

State of Idaho )  
 County of Elmore ) ss

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.

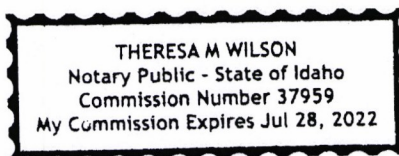
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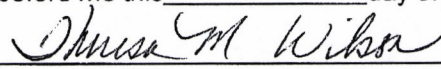
The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, 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 Rural Telephone Company, 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. Rural Telephone Company 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 Rural Telephone Company 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, 2020, through December 31, 2020, 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.



  
 Michael J. Martell / Vice President  
5-7-2019  
 Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

  
 Notary Public for Idaho, residing at Mountain Home, ID  
 My Commission expires 07/28/2022