September 24, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Enclosed, please find the Section 54.314 State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers for the following:

Company Name: Verizon Rhode Island       Study Area Code: 585114

Signed,

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Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within RHODE ISLAND was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

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Signed,

Signature of Certifying State Commission Representative: Certified On-Line
Name of Certifying State Commission Representative: Cynthia Wilson-Frias
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1 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")