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Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**

Annual State Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.316

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.316, state commissions must file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating that residential rates in rural areas served by non-rural carriers are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide.

Utah Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (companies) Certified With This Letter:

Qwest, Inc., doing business as CenturyLink

The Commission certifies that the rates charged by the sole non-rural ILEC serving rural areas in Utah are reasonably comparable to the nationwide urban rates. The rate charged by Qwest, Inc. (dba CenturyLink), Utah's only non-rural LEC serving rural areas, is less than the safe harbor amount determined by the FCC.

Respectfully,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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