

**199—39.7(476) Annual reporting requirements.**

**39.7(1)** *Annual certifications from carriers seeking to continue to receive high-cost support.* Any carrier seeking to continue to receive federal high-cost support shall file with the commission no later than July 1 of each year an affidavit titled “Certification of [Company Name].” The company name shall be the name used on the carrier’s initial application for ETC designation and its current name, if its name has changed.

*a.* Contents of affidavit:

(1) The affidavit shall include the study area code (SAC) number associated with the company, as well as the carrier’s Company Number (CoNo) as granted by the Iowa utilities commission.

(2) The affidavit shall be sworn and notarized and shall be executed by an authorized corporate officer.

(3) The affidavit shall certify that the carrier has used all federal high-cost support provided in the preceding calendar year and will use all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier in the coming calendar year received pursuant to 47 CFR Subchapter B, Part 54, Subparts D, J, K, L, M, and O as defined in 47 CFR §54.5, only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

(4) The affidavit shall certify to the following: as an eligible telecommunications carrier, the carrier agrees to provide timely responses to commission requests for information related to the status of local markets for supported services, including local markets for supported voice and broadband services.

*b.* Any certification filed by a carrier shall be subject to complaint or investigation by the commission.

*c.* An ETC’s certification shall be the basis of the commission’s certification to the FCC and USAC pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 that the ETC has used and will use the support for the purposes intended.

**39.7(2)** *Filing instructions.* The affidavit certifying compliance shall be filed using the commission’s electronic filing system in accordance with 199—Chapter 14, unless the commission directs otherwise by order issued in advance of the filing deadline. The filing shall be titled “Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Reporting Requirements,” with a reference to the year for which the report is filed. The document title for the affidavit certifying compliance shall be “Carrier Certification.”

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