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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Jerrells	✓		
Ziegner			✓

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S 2026)
CERTIFICATION OF CARRIERS' ELIGIBILITY TO) CAUSE NO. 46408
RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SUPPORT,)
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF) APPROVED: SEP 22 2026
1996, THE FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER, AND OTHER)
RELATED FCC ORDERS)

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

Loraine L. Seyfried, Chief Administrative Law Judge

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued an Order ("RTF Order") assigning state commissions the responsibility of certifying that rural carriers or competitive eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") designated to receive high-cost support in the service areas of rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Section 254(e)").¹

Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." FCC regulations require that state certifications should be submitted by October 1 each year, unless specified otherwise by the FCC, for payments to be made during the following calendar year.² These requirements were modified on November 18, 2011, in the FCC's USF-ICC Transformation Order reforming the federal universal service fund and intercarrier compensation system ("USF/ICC Order").³ The FCC updated and extended the federal annual reporting requirements to all ETCs that receive federal high-cost support, such as legacy high-cost, Connect America Fund, Alternative Connect America Fund, and Rural Digital Opportunity Fund recipients.⁴ Furthermore, the USF/ICC Order continues to require states to certify that all state designated ETCs are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the upcoming year and specified these requirements in its regulations in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314. If a carrier is not certified by its state commission, it will not receive federal high-cost support. Thus, we opened this proceeding for the purpose of completing the 2026 FCC ETC recertification process.

Upon reviewing the completed applications, the Commission finds that the applications submitted by the applicants listed in Attachment A demonstrate the requisite compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e), as interpreted by the FCC's RTF Order, USF-ICC Order, other

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, (16 FCC Rcd. 11244) (2001).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d)(1)

³ *Connect America Fund*, (26 FCC Rcd. 17633) (2011).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.5, defining high-cost support.

related FCC Orders and regulations, and this Commission's August 22, 2001 Order.⁵ More specifically, based on the completed applications, we find that all entities listed in Attachment A to this Order will be using federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Notwithstanding this determination, we note that Jasper County Rural Electric Membership Corporation ("Jasper County REMC") has indicated it is continuing to make progress in the offering of voice services and anticipates it will begin commercially offering standalone voice service no later than December 1, 2026. Accordingly, we find Jasper County REMC shall file under this Cause on or before January 30, 2027, a compliance report providing the status of its offering standalone voice service.

In accordance with the FCC's RTF Order and the USF/ICC Order, we direct the Commission's Secretary to inform the Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the FCC that this Commission has certified that the carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order have met the requirements of Section 254(e).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. The Indiana carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order are certified by this Commission as having satisfied the requirements of Section 254(e).
2. The Commission's Secretary shall inform the FCC and USAC by October 1, 2026 that the aforementioned Indiana carriers have been so certified.
3. The Commission's Secretary shall forward a copy of this Order to all carriers identified in Attachment A.
4. Jasper County REMC shall file under this Cause on or before January 30, 2027, a compliance report providing the status of its offering standalone voice service.
5. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

SWINGER, BAIN, DEIG, AND JERRELLS CONCUR; ZIEGNER ABSENT:

APPROVED: SEP 22 2026

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

Dana Kosco
Secretary of the Commission

⁵ See *Commission Investigation*, Consolidated Cause Nos. 40785, 42067 (IURC August 22, 2001).

Attachment A
Carrier Certification List
IURC Cause No. 46408

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier	Study Area Code
AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC	329043
Bloomington Home Telephone Company, Inc.	320742
CMN-RUS, LLC (f/k/a Cinergy MetroNet)	329010
Camden Telephone Company, Inc.	320744
Central Indiana Communications, Inc. d/b/a NineStar Communications	329007
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company	329032
Citizens Telephone Corporation	320751
Clay County Rural Telephone Coop., Inc. d/b/a Endeavor Communications	320753
Communications Corporation of Indiana	320776
Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana	320809
Craigville Telephone Company, Inc.	320756
Daviess-Martin County Rural Telephone Corp.	320759
Geetingsville Telephone Company, Inc.	320771
Hancock Rural Telephone Corp. d/b/a NineStar Connect	320775
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	320778
Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.	320777
Jackson County REMC	329036
Jasper County REMC	329042
Kosciusko Connect LLC	329037
LaGrange County REMC	329033
Ligonier Telephone Company, Inc.	320783
Ligtel Communications, Inc.	329041
Marshall County Fiber, LLC	329027
Merchants & Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.	320788
Mercury Wireless Indiana, LLC.	329028
Miami-Cass County REMC	329034
Monon Telephone Company, Inc.	320790
Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.	320792
New Lisbon Broadband and Communications, LLC	326111
New Lisbon Telephone Co., Inc.	320796
New Paris Telephone, Inc.	320797
Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company, Inc.	320800
Orange County REMC	329029
Perry Spencer Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	320807
Pulaski White Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	320813
Rochester Telephone Company, Inc.	320815
RTC Communications Corp.	329039
SEI Data, Inc.	329009
S&W Telephone Co., Inc.	320816
Smithville Communications, Inc.	320818
South Central Indiana REMC	329038
Southeastern Indiana REMC	329040
Southeastern Indiana Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	320819
Sunman Telecommunications LLC. d/b/a Great Plains Communications	320825

Swayzee Telephone Company, Inc.	320826
Sweetser Rural Telephone Company Inc.	320827
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Indiana), LLC ¹	329035
Tipton Telephone Company, Inc.	320829
Tri-County Telephone Company, Inc.	320830
W.A.T.C.H. TV Company	329030
Washington County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	320834
West Point Telephone Company, Inc.	320837
Wisper ISP, LLC	329031
Yeoman Telephone Company, Inc.	320839

¹ Includes the eligible telecommunications carrier service area of Bright House Networks Information Services (Indiana), LLC