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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc.  
FRN 0004319406  
Special Access Data Collection  
WC Docket No. 05-25, RM10593**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Attached are the public versions of the essay responses for the above referenced Special Access Data Collection proceedings, submitted on behalf of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. (“Company”) and in accordance with *Order and Data Collection Protection Order*, DA 14-1424, adopted October 1, 2014.

The Company’s responses have also been submitted via the Special Access Web Portal.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3001 or via email to [tforte@tminc.com](mailto:tforte@tminc.com). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Thomas M. Forte

Thomas M. Forte  
Consultant to Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc.

cc: Brian Rex, Buckeye  
file: Buckeye - FCC  
tms: FCx1501

CERTIFICATION

I have examined the responses and certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements of fact, data, and information contained therein are true and correct.

Signature: /s/ Brian Rex

Printed Name: Brian Rex

Title: Chief Financial Officer/Vice President

Date: February 27, 2015

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**Question II.A.5. Part 1**

**Question:** Provide a map showing the fiber routes that you (a) own or (b) lease pursuant to an IRU agreement that constitute your network, including the fiber Connections to Locations. In addition, include the locations of all Nodes used to interconnect with third party networks, and the year that each Node went live.

**Response:**



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**Question II.A.5. Part 2**

**Question:** Identify locations of all Nodes used to interconnect with third party networks, and the year that each Node went live.

**Response:**



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Question II.A.8.**

**Question:** Explain your business rule(s) used to determine whether to build a Connection to a particular Location. Provide underlying assumptions.

**Response:**



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Question II.A.8.a**

**Question:** Describe the business rules and other factors that determine where you build your Connections. Examples of such rules/factors are minimum Term Commitments or minimum capacity commitments by the buyer; maximum build distances from the building to your core network; and/or number of competitors in the area. Include, also, any factors that would prevent you from building a Connection to an otherwise suitable Location. These could be factors that are under your control or those that are not.

**Response:**



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Question II.A.8.b.**

**Question:** Explain how, if at all, business density is incorporated into your business rule, and if so, how you measure business density.

**Response:**



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**Question II.A.8.c.**

**Question:** In areas where your business rule has been most successful, explain why. Provide examples of geographic regions (if any) where you generally were or are able to successfully deploy Connections, and where you generally have experienced or currently experience serious difficulties in deploying Connections, and, if you are able to provide examples of both kind of regions, indicate what distinguishes these different regions.

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**Question II.A.10.**

**Question:** Provide data, maps, information, marketing materials, and/or documents identifying those geographic areas where you, or an Affiliated Company, advertised or marketed Dedicated Service over existing facilities, via leased facilities, or by building out new facilities as of December 31, 2013, or planned to advertise or market such services within twenty-four months of those dates.

**Response:** Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. (Telesystem) is a communications provider for commercial customers primarily in Northwest/North Central Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Established in 1994 with a customer-centric mission, Telesystem provides a wide array of communication, collaboration and information services and solutions delivered over the Public Internet and/or highly-advanced fiber, integrated DWDM and carrier-class Ethernet core layered network. Our Private Line service provides dedicated bandwidth to businesses in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan at capacities ranging from DS-1 (1.544Mbps or 24 voice-grade lines) to OC-192 (9.6Gbps or 129,024 voice-grade lines).

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Question II.A.11 Part 2**

**Optional Question:**

In addition, identify the five largest RFPs (by number of connections) for which you submitted an unsuccessful competitive bid in 2013 for each of (a) Dedicated Services; (b) Best Efforts Business Broadband Internet Access Services; and, to the extent different from (a) or (b), (c) some other form of high-capacity data services to business customers.[2] For each RFP identified, provide a description of the RFP, the area covered, the price offered, and other competitively relevant information. Lastly, identify the business rules you rely upon to determine whether to submit a bid in response to an RFP.

**Response:**



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**Question II.A.18.**

**Question:** If you offer Dedicated Services pursuant to an agreement or Tariff that contains either a Prior Purchase-Based Commitment or a Non-Rate Benefit, then explain how, if at all, those sales are distinguishable from similarly structured ILEC sales of DS1s, DS3s, and/or PBDS.

**Response:** Buckeye Telesystem Inc. does not offer dedicated services pursuant to an agreement or Tariff that contains Prior Purchase Based Commitments or Non-Rate Benefits.

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**Question II.A.19.**

**Question:** Provide the business justification for the Term or Volume Commitments associated with any Tariff or agreement you offer or have in effect with a customer for the sale of Dedicated Services.

**Response:** Since Buckeye Telesystem Inc. does NOT offer Dedicated Services pursuant to an agreement or Tariff that contains either a Prior Purchase-Based Commitment or a Non-Rate Benefit the answer to this question is N/A.

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Question II.D.1.**

**Question:** Describe your company's short term and long-range promotional and advertising strategies and objectives for winning new – or retaining current – customers for Dedicated Services. In your description, please describe the size (e.g., companies with 500 employees or less, etc.), geographic scope (e.g., national, southeast, Chicago, etc.), and type of customers your company targets or plans to target through these strategies.

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**Question II.D.2.**

**Question:** Identify where your company's policies are recorded on the following Dedicated Service-related processes: (a) initiation of service; (b) service Upgrades; and (c) service Disconnections. For instance, identify where your company records recurring and non-recurring charges associated with the processes listed above. If recorded in a Tariff, provide the specific Tariff section(s). If these policies are recorded in documents other than Tariffs, list those documents and state whether they are publicly available. If they are publicly available, explain how to find them. For documents that are not publicly available, state whether they are conveyed to customers orally or in writing.

**Response:** The Buckeye Telesystem website Telesystem.us contains all regulatory documents, terms/condition documents and an extensive FAQ, help document and video tutorial section