

EXHIBIT 9

CONTINUED OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE

I, Dale Merten an officer of The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., 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 2018.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Merten", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Merten
V.P. / C.O.O.