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Ms. Amanda Maxwell
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket UT-220527: *Annual Reporting and Request for Certification of Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, WAC 480-123-080, and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314*

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC (Charter) acknowledges that, in accord with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Public Notice authorizing Charter for Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support released on March 15, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) will not include Charter in the WUTC's section 54.314 certifications for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) until next year for the certifications due by October 1, 2023.¹ However, the WUTC has designated Charter as an ETC for the area in which Charter is authorized by the FCC to receive support from the RDOF,² and therefore Charter remains eligible to receive RDOF funding. Consistent with the FCC's Public Notice, Charter will complete state and federal reporting requirements for RDOF support beginning in 2023.

¹ FEDERAL COMMS. COMM'N, *Public Notice: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support Authorized for 5,567 Winning Bids* at 4, 5 (Mar. 15, 2022) ("The first annual section 54.314 certification is due for the long-form applicants that are being authorized by this Public Notice by **October 1, 2023**") (emphasis in original); *id.* at 5 ("We conclude there is good cause to waive on our own motion the general high-cost support program requirement that the relevant states (or the ETCs, if applicable) file a section 54.314 certification by October 1, 2022 with respect to the use of Auction 904 support for the applicants authorized in this Public Notice."). See also Letter from Lisa Rackner to Amanda Maxwell, *Re: Annual Reporting and Request for Certification of Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, WAC 480-123-080, and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314* (July 8, 2022) (summarizing FCC authorization).

² *In re Petition of Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC For Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Washington Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2)*, Docket UT-210008, Order No. 01 (May 20, 2021).

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Please contact this office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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