

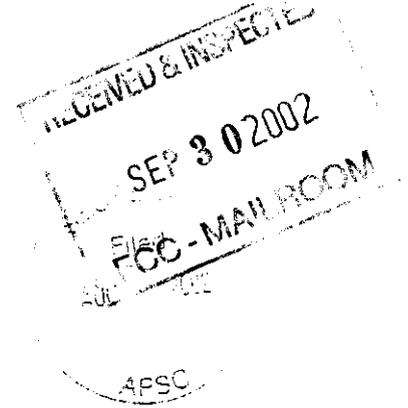
Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.

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Arlington, Alabama 36722

Phone (334) 385-2106

August 25, 2002



VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Walter Thomas
Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Attached is the a certificate filed by Pine Belt Telephone Co., Inc., in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. If any additional information is required, please contact Jean R. Creswell (Accounting Manager) at (334) 385-5015.

Very truly yours,

Jean R. Creswell
Accounting Manager

Enclosure

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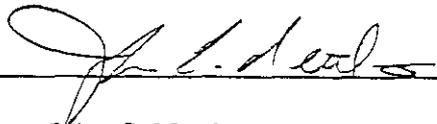
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Respectfully Submitted,

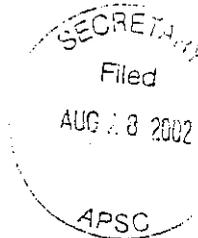


By: John C. Nettles

Title: President

Date: August 26, 2002

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Attached is the a certificate filed by Ragland Telephone Co. Inc. (the "Company"), in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. If any additional information is required, please contact Susan Williams at 205-472-2141.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy A. Dickinson".

Peggy A. Dickinson

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ragland Telephone Co., Inc.

By: 

Title: President

Date: August 26, 2002

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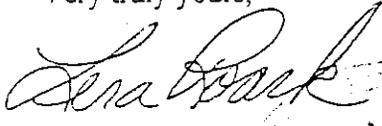
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Attached is the certificate filed by Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company"),
in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to
continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. If any
additional information is required, please contact Lera Roark at 318-322-0015.

Very truly yours,



Lera Roark
Vice President

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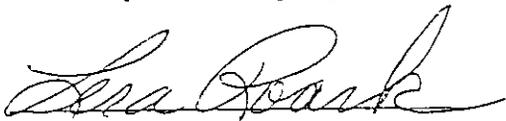
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Respectfully Submitted,

Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.

By: 

Title: Vice President

Date: August 26, 2002

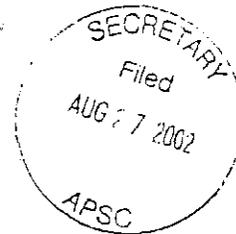
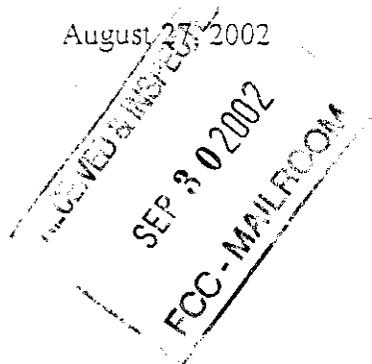


Union Springs Telephone Company

August 27, 2002

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Attached is the a certificate filed by Union Springs Telephone Company (the "Company"), in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (334) 279-8201.

Very truly yours,

Larry C. Grogan
Executive Vice President

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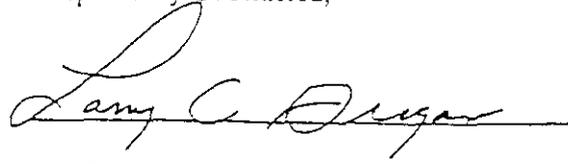
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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry C. Grogan", written over a horizontal line.

By: Larry C. Grogan

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: August 27, 2002

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November 2, 2001

Subject: Average Schedule Universal Service Formulas for 2002

To: Average Schedule Company General Contacts and Consultants

On October 1, 2001, NECA filed with the FCC proposed changes in average schedule formulas for Universal Service Fund (USF) and Local Switching Support (LSS) amounts for the year 2002. This letter explains the proposed changes and provides you with worksheets detailing new calculations. It also explains NECA's plans for implementation of changes ordered by the Commission for July 1, 2001.

LSS is a source of pool revenues that supplements the access charge revenue billed by pooling companies. It does not affect the settlement to any individual pooling company. The proposed LSS formula (Attachment 2) continues the calculation of support using central office settlement data, and increases overall support on average by 2.27%. Attachment 2 also shows NECA's initial view of LSS payments based on a forecast of your data. LSS amounts will be tried up in 2003, using data reported by your company for the year 2002.

If you have a study area that is not in the Traffic Sensitive pool, NECA does not prepare an LSS amount for that study area. Nevertheless, a worksheet is included to show the method used to determine LSS. The fund administrator will contact you for this data.

NECA is still working with the FCC to implement changes in USF payments in accordance with the RTF Order. In June NECA submitted to the FCC proposed payments for the second half of 2001, that were 64% higher than payments for the first half of 2001, a change consistent with payment increases obtained by small representative cost companies. The FCC rejected this proposal, and by letter in October, instructed NECA to increase total payments by 18.4%, a percent consistent with the increase for all rural cost companies. In response, NECA submitted a schedule of proposed payments based on the 18.4%. We expect Commission approval retroactive to July 1. Companies who currently receive payments would realize increases and some companies who currently don't receive payments would begin receiving payments. This revised payment for the second half of 2001, annualized, is shown as "2001 USF Payment (Current payment)" on Attachment 1.

Attachment 1 also displays NECA's proposed payments for 2002, which would extend payments to additional companies with fewer than 2412 loops per exchange. Proposed payments for 2002

represent a 147% increase in USF payments over second half of 2001 payments annualized. The payment change experienced by each company also depends on its own changes in loop counts and exchanges from 1999 to 2000. While this proposal fairly reflects costs of average schedule companies, it is likely to meet with resistance at the Commission similar to proposed average schedule USF formulas filed over the past three years.

The RTF Order also creates the following other new average schedule support issues for which NECA has proposed methods in its October 1 filing.

- Correct calculation of the cap on the overall fund, reflecting July 1 rules in the base and including NECA proposed average schedule payment changes in the base. Your payment level without these changes was filed by USAC and is also shown on your worksheet
- Participation in Safety Net (high investment growth) support and Safety Valve (exchange acquisition) support adjustments. NECA has proposed that the average schedule formula should be used to calculate these support amounts for companies that file data establishing that they qualify.
- Support in study areas with Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. NECA has proposed to provide to USAC quarterly updates of loop counts for average schedule companies who have competing eligible telecommunications carriers in their territory. NECA would also provide updated cost per loop values when they would result in payment increases if the Commission accepts this proposal.

Commission action on these issues is uncertain.

Should you have any questions regarding the average schedule formula modifications discussed above, please contact your Regional Member Service Manager.

Best regards,

Carroll Brennan

RR Soghomonyan

Attachments

Eastern Region 1-800-228-8398	Midwest Region 1-800-323-4953	Pacific Region 1-800-223-8495	Southern Region 1-800-223-7751	Southwestern Region 1-800-351-9033	Western Region 1-800-892-3322	North Central Region 1-800-228-0180
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Attachment 1
 UNION SPRINGS TEL. CO. (250322)
 USF Annual Expense Adjustment Proposed for 2002

Each company's USF payment is determined by comparing its USF cost per loop to the nationwide average cost per loop. NECA's average schedule method for determining a company's USF cost per loop uses the Expense Adjustment per Loop (EAPL) formula shown here.

Study Area Size		Your Data	
December 2000 Loops (December 2000 Access Lines X 1.01517)		4886	
December 2000 Exchanges		4	
December 2000 Loops Per Exchange		1222	
December 1996 Loops		4413	
2002 Formula Expense Adjustment			
If December 2000 Loops per Exchange (LPE) is less than 600, then:		\$41.95	
2002 Formula Annual EAPL = \$137.48015 - \$0.12881 x LPE			
If December 2000 LPE is greater or equal 600 and LPE less than 2.650, then:			
2002 Formula Annual EAPL = \$77.81195 - \$0.029363 x LPE			
Otherwise, 2002 Formula EAPL = \$0.00			
2002 Formula Annual Expense Adjustment =		\$204944	
2002 Formula Annual EAPL x December 2000 Loops			
2002 Reduction Limit Expense Adjustment			
If June 1998 annualized EAPL exceeds the 2002 Formula EAPL by more than \$26.64,		\$0	
Reduction Limit EAPL =			
June 1998 Annualized EAPL - 2002 Formula Annual EAPL - 26.64			
Otherwise, Reduction Limit Expense Adjustment per Loop = 0			
2002 Reduction Limit Expense Adjustment =		\$0	
Reduction Limit Expense Adjustment Per Loop x December 1996 Loops			
2002 Expense Adjustment =		\$204944	
2002 Formula Expense Adjustment + 2002 Reduction Limit Expense Adjustment			
2002 Expense Adjustment Per Loop = Expense Adjustment / December 2000 Loops		\$41.95	
Cost Per Loop (CPL) Calculation			
2002 EAPL:	0	Between 0 and 54.6	More than 54.6
Cost per Loop:	$\$244.55 + \frac{\$83.332.7}{LPE}$	$\$276 + \frac{EAPL}{.65}$	$\$360 + \frac{(EAPL - 54.6)}{.75}$
			\$340.53
		NECA	USAC
Capped Total Industry NACPL		248.13	259.27
2002 USF Payment Calculation		\$175251	\$134564
If CPL <= 285.34, Payment = 0			
If 285.34 < CPL <= 372.19, Payment = [.65 x (CPL - 285.34)] x Dec. '00 Loops			
If CPL > 372.19, Payment = [56.449 + .75 x (CPL - 372.19)] x Dec. '00 Loops			
2001 USF Payment (Current payment)		\$41031	\$41031
% Change from 2001 to 2002 payment based on Total Industry Capped NACPL		327.1%	228.0%

Attachment 2
 UNION SPRINGS TEL. CO. (250322)
 Annual Local Switching Support Proposed for 2002

Each company's local switching support amount is calculated using the central office settlement formula (with CABS costs removed) and a local switching support fraction. Local switching support amounts do not affect your total settlement payments, but only determine how much of settlements are funded through the Local Switching Support Fund. These formulas use monthly data. Monthly average calculations are shown, with annual support amounts resulting from these calculations.

Study Area Size (Average of months July 2000 to June 2001 forecast to 2002)	Your Data
Forecast Monthly Access Minutes	1719892
Forecast Monthly Access Lines	5099
2001 Exchanges	4
Forecast Monthly Minutes per Access Line (MPL)	337
High Volume Access Line Multiplier (HVALM) (Monthly average value is shown.)	0.127712
For Study Areas with MPL > 350, HVALM = (650/ Access Lines)	
Else HVALM = 1.0	
Basic Support Formula (\$ values shown are totals of monthly calculations)	
Using Minutes = minimum of Access Minutes and 350 × Access Lines,	\$55246
Basic Support Formula = (0.020119 × Minutes) + (325.27 × Exchanges)	
For 350 < MPL, using Minutes = minimum of Access Minutes and 1100 × Access Lines,	\$13
Additional Basic Support Formula =	
(0.011580 × [Minutes – (350 × Access Lines)] × HVALM	
For 1100 < MPL, Using total Access Minutes,	\$0
Additional Basic Support Formula =	
(0.004410 × [Access Minutes – (1100 × Access Lines)] × HVALM	
Total Basic Support Formula	\$55258
Access Line Factor (Monthly average value is shown.)	1.543497
For Study Areas with Access Lines < 10,000	
Access Line Factor = 2.011089 + (-0.000101109 × Access Lines)	
For Study Areas with Access Lines >= 10,000, Access Line Factor = 1.0	
Support Fractions (Monthly average value is shown.)	0.602396
0.483212 If 350 < MPL and Access Lines < 50,000	
0.644377 If Access Lines <= 10,000	
0.453801 If 10000 < Access Lines <= 20,000	
0.344237 If 20000 < Access Lines < 50,000	
0.000000 If Access lines >= 50,000	
2002 Proposed Annual Support Amount (total over all months)	\$399444
= Support Fraction × Basic Support Formula × Access Line Factor	
2001 Annual Support Amount (current support amount)	\$329580
Per Cent Change From 2001 to 2002 Support Amount	21.2%



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August 13, 2002

To: All Pool Participants

Subject: Rural High Cost Loop Support Amounts for 2002

Effective July 2002, high cost loop support amounts for 2002 have been adjusted to incorporate increased support of approximately \$76 million to all rural carriers based on the release of two Orders - RTF Reconsideration Order, released June 13, 2002 and the Average Schedule Formula Order, released July 30, 2002.

The increased support is retroactive to January 2002. The first disbursement notice with revised amounts was released by NECA on August 9 with cash flows occurring at the end of the month. As per the Order, the correction for the first six months of 2002 will be paid monthly along with the last six months of 2002. For instance, the July payment will be calculated using the new support amount and will also include adjustments attributable to January. Subsequent disbursements will follow that same pattern -, e.g., February and August 2002 paid in September 2002, March and September 2002 paid in October 2002, etc.

As a result of the above, NECA will not send this repetitive information to you (as attached) for the remaining months of this year. However, additional USF changes may occur as a result of adjustments initiated by your company or others during the remaining period of August through December 2002.

Average Schedule companies will receive a new payment based on the July 30 Order which approved Cost Per Loop values calculated as follows, using loops and exchange counts from December 2000:

If Loops Per Exchange < 600, then: $\$518.41866 - \$0.2834866 * LPE$

If Loops Per Exchange ≥ 600 but < 2,650, then $\$379.2412 - \$0.05152417 * LPE$

If Loops Per Exchange $\geq 2,650$, then \$242.70

Payments are calculated based on the comparison of individual company Cost Per Loop compared to the revised Nationwide Average Cost Per Loop. A worksheet is available on the Members Only Website that shows how this calculation is done.

If you have further questions, please contact your regional NECA Member Service Manager. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Attachment

HIGH COST LOOP FUND
 BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENT
 AS OF JULY 2002

PAGE: 1

SA CODE: 250322	Loop Count:*	4886
SA NAME: UNION SPRINGS TEL CO	Exchange Count:•	4
REGION: 2	CPL:*	316.30
	2001 Monthly Payment:*	3419
	2002 Monthly Payment:•	5566

	(A)	(B)	(C)
APPLIES TO	PRIOR	CURRENT	ACTUAL (B - A)
01/02	3,420	5,565	2,145
02/02	3,420	3,420	0
03/02	3,420	3,420	0
04/02	3,420	3,420	0
05/02	3,420	3,420	0
06/02	3,420	3,420	0
07/02		5,565	5,565
TOTALS			7,710

* Average Schedule Data Only

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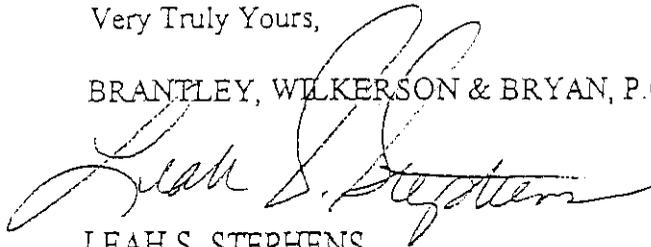
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very Truly Yours,

BRANTLEY, WILKERSON & BRYAN, P.C.



LEAH S. STEPHENS

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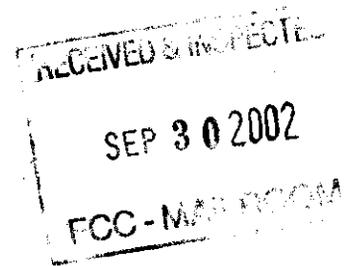
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Felix Boccucci
CFO/Valley Telephone Company

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By: Felix Boccucci

Title: CFO/Valley Telephone Company

Date: August 26, 2002