



July 11, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

Jan Noriyuki, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Bldg. 8, Ste. 201-A
Boise, ID 83714

Re: 2023 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Annual Report Filing (Program year 2024); Docket No. GNR-T-22-01
Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (472295)

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Company") hereby notifies the Commission that it has filed its FCC Form 481 with the Universal Service Administration Company ("USAC") and files with the Commission its Affidavit and Certification by Eligible Telecommunications Carrier of Compliance.

Request is hereby made that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission and USAC, prior to October 1, 2023, that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the year 2024.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to:

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Legal & Regulatory Administrator
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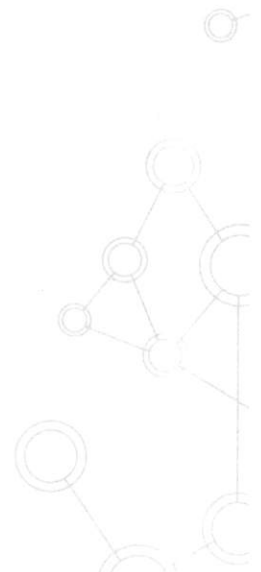
Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jackson".

Bonnie Jackson
Legal & Regulatory Assistant

Attachment

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State of Wyoming)
) ss CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
County of Lincoln) 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 Columbine Telephone Company, Inc., 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. Columbine Telephone Company, Inc., 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. § 54.201(a)(2).
5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Columbine Telephone Company, Inc., 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, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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.



Jefferson H. England, CFO

7/11/23

Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of July 2023.



Notary Public for Wyoming, residing at Lincoln County
My Commission expires 9.30.27