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Re: Docket TC18-040 - Midstate Communications, Inc.
ETC/USF Certification

Dear Ms. Mehlhaff:

This letter is in response to the Information Request you issued in the above-referenced docket on July 13, 2018. Your questions will be responded to in the order in which they were posed in your initial request.

1.1. Refer to Exhibit A. The receipts shown for CAF ICC Support and BLS do not agree with the receipts shown on the USAC website. Please reconcile and/or explain.

RESPONSE: The discrepancy is due to timing differences in reporting practices. The amount listed on the USAC website is the amount calculated by USAC for the accounting period in question. The amount reported by Midstate is the actual amount received during that period by Midstate.

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- 1.3. *Confirm new customers received information about the availability of the Lifeline program within 30 days of receiving service.*

RESPONSE: All new customers of Midstate Communications, Inc. received information about the availability of the Lifeline program within 30 days of their first receipt of service.

- 1.4. *Refer to Midstate's response to Staff DR 1-7 in Docket TC17-041. Did Midstate meet its goal of being 100% Fiber-to-the-Home by the end of 2017? If not, explain.*

RESPONSE: Midstate did meet its goal of providing fiber to the premises facilities to every home and business in its service territory in calendar year 2017.

As referenced in the cover letter to this filing, please consider the response to Information Request 2 to be confidential. Please treat the information contained in those responses accordingly. A redacted copy of Midstate's response has also been filed in this docket. 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 matter.

Sincerely,

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