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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
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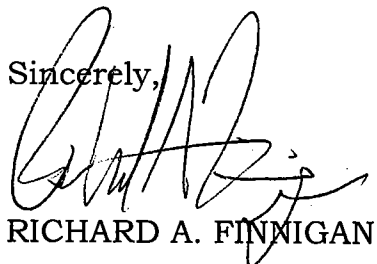
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Re: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. - Request for Designation as an  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("Hood Canal") hereby respectfully requests that it be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for the Qwest exchanges of Shelton, Hoodspout and Union. Hood Canal is serving (or, in the case of Belfair, soon will be serving) those three exchanges as a competitive local exchange carrier. Nineteen copies of this letter are enclosed pursuant to Commission rules.

Receipt of ETC designation status will allow Hood Canal to become eligible to receive Lifeline and Link-up support for service to low income customers. Pursuant to the standards set out in 47 U.S.C. §214, multiple carriers are to be designated as ETCs for service areas served by non-rural telephone companies. Qwest qualifies as a non-rural company.

Sincerely,  
  
RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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