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To: Massachusetts Recipients of Federal High-Cost Support  
From: Sean Carroll, General Counsel  
Date: July 1, 2020  
Re: Certification of Carriers for Receipt of High-Cost Funds

The Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) is required to certify annually that all federal high-cost support provided to eligible telecommunications carriers within Massachusetts was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup> For the first time this year, this includes certain recipients of Connect America Fund Phase II support.<sup>2</sup>

The Department requires carriers receiving high-cost support in Massachusetts to certify that such high-cost funding is being utilized consistent with the above. **To satisfy this certification requirement, all affected carriers must complete and file with the Department notarized copies of the attached affidavit by August 21, 2020.** Consistent with Department filing procedure, notarized documents containing a handwritten signature and physical seal may be filed in hardcopy or electronically. Electronic filers shall submit a scanned copy of the notarized document to [dte.filing@mass.gov](mailto:dte.filing@mass.gov). The Department may require the filer to produce the original paper document. The filer shall retain the original for future production, if necessary, for a period of three years after filing, or any longer period as may be required by applicable law.

Failure to file this affidavit by the deadline will jeopardize a carrier’s ability to receive high-cost funding. If you have already filed the requested affidavit, thank you. Please contact the undersigned if you have questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean M. Carroll  
Sean M. Carroll  
General Counsel

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a); *see also* 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

<sup>2</sup> *See, e.g., Connect Am. Fund Phase II Auction Support Authorized for 387 Winning Bids*, AU Docket No. 17-182, DA 19-1030, *Pub. Notice* (Oct. 10, 2019).

Affidavit

As an authorized corporate officer of \_\_\_\_\_, I  
\_\_\_\_\_, under penalty of perjury, hereby affirm that all  
federal high-cost support provided to (Company) for Massachusetts was used in the  
preceding calendar year (2019) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2021) only  
for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the  
support is intended.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or Print Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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