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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 / 47 C.F.R. §54.314 (b) Certification of  
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

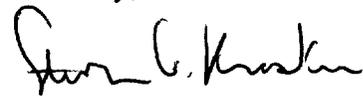
Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached hereto is the sworn affidavit on behalf of the Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") which affirms the Company's compliance with the requirements established by the Commission in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and CC Docket No. 96-45. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, and, accordingly, provides this certification directly to the Commission in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 (b).

A copy of this certification has also been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C. offices.

Please refer any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Kraskin

cc: Universal Service Administrative Company

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CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. 54.314  
Certification of  
HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
7840 Morgan County Hwy  
P.O. Box 119  
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Fred Terry, General Manager, of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the General Manager of the Cooperative;
2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. \* 153(37);
4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Cooperative will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2002 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Fred L Terry Date: 9/18/01  
Print Name: Fred L Terry Title: General Manager  
State of TN County of Morgan

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared ( Fred L Terry), known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of September, 2001.

My Commission expires 8-25-2003.

(seal)

Larry C Holloway  
Notary Public