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Re: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket No. 96-45 – SC PSC Dockets 2006-180-C, 2008-290-C, 2006-219-C, 2006-255-C, 2006-240-C, 2003-227-C, 2007-402-C

To the Filing Representatives:

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby Certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop (HCL) support, Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model (HCM) support, and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached are lists of rural, non-rural and competitive carriers certified by the South Carolina Public Service Commission pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Fleming

Elizabeth B. Fleming
Chairman

Enclosures (3)

Enclosure 1

Rural Carriers Certified for Federal High Cost Support by South Carolina Public Service Commission – September 24, 2009

Carrier	Study Area Code (SAC)
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551
Windstream, South Carolina, Incorporated	240517
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas	240506
Verizon South, Incorporated d/b/a Verizon South Carolina	240526

Enclosure 2

Non-Rural Carriers Certified for Federal High Cost Support by South Carolina Public Service Commission – September 26, 2008

Carrier	**Study Area Code (SAC)**
Verizon South, Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Carolina	240526

Enclosure 3

Competitive Carriers Certified for Federal High cost Support by South Carolina Public Service Commission – September 24, 2009

Carrier	**Study Area Code (SAC)**
FTC Communications, Inc.	249002
Hargray Wireless, LLC	N/A
HTC Communications, LLC	249004