

North Carolina  
Department of Commerce

Michael F. Easley, Governor

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James T. Fain, III, Secretary

August 30, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
Room TW-204B  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 and 00-256  
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)  
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority (NCREA) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow rural incumbent local exchange carriers, or eligible telecommunications carriers in rural service areas, to receive federal high-cost support.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.314, the NCREA certifies that Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, Star Telephone Membership Corporation, Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation and Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation are eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The NCREA further certifies that these Companies will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and service for which the support is intended.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inez C. McLean".

Inez C. McLean  
Executive Manager  
North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority

Attachments (9)

cc: Office of Administrator  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
100 South Jefferson Street  
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

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Rural Electrification Authority • Inez C. McLean, Executive Manager  
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Brunswick County

Percy Woodard, Being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

- 1. He is General Manager for Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
- 2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002

ATLANTIC TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

BY: William P. Woodard  
 General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

I, Teresa Bennett, a Notary Public, hereby certify that Percy Woodward, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.

Teresa Bennett  
 Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires: 6-14-2006

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Davidson County

Elbert R. Perrell, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

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1. He is General Manager for Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with federal high cost support to be received by Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 15 day of July 2002.

PIEDMONT TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: Elbert R. Perrell  
General Manager

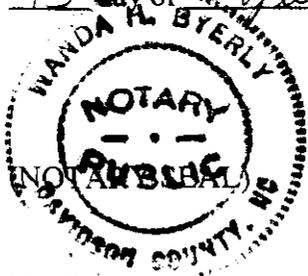
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DAVIDSON COUNTY

I, Wanda H. Byerly, a Notary Public hereby certify that Elbert R. Perrell, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this

15 day of July, 2002



Wanda H. Byerly  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4-10-2006

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RANDOLPH COUNTY

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Steve A. Cox, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

RANDOLPH TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *Steve A. Cox*  
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

RANDOLPH

I, *Brenda J. Hardee*, a Notary Public, hereby certify that Steve A. Cox, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

*Brenda J. Hardee*  
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My Commission expires: March 30, 2007

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Ashe County

Hobart G. Davis, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Chief Executive Officer for Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 10th day of July, 2002.

SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: H. G. Davis  
Chief Executive Officer

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ASHE COUNTY

I, Angela J Miller, a Notary Public, hereby certifies that Hobart G. Davis, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Chief Executive Officer of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true, and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 10 day of July, 2002.

Angela J Miller  
Notary Public

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My commission expires: Oct 17, 2006

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Sampson County

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Lyman M. Horne, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

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1. He is Executive Vice President and General Manager of Star Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Star Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 9th day of July 2002

STAR TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: Lyman M. Horne, Jr.  
Executive Vice President and General Manager

North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sampson County

I, Theresa F. M. Shuck a Notary Public hereby certify that Lyman M. Horne, Jr. after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Star Telephone Membership, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Star Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of July, 2002.

Theresa F. M. Shuck  
Notary Public

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My commission expires: 3-10-2004

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Surry County

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Michael W. Stanley, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Surry Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 1 day of August 2002

SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

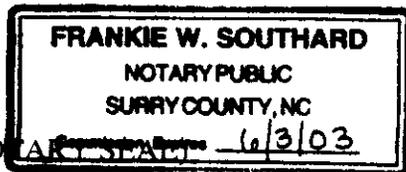
By: Michael W. Stanley  
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SURRY COUNTY

I, Frankie W Southard, a Notary Public hereby certify that Michael W. Stanley, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 1 day of August, 2002.



Frankie W Southard  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 6/3/03

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BEAUFORT COUNTY

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Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Executive VP and General Manager for Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002

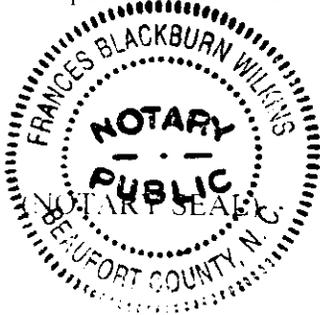
TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *Dennis M. Wallace, Jr.*  
Executive VP & General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

BEAUFORT COUNTY

I, FRANCES Blackburn Wilkins, a Notary Public hereby certify that Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Executive VP and General Manager of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.



*Frances Blackburn Wilkins*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: June 15, 2003

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C. E. Ritenour, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

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1. He is General Manager for Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 31st day of July, 2002

WILKES TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *C. E. Ritenour, Jr.*  
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WILKES COUNTY

I, Debra M. Johnson, a Notary Public hereby certify that C. E. Ritenour, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of July, 2002.



*Debra M. Johnson*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-9-2005

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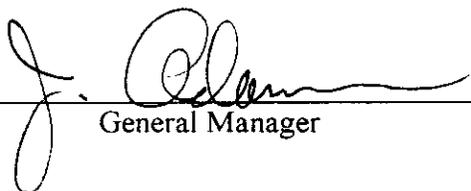
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Jeffrie A. Adams, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 17<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2002

YADKIN VALLEY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By:   
 General Manager

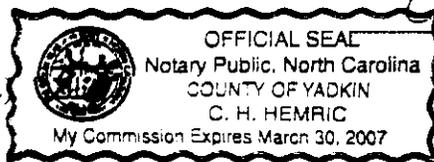
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YADKIN COUNTY

I, C. H. Hemric, a Notary Public hereby certify that Jeffrie A. Adams, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of July, 2001.

(NOTARY SEAL)



C. H. Hemric  
 Notary Public

My commission expires: March 30, 2007