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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
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500 E. Capitol Ave.
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Re: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Requirements for 2016

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In Docket TC13-027, the commission issued two orders clarifying eligible telecommunications carriers certification requirements, dated April 26, 2013 and May 20, 2015.

The April 26, 2013 "Order Waiving and Clarifying Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certifications Requirements" clarified certain requirements and waived other requirements relating to ETCs. The May 20, 2015 "Order Clarifying Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Requirements" required that carriers include their most recent FCC 477 submission date in electronic spreadsheet format when carriers file their annual requests for ETC designation.

Commission staff seeks clarification from the commission as to what terms are in effect and applicable to the commission's 2016 ETC certification process.

Sincerely,

Kristen Edwards
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