HIGH-COST CERTIFICATION LETTER

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 09-197 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 & 54.314 Certification Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") has issued an order amending and consolidating the eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designations currently held in the name of WWC License, LLC, successor to GCC License Corporation, and RCC Minnesota, Inc. in the State of South Dakota. The consolidated ETC designation is now held in the name of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates offering wireless telecommunications services in the State of South Dakota (collectively, "Verizon Wireless"). The Commission's Order amending and consolidating the ETC designations is enclosed for your reference.

This letter constitutes the Commission's certification to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") that all federal high-cost universal service support provided to Verizon Wireless will be used only for its intended purposes under 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Verizon Wireless has certified to the Commission that all federal high-cost universal service support received in South Dakota will be used pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Accordingly, the Commission hereby certifies pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(d) and 54.314(d) that all federal high-cost universal service support received by Verizon Wireless will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this certification, please contact me at your convenience.

By the Commission

Enclosure

cc: Verizon Wireless

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