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CONTINUED OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE

I, Joel Dohmeier, an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"), under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that if the Company receives Program support, the Company will continue to provide communications services pursuant to its tariffs on file with the Commission throughout its service territory in Washington for which the company is seeking and receives Program support during the entirety of 2020. 7/16/2019 | 1:26 PM CDT

Dated this ___th day of July, 2019.

— DocuSigned by: Joel Dolimeier

Joel Dohmeier Vice President

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