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September 10, 2024

Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Sallie:

Pursuant my conversation with PSC staff yesterday afternoon, please find the attached copies of the Universal Service Certification letters and affidavits that were originally filed on June 27, 2024 at 9am but an error occurred during the process and the filing encountered an undefined error and was not completed so we are refiling today once the error was discovered.

Please find the attached original cover letter, company letters and affidavits pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 completed for electronic filing and hand delivery for those companies listed below.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rhonda F. Chatham
Executive Vice President
GTBA

Enclosures:

Original Filing Letter
Companies Filings:
Citizens Communications Co, Inc.
Pineland Communications, Inc.
Progressive Cooperative Communication
Services TruVista Communications of Georgia
LLC

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June 27, 2024

Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Sallie:

Please find the attached copies of the Universal Service Certification letters and affidavits pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 completed for electronic filing and hand delivery for those companies listed below.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rhonda F. Chatham
Executive Vice President
GTBA

Enclosures:

Companies:
Citizens Communications Co, Inc.
Pineland Communications, Inc.
Progressive Cooperative Communication Services
TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC

June 25, 2024

Jason Shaw, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Citizens Communications Co., Inc. - Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Chairman Shaw:

This letter is to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that Citizens Communications Co., Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") support Citizens Communications Co., Inc. received in 2023 and will receive in 2025 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows Citizens Communications Co., Inc. certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the GPSC must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

Citizens Communications Co., Inc. respectfully requests that the GPSC notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that Citizens Communications Co., Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2025.

Sincerely,

Jessica Molina
Co-President
Citizens Communications Co., Inc.

cc: Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Chairman
Telecommunications Committee

Attachment

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA (or corporate headquarters location)

COUNTY OF Sumter

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Jessica Molina, who deposed and said:

My name is Jessica Molina. I am employed by Citizens Communications Co., Inc. ("Company'), as its Co-President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Citizens Telephone Co., Inc. certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and Connect America Fund support it received during 2023 and will receive in 2025 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jessica Molina
Co-President
Citizens Communications Co., Inc.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Sumter

Acknowledged before me this 25th day of June, 2024, by Jessica Molina, as Co-President of Citizens Communications Co., Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Marsha L. Cox
Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known ____
Produced Identification ✓
Type of Identification Produced Drivers License

June 7, 2024

Jason Shaw, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Pineland Communications, Inc. - Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Chairman Shaw:

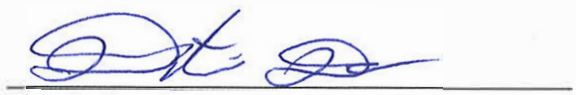
This letter is to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that Pineland Communications, Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") support Pineland Communications, Inc. received in 2023 and will receive in 2025 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows Pineland Communications, Inc. certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the GPSC must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

Pineland Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the GPSC notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that Pineland Communications, Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2025.

Sincerely,



Dustin Durden
CEO
Pineland Communications, Inc.

cc: Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Chairman
Telecommunications Committee

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA (or corporate headquarters location)

COUNTY OF CANDLER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Dustin Durden, who deposed and said:

My name is Dustin Durden I am employed by Pineland Communications, Inc. ("Company'), as its CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Pineland Communications, Inc. certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and Connect America Fund support it received during 2023 and will receive in 2025 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dustin Durden
CEO
Pineland Communications, Inc.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CANDLER

Acknowledged before me this 7th day of June, 2024, by Dustin Durden, as CEO of Pineland Communications, Inc., who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Denise E. Lee
NOTARY PUBLIC

Denise E. Lee
Printed Name of Notary

DENISE E LEE NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. Exp. 03/16/25 CANDLER COUNTY, GA

Personally Known ✓
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

June 25, 2024

Jason Shaw, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Progressive Cooperative Communication Services - Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Chairman Shaw:

This letter is to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that Progressive Cooperative Communication Services is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") support Progressive Cooperative Communication Services received in 2023 and will receive in 2025 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows Progressive Cooperative Communication Services certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the GPSC must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

Progressive Cooperative Communication Services respectfully requests that the GPSC notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that Progressive Cooperative Communication Services is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2025.

Sincerely,



Ron Chambers
General Manager
Progressive Cooperative Communication Services

cc: Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Chairman
Telecommunications Committee

Attachment

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA (or corporate headquarters location)

COUNTY OF _LAURENS_____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Ron Chambers, who deposed and said:

My name is Ron Chambers. I am employed by Progressive Cooperative Communication Services ("Company'), as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Progressive Cooperative Communication Services certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and Connect America Fund support it received during 2022 and will receive in 2024 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Ron Chambers
General Manager
Progressive Cooperative Communication Services

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF __LAURENS___

Acknowledged before me this _27th_ day of _June_, 2023, by (insert name), as (insert title) of Progressive Cooperative Communication Services, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

BRIDGET BOAZMAN NOTARY PUBLIC LAURENS COUNTY, GA Exp. October 6, 2027

Bridget Boazman
NOTARY PUBLIC

Bridget Boazman
Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known ✓

June 26, 2024

Jason Shaw, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC - Universal Service Certification
47 U.S.C. § 254(e); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Chairman Shaw:

This letter is to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") support TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC received in 2023 and will receive in 2025 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC . certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the GPSC must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC respectfully requests that the GPSC notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that TruVista Communications, Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2025.

Sincerely,

Eric Ramey
Sr. VP – Regulatory and HR
TruVista Communications, Inc.

cc: Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Chairman
Telecommunications Committee

Attachment

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Eric Ramey, who deposed and said:

My name is Eric Ramey. I am employed by TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC ("Company'), as its Sr. VP – Regulatory and HR. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC certifies that it has and will only use the federal high-cost and Connect America Fund support it received during 2023 and will receive in 2025 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Eric Ramey
Sr. VP – Regulatory and HR
TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHESTER

Acknowledged before me this 26 day of June, 2024, by Eric Ramey as Sr. VP – Regulatory and HR of TruVista Communications of Georgia LLC, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Wendy Lawson
Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known XXX
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____