

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04M-364T

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION OF RURAL LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS TO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL
SERVICE SUPPORT PURSUANT TO 47 CFR § 54.314.

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

Mailed Date: November 2, 2004

Adopted Date: October 27, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. The Commission opened this docket on July 15, 2004, to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-second Order in Docket No. 96-45, which requires state commissions to certify rural telecommunications service providers to receive federal high-cost support. This docket was opened to implement the procedures for the state's annual certification process.

2. At the Commission's weekly meeting on September 22, 2004, the Commission certified all 31 rural incumbent local exchange carriers, one competitive local exchange carrier, and two wireless providers with eligible telecommunications carrier designation, to receive federal high-cost support for the calendar year 2005. A letter certifying the companies was mailed to the Secretary of the FCC and the Administrator of the Universal Service Administrative Company on September 22, 2004.

3. On September 22, 2004, Commission Staff (Staff) issued its preliminary report, which summarized the certification process.

4. The Commission granted rural local exchange carriers ten business days to comment on Staff's preliminary report. No comments were filed.

5. Staff issued a final report to the Commission at the weekly meeting on October 27, 2004.

6. The purpose of this docket has concluded, therefore, keeping this docket open serves no further purpose.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Docket No. 04M-364T, the process by which the Colorado Public Utilities Commission certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that rural telecommunications service providers are eligible to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 *Code of Federal Regulations* 54.314, is closed.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 27, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners