State of Montana)
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County of Missoula)

CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL IN EMERGENCIES, AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT.

AFFIDAVIT OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE OFFICER

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the USAC and the FCC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:

1. I am an officer of Fremont Telcom Co. DBA Blackfoot Communications, an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.

2. I am familiar with the Company's day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.

3. Fremont Telcom Co. DBA Blackfoot Communications is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

4. I certify to the Commission that the Company is able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2).

5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Fremont Telcom Co. DBA Blackfoot Communications during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.

6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

Stacey Mueller, Chief Financial Officer

June 30, 2021
Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30th day of June, 2021.

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LYNN ELSNER
NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana
Residing at Missoula, Montana
My Commission Expires
January 10, 2022