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**RE: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT FILING  
CC DOCKET NO. 96-238**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Please find enclosed a statement of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. designating Bennet & Bennet, PLLC as its "agent in the District of Columbia"<sup>12</sup> in accordance with the rules regarding formal complaint proceedings in CC Docket No. 96-238. The requested information for Bennet & Bennet, PLLC is as follows:

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If you have any questions, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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<sup>12</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 1.47(h), "Every common carrier subject to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, shall designate an agent in the District of Columbia, and may designate additional agents if it so chooses, upon whom service of all notices, process, orders, decisions, and requirements of the Commission may be made for and on behalf of said carrier in any proceeding before the Commission."

**DESIGNATION OF BENNET & BENNET, PLLC  
AS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT**

**COMPANY NAME** Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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**ANY OTHER NAMES BY WHICH COMPANY IS KNOWN OR DOES BUSINESS (note whether company is an affiliated company, the parent, holding, or management company)**

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**PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE**

Charles Gowder

**SIGNATURE** Charles Gowder

**DATE** 4/3/00