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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

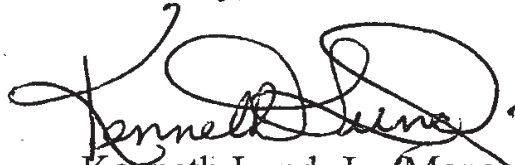
On behalf of Northwest Communications Cooperative, (SAC# 381625), and pursuant to Section 54.315 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in accordance with FCC Docket No. 96-45, please accept this correspondence as official notification of Northwest Communications Cooperative's election of a disaggregation path regarding its federal high cost universal service support.

Specifically, Northwest Communications Cooperative elects the disaggregation option provided for in Section 54.315(b) and commonly referred to as "Path 1". As such, Northwest Communications Cooperative 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 Northwest Communications Cooperative 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,



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Northwest Communications Cooperative

cc: Ms. Irene M. Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company  
Mr. Jon Mielke, North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Certification of Disaggregation Plan

by Northwest Communications Cooperative

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