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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Ms. Karen Majcher
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Re: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost
Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313-314,
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) recently filed a letter and a list of the rural and non-rural carriers certified by the SDPUC pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314). At its September 28, 2010 meeting, the SDPUC certified one additional carrier, WWC License, LLC. The SDPUC hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to that additional carrier in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop (HCL) support, Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model (HCM) support, and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached is an additional list with the additional carrier certified by the SDPUC pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support.

Sincerely,

Dustin M. Johnson
Chairman

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In addition to the certifications listed in its letter dated September 24, 2010, the SDPUC has granted certification to the following competitive eligible telecommunications carrier designated as an ETC in both non-rural service areas and rural service areas:

WWC License, LLC