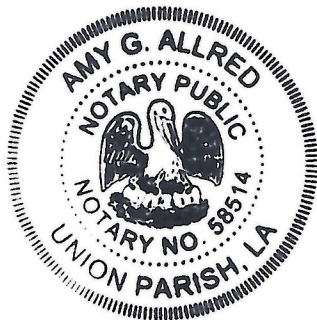
  
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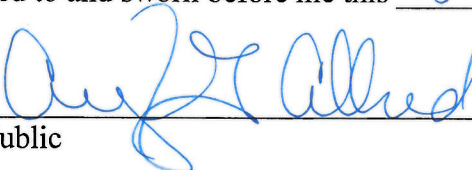
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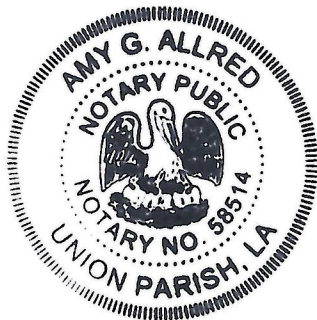
  
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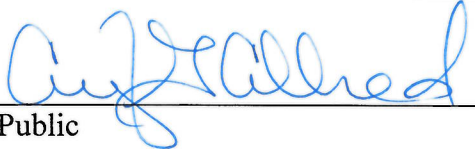
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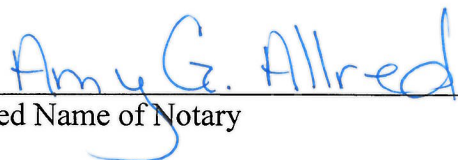
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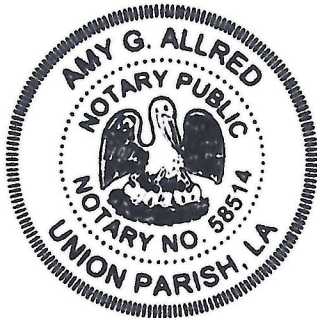


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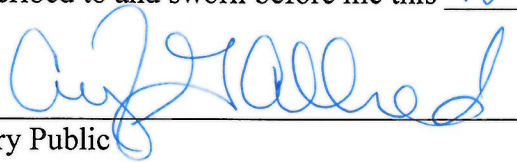
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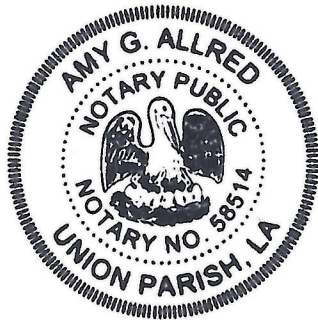


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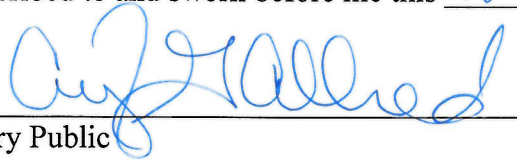
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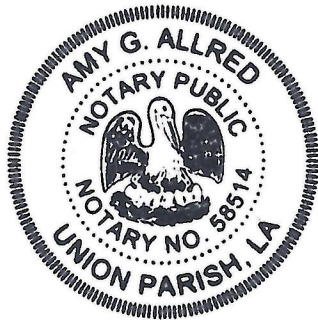


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