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**RE: Annual Lifeline Certification – Form 555**

Attached please find a copy of the Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Forms (FCC Form 555) for Consolidated Communications of Florida Company, which was filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company as well as with the Federal Communications Commission. Included are forms for Florida, Perry, and Port St. Joe study areas.

Please contact me at [beth.westman@consolidated.com](mailto:beth.westman@consolidated.com) with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Westman".

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Consolidated Communications  
[beth.westman@consolidated.com](mailto:beth.westman@consolidated.com)  
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I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

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**No Subscribers Certification** *Complete this section if ETC claimed no Lifeline subscribers.*

I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for the current Form 555 data year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed on this form

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Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes  No

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Signed,

Michael Shultz

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Signature of Officer

MICHAEL.SHULTZ@CONSOLIDATED.COM

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Person Completing This Certification Form

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