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TO: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

FROM: Orjiakor Isiogu
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RE: State Certification of Proper Use of Universal Service Funds

DATE: May 29, 2006

On October 1st of each year, state commissions are required to submit a list of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). ETCs must meet the new criteria as set forth in 47 CFR 54.202, 54.209, 54.313 and 54.314. Without proper certification by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) by this date, ETCs will be unable to receive Universal Service Fund support for either some portion of or the entire 2007 funding year.

As you may be aware, on March 17, 2005, the FCC issued FCC 05-46, a Report and Order in CC Docket 96-45 outlining new ETC certification and reporting requirements. The Michigan Public Service Commission adopted those new requirements in their entirety in an Order dated April 13, 2006, in Case No. U-14530.

Existing ETCs do not have to submit a new application, but must comply with the reporting requirements contained in this Order. Carriers seeking USF support in *either* the Lifeline/Linkup or High Cost categories must submit these annual reports to the MPSC by June 15, 2006. Attachment A provides a template for the annual reporting information required by the Commission for review. (**Note:** Lifeline/Linkup ETCs do not need to include a Five Year Improvement Plan in their filing.)

Submissions received after this date will not be processed by September 15, 2006 and will not meet the October 1 deadline for submission to the FCC. Without October 1 certification, USF support will be forfeited per the schedule outlined in 47 CFR 54.209(b). The October 1, 2006 deadline is a federal deadline and the MPSC cannot grant extensions to that date.

Note:

The file caption should be as follows:

In the matter, on the Commission's	)	
Own Motion, on the Certification of	)	Case No. U-14900
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers	)	

This Case is designated a paperless electronic case and may be filed electronically with:

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Questions regarding electronic case filing may be directed to Ms. Debra Barry at 517.241.5412, or by email at mpscefilecases@michigan.gov. Carriers unable to take advantage of our electronic case filing service may send paper copies to the above address.

Information considered confidential by the carrier may be submitted in paper form and will remain under seal per Section 210 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

Questions regarding the certification process should be directed to Lori Towers-Hoover at 517.241.8227 or by email at lstower@michigan.gov.

Thank you.