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SECTION A - Payer Information		
(2) PAYER NAME (if paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card) Com Net, Inc.		(3) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (dollars and cents) \$1155.00
(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 13888 County Road 25A		
(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2		
(6) CITY Wapakoneta	(7) STATE OH	(8) ZIP CODE 45895
(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE) 419-7393151		(10) COUNTRY CODE (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) US
FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) REQUIRED		
(11) PAYER (FRN) 0020640777		(12) FCC USE ONLY
IF PAYER NAME AND THE APPLICANT NAME ARE DIFFERENT, COMPLETE SECTION B IF MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)		
(13) APPLICANT NAME Bright Long Distance, Ltd.		
(14) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 13888 County Road 25A		
(15) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2 PO Box 2038		
(16) CITY Wapakoneta	(17) STATE OH	(18) ZIP CODE 45895
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(21) APPLICANT (FRN) 0004338729		(22) FCC USE ONLY
COMPLETE SECTION C FOR EACH SERVICE, IF MORE BOXES ARE NEEDED, USE CONTINUATION SHEET		
(23A) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24A) Payment Type Code(PTC) CDT	(25A) Quantity 1
(26A) Fee Due for (PTC) \$1,155.00	(27A) Total Fee \$1155.00	FCC Use Only
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(23B) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24B) Payment Type Code(PTC)	(25B) Quantity
(26B) Fee Due for (PTC)	(27B) Total Fee	FCC Use Only
(28B) FCC CODE 1		(29B) FCC CODE 2

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
BRIGHT LONG DISTANCE, LTD.)	
COM NET, INC.)	
Assignors,)	WC Docket No. 17-_____
)	
THE ARTHUR MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE AYERSVILLE TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE BUCKLAND TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE FARMER'S MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE FORT JENNINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
GLANDORF TELEPHONE CO., INC.)	
THE KALIDA TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE OTTOVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE RIDGEVILLE TELEPHONE CO.)	
SHERWOOD MUTUAL TELEPHONE ASSOC., INC.)	
SYCAMORE TELEPHONE CO.)	
THE VAUGHNSVILLE TELEPHONE CO.)	
WABASH MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.)	
Assignees,)	
)	
Application for Consent to Assign Certain Assets of a)	
Company Holding a Blanket Domestic Authorization)	
Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of)	
1934, as Amended)	

APPLICATION FOR STREAMLINED CONSENT TO ASSISGN ASSETS
COMPRISING THE DOMESTIC RETAIL CUSTOMER BASE

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act", 47 U.S.C. §214) and sections 63.03 and 63.04 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.03 and 63.04), this Application seeks the consent of the Federal Communications Commission to assign portions of the retail, domestic customer base of Bright Long Distance, Ltd. ("BLD", FRN:

0004338729), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Com Net, Inc. ("CNI", FRN: 0020640777), collectively "Assignors", to each of the following fourteen (14) incumbent local exchange carriers ("Assignees", and together with Assignors, the "Applicants").

Assignees	FRN
The Arthur Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a Arthur Long Distance	0004329330
The Ayersville Telephone Company d/b/a Ayersville LD	0004328654
The Benton Ridge Telephone Company d/b/a BRT Long Distance	0005053251
The Buckland Telephone Company d/b/a BTC Long Distance	0004338851
The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a Okolona LD	0003739075
The Fort Jennings Telephone Company d/b/a FJLD	0004341798
Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Glandorf Long Distance	0005051560
The Kalida Telephone Company d/b/a KTC Long Distance	0004381281
The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a Ottoville Tel Long Distance	0002922201
The Ridgeville Telephone Company d/b/a Ridgeville Long Distance	0003745700
Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. d/b/a SMTA Long Distance	0005075643
Sycamore Telephone Company d/b/a STC Long Distance	0002924777
The Vaughnsville Telephone Company d/b/a Vaughnsville Telephone Long Distance	0004984670
Wabash Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a Wabash LD	0004333266

The proposed transaction would assign portions of the retail, domestic customer base of BLD ("Customers") to the Assignees in whose service area the Customers are located. The assets being assigned do not include any section 214 authorizations. Assignees already hold blanket authority under section 214 of the Act and section 63.01 of the Commission's rules (47

C.F.R. §63.01) to provide domestic telecommunications services, and only retail, domestic long distance customers of BLD are involved in the assignment.

BLD is a single-member Ohio limited liability company with CNI as the sole member, and a non-dominant carrier that provides domestic and international resale long distance services to both retail and wholesale customers. BLD markets and sells its services primarily to incumbent local exchange carriers. It does so through bill and collect or wholesale agreements. It serves as a middle-man between wholesalers and incumbent local exchange carriers, assisting them in securing long distance minutes at a competitive rate. All long distance services are provided by BLD on a "switchless resale" basis by purchasing wholesale long distance services from facility-based and/or other resellers of domestic and international interexchange carriers. BLD has authority from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to provide statewide telecommunications service in Ohio (Case No. 97-1656-CT-ACE). BLD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNI.

CNI is an Ohio corporation that provides various services to telephone companies and Internet service providers. CNI holds section 214 authorization for both domestic and international long distance service pursuant to WC Docket No. 11-51 and IB File No. ITC-T/C-20110228-00056. This application does not involve the transfer of any section 214 authorizations held by CNI. CNI is owned by 22 shareholders, including the 14 incumbent local exchange carriers that are the Assignees. Each of the 22 shareholders owns an equal share (4.545 percent) in CNI. As such, no single shareholder owns more than 10 percent. Details of all CNI shareholders are listed in Attachment A.

Assignees are incumbent independent local exchange carriers as defined in 47 C.F.R. §64.1902 and are non-dominant providers of local exchange and exchange access services. Each

Assignee is an Ohio corporation and is closely-held . Six of the Assignees (The Arthur Mutual Telephone Company, The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company, The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, The Vaughnsville Telephone Company and Wabash Mutual Telephone Company) are non-profit, cooperative or mutual telephone companies pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(12) . The bylaws of each of these cooperative or mutual telephone companies stipulate that each subscriber is a member of the cooperative and owns an equal share of the corporation with all other members. Thus, no individual or entity owns 10% or more of any of the six non-profit corporations. The remaining eight Assignees are for-profit corporations, with no individual or entity owing 10% or more with the exception of Sycamore Telephone Company, where two entities each hold interests in excess of ten (10) percent of the corporation. Details of ownership are provided in the following section of the Application.

Applicants respectfully request streamlined treatment of this Application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules. Granting this Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, as the proposed transaction will ensure the continued availability of quality telecommunication services at affordable rates for current retail customers of BLD's domestic long distance services. The proposed assignment of Customers will be seamless since Assignees will continue to provide the same services at the same rates, terms and conditions.

In support of this Application, the Applicants submit the following information, pursuant to section 63.04(a) of the Commission's rules:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant:

Assignors:

Bright Long Distance, Ltd.
13888 County Road 25A
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Telephone (614) 739-3100

Com Net, Inc.
13888 County Road 25A
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Telephone (614) 739-3100

Assignees:

The Arthur Mutual Telephone Company
d/b/a Arthur Long Distance
21980 St. Rt. 637
Defiance, OH 43512
Telephone: (419) 393-2233

The Ayersville Telephone Company
d/b/a Ayersville LD
27932 Watson Road
Defiance, OH 43512
Telephone: (419) 395-2522

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company
d/b/a BRT Long Distance
1805 N. Dixie Highway
Lima, OH 45801
Telephone: (419) 859-2144

The Buckland Telephone Company
d/b/a BTC Long Distance
105 South Main Street
Buckland, OH 45819
Telephone: (419) 657-2222

The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company
d/b/a Okolona LD
N012 County Road 17D
Okolona, OH 43550
Telephone: (419) 758-3322

The Fort Jennings Telephone Company
d/b/a FJLD
65 West Third Street
Fort Jennings, OH 45844
Telephone: (419) 286-2181

Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc.
d/b/a Glandorf Long Distance
135 South Main Street
Glandorf, OH 45848
Telephone: (419) 538-6987

The Kalida Telephone Company
d/b/a KTC Long Distance
121 East Main Street
Kalida, OH 45853
Telephone: (419) 532-3218

The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company
d/b/a Ottoville Tel Long Distance
245 West Third Street
Ottoville, OH 45876
Telephone: (419) 453-3324

The Ridgeville Telephone Company
d/b/a Ridgeville Long Distance
S732 County Road 208
Ridgeville, OH 43555
Telephone: (419) 267-5185

Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc.
d/b/a SMTA Long Distance
105 West Vine Street
Sherwood, OH 43556
Telephone: (419) 899-2121

Sycamore Telephone Company
d/b/a STC Long Distance
104 East 7th Street
Sycamore, OH 44882
Telephone: (419) 927-6012

The Vaughnsville Telephone Company
d/b/a Vaughnsville Telephone Long Distance
187 North Water Street
Vaughnsville, OH 45893
Telephone: (419) 646-3431

Wabash Mutual Telephone Company
d/b/a Wabash LD
6670 Wabash Road
Celina, OH 45822
Telephone: (419) 942-1111

(2) Government, state, or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized:

BLD is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

CNI is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Arthur Mutual Telephone Company ("Arthur") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Ayersville Telephone Company ("Ayersville") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company ("Benton Ridge") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Buckland Telephone Company ("Buckland") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company ("Farmer's") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Fort Jennings Telephone Company ("Fort Jennings") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. ("Glandorf") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Kalida Telephone Company ("Kalida") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company ("Ottoville") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Ridgeville Telephone Company ("Ridgeville") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. ("Sherwood") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

Sycamore Telephone Company ("Sycamore") is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

The Vaughnsville Telephone Company ("Vaughnsville") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

Wabash Mutual Telephone Company ("Wabash") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Ohio.

(3) The name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact point, such as legal counsel, to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed:

Applicants	Correspondence addressed to:
Assignors	Richard W. Jordan
Assignees	Jordan & Associates, LLC
	397 Westgreen Ln
	Westerville, OH 43082-6075
	(614) 523-4180
	email: rjordan@jordanassoc.com

(4) The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities (to the nearest one (1) percent):

No person or entity owns a ten (10) percent or greater interest in any of the Applicants with the following two exceptions:

BLD is wholly-owned by CNI.

Com Net, Inc.
13888 County Road 25A
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Telephone (614) 739-3100
CNI owns one-hundred (100) percent interest in BLD
(See Attachment A for details of the ownership of CNI.)

Sycamore Telephone Company has two shareholders exceeding 10 percent interest:

Richard D. Ekleberry Living Trust
P.O. Box 98
Sycamore, OH 44882-0098
The trust is for a US Citizen
The trust owns forty-nine (49) percent interest in the corporation

Mrs. Esther L. Fry
P.O. Box 442
Sycamore, OH 44882-0442
US Citizen
Retired
Mrs. Fry owns fifty (50) percent interest in the corporation

(5) Certification pursuant to §§1.2001 through 1.2003 of this chapter that no party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 853.

Applicants certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001 through 1.2003, that no party to the present Application is subject to the denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. (See Attachment B for certifications of each Applicant.)

(6) A description of the transaction.

The proposed transaction consists of the acquisition of BLD Customers relating to and comprising its retail, domestic telecommunication service customer base by the Assignees. Each of the Assignees would acquire the BLD Customers located in their respective service areas (i.e. those BLD Customers for which each of the Assignees is currently providing the bill and collect function on behalf of BLD). The proposed transfer will have no adverse impact on the Customers. Customers will continue to receive their existing services at the same rates, terms and conditions that they had prior to the transfer and any future changes in the rates, terms and conditions of service will be made consistent with Commission regulations. Customers will continue to interact with the same companies (the Assignees) in the same way as they did prior

to the transfer. Applicants will provide advance written notice to the affected Customers at least thirty (30) days prior to the transfer, explaining the change in service provider in accordance with applicable Commission and state regulations for changing a customer's presubscribed carrier. Each of the Assignees will file the required notice with the Commission in CC Docket No. 00-257 pursuant to section 64.1120 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §64.1120).

The assets being assigned do not include any section 214 authorizations and do not include any international long distance customers. Assignees already hold blanket authority under section 214 of the Act and section 63.01 of the Commission's rules to provide domestic telecommunications services. No international section 214 authorization is needed by the Assignees since they are not acquiring international long distance customers nor do they intend to provide international long distance services at this time. BLD will continue to provide retail international telecommunications services pursuant to their bill and collect agreements with each Assignee. If, in the future, Assignees desire to offer international long distance services, they will file the appropriate application for international section 214 authority.

(7) A description of the geographic areas in which the transferor and transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications service, and what services are provided in each area:

Company Name	Ohio Counties Served	Access Lines Served	Exchange Access Service	High-Speed Data Service	High-Speed Internet Access	Resale Interexchange Services	Other
BLD	All	0				√	
CNI	All	0					√*
Arthur	Defiance Paulding	1,000	√	√	√		
Ayersville	Defiance	730	√	√	√		

Company Name	Ohio Counties Served	Access Lines Served	Exchange Access Service	High-Speed Data Service	High-Speed Internet Access	Resale Interexchange Services	Other
Benton Ridge	Allen Auglaize Defiance Hancock Henry Logan Mercer Putnam	1,200	√	√	√		
Buckland	Allen Auglaize	460	√	√	√		
Farmer's	Defiance Henry	420	√	√	√		
Fort Jennings	Allen Putnam Van Wert	900	√	√	√		
Glandorf	Putnam	1,200	√	√	√		
Kalida	Putnam	1,320	√	√	√		
Ottoville	Putnam Van Wert	1,270	√	√	√		
Ridgeville	Defiance Fulton Henry Williams	1,120	√	√	√		
Sherwood	Defiance	700	√	√	√		
Sycamore	Crawford Seneca Wyandot	1,480	√	√	√		
Vaughnsville	Allen Putnam	240	√	√	√		
Wabash	Mercer	4,100	√	√	√		

(* Designates unregulated telecommunications services)

(8) A description as to how the application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in this section or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined treatment.

The Applicants believe that this Application is entitled to streamlined processing pursuant to section 63.03(b)(1)(i) and (b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules. First, all Applicants are non-facilities-based with respect to offering or providing resale, domestic interexchange

(long distance) services. Although Assignees provide facility-based local exchange and exchange access services as local exchange carriers, they will only be offering domestic long distance service on a resale (non-facilities-based) basis. Second, none of the Applicants is dominant with respect to any service. In light of these circumstances, the Applicants believe that streamlined processing of this Application is proper.

(9) Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction.

No other Commission applications will be filed with respect to this transaction. However, Assignees will individually file with the Commission's Office of the Secretary the letter notification in CC Docket No. 00-257 as required pursuant to section 64.1120(c) of the Commission's rules for the transfer of part or all of another telecommunications carrier's customer base without obtaining each subscriber's authorization and verification.

(10) A statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure.

No party to this transaction is facing imminent business failure at this time; therefore, the Applicants are not requesting special consideration on these grounds.

(11) Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction.

No separately filed waivers or waiver requests are being sought in conjunction with the proposed transaction.

(12) A statement showing how grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets.

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest by ensuring the continued availability of quality telecommunications services at affordable rates for the businesses and residents of the areas served by the Assignees. The ability for Assignees to offer domestic long

distance services to Customers that are tailored to their specific service areas and needs will enable them to compete more effectively with the larger, regional and national long distance carriers. Customers will be the beneficiaries of increased competition. The assignment of Customers will be seamless since Assignees will continue to provide the same services at the same rates, terms and conditions that the Customers received immediately prior to the assignment. Assignees currently serve as agents for BLD by providing the billing, collection, customer service and interface functions on behalf of BLD. Customers are accustomed to dealing with the Assignees in this capacity and nothing in that regard will change with the proposed transaction. The only change for Customers will be the name of their domestic long distance service provider.

Conclusion:

For the reasons stated above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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397 Westgreen LN
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Consultant to the Applicants

August 18, 2017

ATTACHMENT A:
OWNERSHIP OF COM NET, INC.

The Chief Executive Officer of Com Net, Inc. ("CNI") is Timothy N. Berelsman. He is a citizen of the United States of America. His contact information is as follows:

Timothy N. Berelsman
Com Net, Inc.
13888 County Road 25A
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
419-739-3100

Following are details of the 22 companies that are shareholders of CNI. Each owns a 4.545% interest in CNI. 14 of the shareholders are parties to this Application (the Assignees).

Company Name	Phone	Fax	Address
Arthur Mutual Telephone Co.*	419-393-2233	419-393-2255	21980 S.R. 637 Defiance, OH 43512
Ayersville Telephone Co.*	419-395-2222	419-395-2585	27932 Watson Rd. Defiance, OH 43512
Bascom Advanced Services, Inc. d/b/a Bascom Long Distance	419-937-2202	419-937-2299	5990 W. Tiffin St. Bascom, OH 44809
Benton Ridge Telephone Co.*	419-859-2144	419-859-2150	1805 N. Dixie Hwy Lima, OH 45801
Buckland Telephone Co.*	419-657-2222	419-657-2000	105 S. Main St. Buckland, OH 45819
Chillicothe Telephone Co.	740-772-8200	740-774-3400	68 E. Main St. Chillicothe, OH 45601
Consolidated Electric Co.	419-947-3055	419-947-3082	5255 S.R. 95 Mount Gilead, OH 43338
Doylestown Telephone Co.	330-658-2121	330-658-3344	81 N. Portage St. Doylestown, OH 44230
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.*	419-758-3322	419-758-3100	N012 C.R. 17D Okolona, OH 43550
Ft. Jennings Telephone Co.*	419-286-2181	419-286-2193	65 W. Third St. Ft. Jennings, OH 45844
Glandorf Telephone Co.*	419-538-6987	419-538-6668	135 S. Main St. Glandorf, OH 45848
Kalida Telephone Co.*	419-532-3218	419-532-3300	121 E. Main St. Kalida, OH 45853

ATTACHMENT A: (CONT'D)
OWNERSHIP OF COM NET, INC.

Company Name	Phone	Fax	Address
McClure Telephone Co.	419-748-8008	419-758-8000	311 S. East St. McClure, OH 43534
Middle Point Home Telephone Co.	419-968-2000	419-968-2701	106 1/2 E. Jackson St. Middle Point, OH 45863
New Knoxville Telephone Co.	419-753-2457	419-753-2950	301 West St. New Knoxville, OH 45871
Ottoville Mutual Telephone Co.*	419-453-3324	419-453-2468	245 W. Third St. Ottoville, OH 45876
Ridgeville Telephone Co.*	419-267-5185	419-267-9919	S732 C.R. 20B Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555
Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc.*	419-899-2121	419-899-4567	105 W. Vine St. Sherwood, OH 43556
Sycamore Telephone Co.*	419-927-6012	419-927-2990	104 E. 7th St. Sycamore, OH 44882
Telephone Service Co.	419-739-2200	419-739-2299	2 Willipie St. Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Vaughnsville Telephone Co.*	419-646-3431	419-646-3616	187 N. Water St. Vaughnsville, OH 45893
Wabash Mutual Telephone Co.*	419-942-1111	419-942-1236	6670 Wabash Rd. Celina, Oh 45822

(* Denotes a party to this Application)

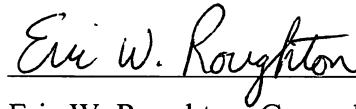
ATTACHMENT B:

CERTIFICATIONS

This Attachment B contains certifications from all sixteen (16) Applicants that no party to this Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1998, 21 U.S.C. 853.

CERTIFICATION

I, Eric W. Roughton, General Manager of Arthur Mutual Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

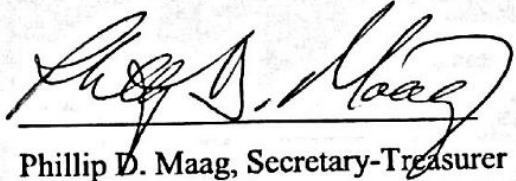


Eric W. Roughton, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Phillip D. Maag, Secretary-Treasurer of Ayersville Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip D. Maag", is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip D. Maag, Secretary-Treasurer

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Martin L. Ellerbrock, General Manager and Vice President of Benton Ridge Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).



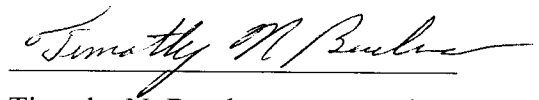
Martin L Ellerbrock

General Manager and Vice President

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Timothy N. Berelsman, Managing Member of Bright Long Distance, LTD., hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy N. Berelsman", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy N. Berelsman, Managing Member

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Douglas G. Place, General Manager of Buckland Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

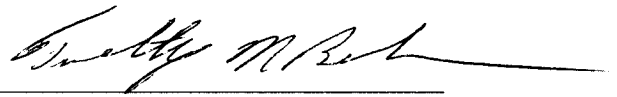
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas G. Place, General Manager". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Douglas G. Place, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Timothy N. Berelsman, Chief Executive Officer of Com Net, Inc., hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy N. Berelsman", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy N. Berelsman, CEO

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Cheryl Bostelman, General Manager of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

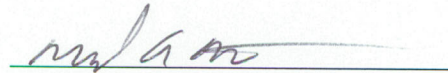


Cheryl Bostelman, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael A. Metzger, Secretary-Treasurer of Fort Jennings Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

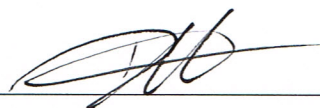
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Michael A. Metzger, Secretary-Treasurer

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, David L. Hunt, General Manager of Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc., hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

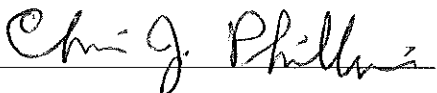
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David L. Hunt, General Manager

July 17, 2017

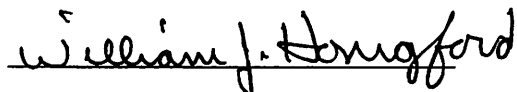
CERTIFICATION

I, Chris J. Phillips, General Manager of Kalida Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).


Chris J. Phillips, General Manager
July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, William J. Honigford, General Manager of The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

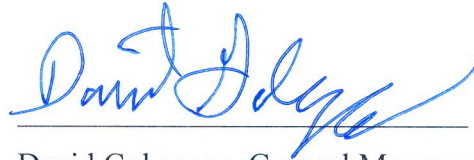


William J. Honigford, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, David Gobrogge, General Manager of Ridgeville Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

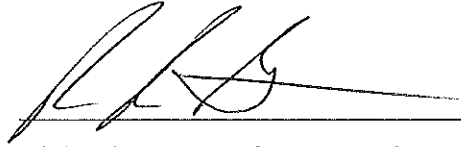
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Gobrogge", is written over a horizontal line.

David Gobrogge, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard R. Rostorfer, General Manager of Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. R. Rostorfer', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard R. Rostorfer, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard D. Ekleberry II, General Manager of Sycamore Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Ekleberry II", written over a horizontal line.

Richard D. Ekleberry II, General Manager

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer of Vaughnsville Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

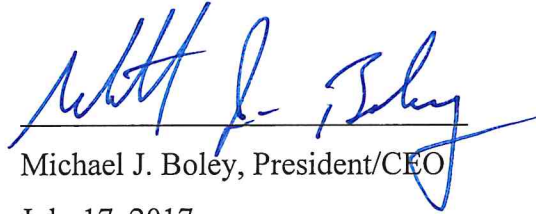


Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer

July 17, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael J. Boley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wabash Mutual Telephone Company, hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5310 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Boley", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Boley, President/CEO

July 17, 2017