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To All Companies with ETC Designation:

RE: Case No. PU-17-294: 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Annual Use Certification

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that States that desire ETCs subject to State jurisdiction to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program file an annual certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

This letter is a reminder that any ETC that desires to have North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) annual certification to the FCC must file with the NDPSC a sworn affidavit. The affidavit must be executed by a corporate officer and attest that the carrier only used support **during the preceding calendar year** and will only use support **in the coming calendar year** for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended as required by Section 254e of the Telecommunications Act. Also, the affidavit must clearly reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Your affidavits must be filed with the NDPSC by September 8, 2017. Immediately following the submission of affidavits, the NDPSC will prepare an order for filing with the FCC and USAC by October 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call me at (701) 328-4077.

Best regards,

Patrick Fahn, Director
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Via Email to addresses on the Public Service Commission's ETC email list – original not sent

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ETC designation reminder letter

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Subject: 2017 ETC Designation Reminder Letter
Attachments: ETC Letter.pdf

Good Afternoon!

Attached please find a letter reminding rural designated eligible telecommunications carriers to file affidavits regarding 2018 USF funding with the Public Service Commission by September 8, 2017.

Thank you and have a great day!
Geri

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