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Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer, Clerk Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Docket No. 170127-TP - 2018 State certification §54.313 and §54.314, annual reporting Re: requirements for high-cost recipients, and certification of support for eligible telecommunications carriers

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

This letter is to request that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") certifying that ATT Florida is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support AT&T Florida will receive in 2018 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, AT&T Florida certifies that it will only use the federal high cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

AT&T Florida respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that AT&T Florida is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that AT&T Florida used its high-cost support in the preceding year (2016) and will use its high-cost support in the coming calendar year (2018) in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2018.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please call me to discuss. I can be reached at 850-577-5504.

Sincerely,

Elise R. Banister

Assistant Vice President

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ELISE R. BANISTER

- 1. My name is Elise R. Banister. I am employed by AT&T Services, Inc. as an Assistant Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and am authorized to file this Affidavit on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida. This Affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission certification as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).
- In order for the Florida Public Service Commission to certify AT&T Florida's continued eligibility for high-cost support in 2018, AT&T Florida provides the following certification:

Consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, AT&T Florida used in the preceding year (2016) and will use in the upcoming year (2018) all of its federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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AT&T Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA		)
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COUNTY OF LEON	)	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June 2017.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: Nov. 19, 2017
Commission No.: FF 70797

RANDY BARNHILL

Notary Public, State of Florida

Commission# FF 70797

My comm. expires Nov. 19, 2017