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Re:

Docket TC17-041 - Midstate Communications, Inc.

ETC/USF Certification

Dear Mr. Steffensen:

This letter is in response to Information Request 1-11 issued by the Public Utilities Commission Staff on July 12, 2017. This response is to supplement the initial response of Midstate Communications, Inc. filed earlier on July 26, 2017.

1.11 Refer to the Lifeline Assistance Application and Certification Form and Lifeline Assistance Re-Certification Form provided with the Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Annual Report. Has Midstate Communications updated the poverty guidelines displayed on these forms to the 2017 levels?

RESPONSE: Midstate Communications Inc. has updated the poverty guidelines as set forth under the Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up Advertising/Outreach Annual Report for 2017. Updated Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up documentation by Midstate Communications Inc. has been attached and can be previewed on the SDPUC Lifeline Linkup Report. The Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up documentation filed by Midstate Communications, Inc. in its original 2017 ETC Petition inadvertently included the 2016 Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up documentation. The corrected information is attached to this data response. Midstate Communications apologizes for any inconvenience to the Public Utilities' Commission and its staff caused by the error.

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If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or require any additional information or documentation, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 605-335-4989. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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