Public Notice Draft

RE: BPU Docket TO12090874 -Federal ETC Certification 2025 Filing

Warwick Valley Telephone Company ("Company") filed Notice on July 1, 2025, with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking certification of the Company's use of federal high-cost universal support funds for 2026. Under the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") the Board must certify annually that the Company is using federal high-cost universal support funds in a manner consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 in order for Company to continue to receive such funds as an "eligible telecommunications carrier" ("ETC") under the Act.

Annual ETC reporting requirements for recipients of federal high-cost support are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC's rules. For the reporting of most data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422, the FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be utilized by ETCs. These filings are now provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") through their online "E-File" portal and are available to state commissions through the portal. State commissions can contact USAC for additional information on obtaining FCC Form 481 information from the portal. If Board Staff determine that additional information is necessary to complete the Company's ETC certification, the Company shall provide the information on a timely basis, as requested by Staff.

Consistent with past years, the Company requests that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by October 1, 2025, in order for the Company to continue receiving Federal high-cost support in New Jersey.