



expenditures to be made by the Company for calendar year 2016, related to the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service, are provided on Exhibit B hereto as part of the Company's current Two-Year Plan associated with §§ 20:10:32:54(1). Consistent with federal universal service principles, the Company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2016 to offset a portion of these 2016 expenditures. This use of federal universal service support will enable the Company to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements, including those related to broadband services, and maintain high quality service. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service provisions.

3. In addition to the information included in Exhibits A and B, also attached as Exhibit C is included with this filing and contains a copy of Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C.'s FCC Form 481 as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422. Exhibit C provides the requirements associated with §§ 20:10:32:54(3), 20:10:32:54(4) and 20:10:32:54(5), on lines 220, 300-330 and 400-450 of Form 481 respectively.

4. Exhibit D is a document containing other certifications, including those required under the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(6) and 20:10:32:54(7). §§ 20:10:32:54(8) and 20:10:32:54(9) were waived in their entirety as part of PUC docket TC13-027.

5. Based on all of the foregoing information, including the information provided on Exhibits A, B, C and D, the Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2016. In order to ensure that this certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2015, the Company would further ask the Commission to expedite the process that is initiated based on this filing.

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