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June 22, 2021

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission PO Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc. – P-2018-3005035, Application for Amended Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On behalf of Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc. (ATI), enclosed is an Affidavit from ATI to support the filed Petition. This filing is to provide clarification as requested by staff.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at 704.699.9451.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Weikle

Jerry Weikle Consultant to Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc.

cc: Shawn Beqaj

Attachments



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF BUTLER

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shawn Beqaj, on behalf of Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc, after first being duly sworn, do hereby state the following:

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- 1. Ihave personal knowledge of the facts and information set forth in this Affidavit and 1 am competent to testify to these facts if called as a witness.
- 2. I have read the Petition to which this Affidavit is supplementing. Armstrong seeks an amended ETC certification in order to qualify for available federal high-cost USF for providing designated services in high cost areas awarded in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Auction conducted in 2020. Armstrong was awarded Census Blocks in this Auction. Armstrong's Petition requests an amended ETC certification to cover these awarded Census Blocks.
- 3. I have knowledge of the facts stated in the Petition and those facts are true to the best of my knowledge and my belief. My name is Shawn Beqaj and I am the Vice President, Regulatory Policy & Interconnection for Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc. (the "Company"). My business address is One Armstrong Place, Butler, PA 16001.

- The Company certifies that it is a common carrier under sections 214(e)(l) and 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1943 ("Act").
- Armstrong commits to provide the services and functionalities required for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Census Blocks covered by the Petition.
- Armstrong certifies that it will meet all the Commission's requirements for designation as an ETC under section 214(e)(6) of the Act.
- 7. I am the corporate officer that will be responsible for certifying Armstrong's use of federal high-cost support.
- 8. Consistent with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section §54.314, the Company hereby certifies that all federal Universal Service high-cost support funds flowing to the Company will only be used in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended under Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act").
- 9. Consistent with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section §54.416, the Company hereby certifies that it has policies and procedures in place to comply with all applicable requirements all federal Universal Service low-income support funds flowing to the Company. The Company certifies that all applicable reporting will be completed.
- 10. This Affidavit is being given to support the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. Sections §54.314 and §54.416.
- 11. The undersigned hereby certifies that the information contained herein is true

and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

By Shawn Beqaj Vice President, Regulatory Policy & Interconnection

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of June, 2021. Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Kelly D. Chapman, Notary Public **Butler** County My commission expires July 30, 2022 Commission number 1191602 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries