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DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
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Application of Diverse Communications, Inc.)
for Designation as an Eligible Telecommu-)
nications Carrier Under 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for its)
Service Area Consisting of its Alpha Exchange)

02-0118

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF GEORGE WIRT
IN SUPPORT OF ELIGIBLE CARRIER
CERTIFICATION FOR DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF HENRY)

GEORGE WIRT, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am the General Manager of Diverse Communications, Inc. ("Diverse") and I make this Verified Statement in support of Diverse Communications, Inc.'s Application for Eligible Carrier Status.

2. Diverse is a facilities-based local exchange telecommunications service provider and a local exchange reseller. The filing of this Verified Application and the entry of an Order by the Commission designated Diverse Communications, Inc. as an "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" and is in the public interest in light of the requirements of the Act and the FCC's rules.

3. Diverse is a "rural telephone company" within the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. §153(47). The Alpha Exchange constitutes its study area and, therefore, its

"service area" within the meaning of §214(e)(2) of the Act and §55.201(b) of the FCC's rules.

4. I have reviewed the definitions of Universal Service set forth in the FCC rules. Except for certain elements of toll limitation described below, Diverse will provide each of the following services as the FCC defines them throughout its service area:

- (1) Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- (2) Local usage,
- (3) Dual tone multi-frequency (touch tone) or its functional equivalent;
- (4) Single-party service or its functional equivalent;
- (5) Access to emergency services;
- (6) Access to operator services;
- (7) Access to interexchange services;
- (8) Access to directory assistance; and
- (9) Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

5. With regard to toll limitation, Diverse will provide "toll blocking," under which a customer may choose to have all toll-number calling blocked from the customer's telephone, including intraLATA toll calls, 1+ toll calls and 0+ toll calls. This service will allow continued access to 1-800 numbers, 1-888 numbers and other toll-free area codes (even though calls to or through some of those numbers may allow customers to incur toll charges). This service will allow continued access to 0-(live, local) operator services. It will also allow continued access to 911 or E911 services available within Diverse's serving area.

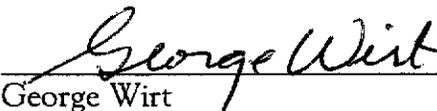
6. Diverse does not presently provide "toll control" as that term is defined in the FCC rules. Diverse does not bill for all of the intraLATA or interLATA toll service providers doing business in its service area and has no method of limiting toll acquired from service providers for which it does not bill. Moreover, Diverse does not now collect toll usage information in real time. Diverse will comply with the rules and requirements

of this Commission and the FCC with regard to advertising for the availability of Universal Service support for low-income customers.

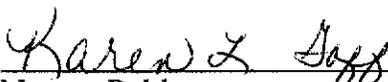
7. Diverse will comply with rules and requirements for advertising the availability of services designated for support and the charges therefor. Diverse will also comply with this Commission's rules related to Universal Service support for low-income consumers as set forth in the Commission's rules.

8. Diverse will not disconnect Lifeline service if the low-income consumer voluntarily elects toll blocking where toll blocking is available.

The foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


George Wirt

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 31 day of January, 2002.


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