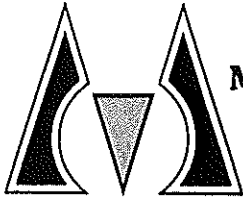


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Mr. Gary L. Widerburg  
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Utah Public Service Commission  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

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Re: Docket No. 12-999-07. In the Matter of State Certification of Rural Carriers' Compliance with 47 U.S.C. Section 254(e)

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Under the Transformation Order, the State PSC is required to conduct a review of the information and certify to the FCC on or before October 1, 2012, that each company has, in the previous fiscal year, and will in the future fiscal year, use the USF funds for the required purposes. As a state designated eligible telecommunications carrier that receives High Cost Loop Support, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") USF ICC Transformation Order (FCC 11-161) and 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.304 of the FCC Rules, we were required to file certain documents with the FCC and USAC. NECA submitted this data to the FCC and USAC on our behalf. We are providing the same information to you that was provided to the FCC and USAC for your review.

1. 2012 Annual Reporting Requirements and Certifications that were filed with the FCC (47 CFR 54.313);
2. CAF ICC Data for establishing your company's projected eligibility for Intercarrier Compensation Replacement (47 CFR 54.304);
3. Local Rate Floor Data that has been submitted to the FCC and USAC (47 CFR 54.313(h)).

Accordingly, Manti Telephone Company, Inc., (NECA company number 502282), is a rural telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Company is complying with the requirements of Section 254(e) and will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, (the certification period) to be eligible to receive federal USF. The company certifies to the Commission that it will use all federal high-cost support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with the principles of universal service 47 U.S.C. 254. This includes, but is not limited to, trying to meet the goal of the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

This is a very critical issue, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2012, then federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within Utah will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2013. Accordingly, replacement revenues would become necessary. Any loss of federal support would be a negative outcome for the Rural Companies, their customers and the Commission.

In view of the limited time available, we request the Commission issue a certification before October 1, 2011, to USAC and the FCC that our company is eligible to receive Federal USF and is in compliance with the FCC order.

Very truly yours,

Paul M. Cox  
President

cc: Paul Anderson, Division of Public Utilities

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