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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible  
Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included on the attached list are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The SDPUC certifies for the carriers listed that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within South Dakota was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup> A list of the certified carriers is attached.

Check  if list of certified carriers is attached.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) ("Certification. 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. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").