



July 1, 2016

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: 2016 ETC Certification
Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-070 and 480-123-080

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-070 and 480-123-080, **Lewis River Telephone Company**, d/b/a TDS Telecom ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds. The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed. The USF HCL portion of the filing which would normally be included is not yet available and will be filed no later than July 31, 2016.

Please contact Gail Long at (541) 516-8210 or me at the number listed below if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Schiefelbein".

Bruce Schiefelbein
Manager – Regulatory Compliance
TDS Telecom
(608) 664-5455

Enclosures