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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: Certification -- 2016 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing

I am the Vice President, Regulatory and Public Policy of the Consolidated Communications Companies, consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas Company, Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company, Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, Consolidated Communications of Illinois and Consolidated Communications of California.

I hereby certify that based upon information provided to me by my employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of the Eligible Recovery for Price Cap Carriers and Access Recovery Charge information contained herewith, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that Consolidated Communications has complied with sections 51.915(d), 51.915(e) and 51.915(f) of the Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 11-161). Therefore, Consolidated Communications is eligible to receive CAF ICC Support.

Consolidated Communications has complied with section 51.915(d)(3) and certifies to the Commission that it is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism.



Additionally, Consolidated Communications has complied with Section 54.313(h) and certifies that the following Consolidated Communications Companies have identified specific exchanges that fall below the National local urban rate floor per section 54.318(e).

- Consolidated Communications of Texas
- Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania

These Companies will include these exchanges in its submission of the urban rate floor form to USAC on July 1. Copies of this submission will be sent to relevant state commissions and the FCC at that time.

Consolidated Communications of California (CCCA), Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (CCFB), and Consolidated Communications of Illinois (CCIL) have also complied with Section 54.313(h) and certifies that CCCA, CCFB, and CCIL have identified no exchanges that fall below the National local urban rate floor per section 54.318(e).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Shultz', written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Shultz

Vice President, Regulatory and Public Policy

Date: June 16, 2016