

# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



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## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

### *Delegation of Authority to Process Annual State ETC Certification*

To ensure the efficient and timely resolution of matters brought before the agency, Chairman David F. Jones, Vice Chairman Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, and Commissioner Keith Jordan, of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) take the following administrative action:

In order for all TPUC-certificated eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to continue to receive federal high-cost support, the TPUC must certify with the Federal Communications Commission by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year that all federal universal service fund high-cost support provided to those ETCs in the preceding calendar year and in the coming calendar year, was used and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Before the TPUC files its certification, it requires each ETC that intends to seek federal high-cost universal service funds for the coming year to file a statement affirming that its use of such funds is consistent with the applicable provisions of 47 U.S.C. §254 and 47 C.F.R. §54.314. As this administrative process is ministerial in nature, subject to certain statutory deadlines, and does not require a vote, the Commissioners hereby delegate authority to handle all aspects of the annual state ETC certification process to Commission Staff. This standing delegation of authority shall continue until rescinded by the Commission.

**Chairman David F. Jones, Vice Chairman Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, and Commissioner Keith Jordan concur. None dissenting.**

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Taylor".

**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**

**Dated: August 15, 2017**