

August 24, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: 17-1115-TP-COI - Annual filing requirement for 2017

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to the Commission's July 26, 2017 Entry in 17-1115-TP-COI, Annual Filing Requirements for 2017 Pertaining to the Provisioning of High Cost Universal Service, please find attached a sworn affidavit from The Chillicothe Telephone Company certifying that Universal Service funds were and will be used for the purposes intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e) and 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached at 740-772-8327 or via email to jeff.blevins@horizontel.com.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Blevins Manager Financial Operations & Carrier Relations Horizon Chillicothe Telephone 68 E. Main St. Chillicothe, OH 45601

Enclosures

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Attachment A 254(e) Affidavit of Eligible Telecommunication Carriers

Affidavit:

As an authorized corporate officer of <u>The Chillitothe Telephov</u> (Company Name), I, under Company penalty of perjury, hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of Universal Service funds and affirm that any such funds that were received in the preceding calendar year (2016) were used and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e) and 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

Study Area Code(s) 300.595

Signature Type or Print Name Date eter Holland 7/28/17 day of July 28 Subscribed and Sworn to before me this A.D. 20 /7_. NOTARY Public: N **Commission Expires:** Comm. Expires 02/23/2022

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Summary: Affidavit for High Cost Universal Service electronically filed by Mr. Jeff A Blevins on behalf of The Chillicothe Telephone Company