

June 6, 2024

Monica Barrios Sanchez
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Commission Order No. 29841 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Annual Reporting to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Dear Ms. Sanchez,

Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("the Company") has completed the online filing of the Form 481 with the Universal Service Administrative Corporation ("USAC") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 54.313 and 54.422. I have included the signed Affidavit pursuant to Commission Order 29841. Company, Study Area Code 472220, is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) as designated by the FCC, and is eligible to receive federal universal service high-cost support pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), Title 47, Sections 54.313, 54.422, and Part 36, sub-part F.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this submission, please contact me at (208) 326-4331 or via e-mail at bkraut@truleap.net

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Kraut

General Manager/COO

Filer Mutual Telephone Company

State of Idaho	)
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County of Twin Falls	_)

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 <u>Filer Mutual Telephone Company</u>, 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. <u>Filer Mutual Telephone Company</u> 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 <u>Filer Mutual Telephone</u> <u>Company</u> 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.

Name/Title

6/6/2024

Date

SUBSORTBED AND SWORN to before me this day of

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