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May 1, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Selection of a Path for Disaggregation of Federal High Cost Universal
Service Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc., (SAC# 381636), and pursuant to Section 54.315 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in accordance with FCC Docket No. 96-45, please accept this correspondence as official notification Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.'s election of a disaggregation path regarding its federal high cost universal service support.

Specifically, Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. elects the disaggregation option provided for in Section 54.315(b) and commonly referred to as "Path 1". As such, Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. is choosing to certify to the Commission that it is not disaggregating and targeting its high cost support at this time.

This election will remain in place for four years from the effective date of certification, pursuant to Section 54.315, unless the FCC, on its own motion, or upon the motion of Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. or an interested party, requires a change to the elected disaggregation plan.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Any questions or comments may be directed to me at the above-listed address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Carlson", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth Carlson, General Manager
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

cc: Ms. Irene M. Flannery, Universal Service Adm.
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Certification of Disaggregation Plan

by Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

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