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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-A306
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45, No. 00-256; October 1st Certification Requirement for Rural Carriers**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") files its required annual certification for the year **2005** for the rural carriers identified herein.

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256*, the Mississippi Public Service Commission hereby certifies that all federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) provided to the following rural carriers will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996:

| <u>Carrier's Name</u> | <u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ALLTEL Mississippi, Inc. | 280453 |
| Bay Springs Telephone Company | 280446 |
| Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. | 280447 |
| Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc. | 280448 |
| CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc. | 280458 |
| Decatur Telephone Company | 280451 |
| Delta Telephone Company, Inc. | 280452 |
| Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. | 280454 |
| Frontier Communications of Mississippi, Inc. | 280460 |
| Fulton Telephone Company | 280455 |
| Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc. | 280456 |
| Lakeside Telephone Company | 280457 |
| Mound Bayou Telephone Company | 280462 |

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| <u>Carrier's Name</u> | <u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc. | 287449 |
| Noxapater Telephone Company | 280461 |
| Sledge Telephone Company | 280466 |
| Smithville Telephone Company, Inc. | 280467 |
| Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc. | 283301 |

Attached is a copy of the Commission's order in its Docket No. 01-AD-573.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

In accordance with the FCC's mandate, a certification letter is also being sent to Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company.

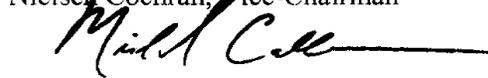
Sincerely,



Bo Robinson, Chairman



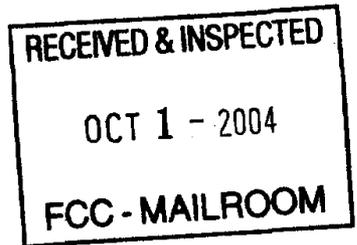
Nielsen Cochran, Vice-Chairman



Michael Callahan, Commissioner

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 01-AD-573

IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF RURAL CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH COST SUPPORT

ORDER

THIS DAY, there came on for consideration by the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") the need to certify to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), the rural carriers in Mississippi which will use all federal high cost support in accordance with § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

After reviewing the entire record of this proceeding, including all plans filed by ALLTEL Mississippi, Inc., Bay Springs Telephone Company, Bruce Telephone Company, Inc., Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc., CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc., Delta Telephone Company, Inc., Franklin Telephone Company, Inc., Decatur Telephone Company, Frontier Communications of Mississippi, Inc., Fulton Telephone Company, Lakeside Telephone Company, Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc., Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc., Mound Bayou Telephone Company, Noxapater Telephone Company, Sledge Telephone Company, Smithville Telephone Company, Inc., and Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc. and upon the recommendation of the Public Utilities Staff, this Commission finds as follows:

1. On August 14, 2001, the Commission established this Docket to certify, pursuant to the FCC's mandate in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256* that all federal universal service support provided to rural carriers will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended and consistent with § 254(e) of the 1996 Act.

2. The required annual certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 for year 2005 for rural carriers is due on or before October 1, 2004. The Commission addresses herein the certification of rural carriers.

3. The following rural carriers submitted plans to ensure compliance with the FCC mandate and § 254(e) of the 1996 Act:

| <u>Name of Carrier</u> | <u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ALLTEL Mississippi, Inc. | 280453 |
| Bay Springs Telephone Company | 280446 |
| Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. | 280447 |
| Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc. | 280448 |
| CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc. | 280458 |
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| Noxapater Telephone Company | 280461 |
| Sledge Telephone Company | 280466 |
| Smithville Telephone Company, Inc. | 280467 |
| Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc. | 283301 |

4. The Commission finds that based upon a review of each of the plans filed by the above-named rural carriers, the Commission hereby certifies to the FCC and to the USAC, that the above-identified rural carriers will utilize all federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended and consistent with § 254(e) of the 1996 Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Commission hereby certifies to the FCC and to the USAC, that pursuant to the FCC's mandate in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256* that the plans of ALLTEL Mississippi, Inc., Bay Springs Telephone Company, Bruce Telephone Company, Inc., Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc., CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc., Delta Telephone

Company, Inc., Franklin Telephone Company, Inc., Decatur Telephone Company, Frontier Communications of Mississippi, Inc., Fulton Telephone Company, Lakeside Telephone Company, Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc., Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc., Mound Bayou Telephone Company, Noxapater Telephone Company, Sledge Telephone Company, Smithville Telephone Company, Inc., and Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc. are consistent with the 1996 Act and the pertinent FCC orders and that each named carrier will utilize all federal high-cost universal service support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended in accordance with § 254(e) of the 1996 Act and pertinent orders of the FCC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Executive Secretary of the Commission is directed to immediately file this Order and the letter of certification with both the FCC and USAC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon its issuance.

SO ORDERED on this 29th day of September, 2004.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bo Robinson
Bo Robinson, Chairman

Nielsen Cochran
Nielsen Cochran, Vice-Chairman

Michael Callahan
Michael Callahan, Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY
Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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DOCKET NO. 2000-AD-040

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF THE
CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST
SUPPORT

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization of the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), upon the recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("MPUS") and this Commission being otherwise fully advised, finds as follows:

1. On January 19, 2000, the Commission established this docket to certify, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Universal Service Order¹, that the use of federal universal service high cost support in Mississippi is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e). In accordance with the FCC's Universal Service Order and with this Commission's Order of January 19, 2000, BellSouth submitted a plan for utilization of the year 2000 Federal Universal Service Funding that was consistent with the principles of universal service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally paragraphs 93-110.

2. On March 14, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2000 in Mississippi was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e). The network infrastructure improvements outlined in BellSouth's plan were basically to be accomplished over a three (3) year timeframe. The rate reductions proposed in the plan were to be accomplished in the year 2000.

3. On August 25, 2000, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2001 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 25, 2000 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. On September 22, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on August 25, 2000, as modified by the Commission in its Order, was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

4. On September 6, 2001, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2002 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on September 6, 2001 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. On September 27, 2001, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on September 6, 2001, as modified by the Commission in its Order, was consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

5. On August 30, 2002, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2003 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 30, 2002 proposed a continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. In its August 30, 2002 plan, BellSouth proposed to utilize the federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2003 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies for the year 2002.

6. On August 1, 2003, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2004 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. Subsequent to that transmittal, the MPUS requested a clarification of selected plan activities as well as a more granular alignment of expenses associated with these activities. On August 27, 2003, BellSouth submitted its revised plan for the utilization for the year 2004 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies in prior years.

7. On July 1, 2004, BellSouth submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on July 1, 2004 proposed a further continuation of the network infrastructure improvement plan approved by the Commission in March, 2000. In its July 1, 2004 plan, BellSouth is proposing to utilize the federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 in order to continue to improve its network infrastructure in the rural areas of the State of Mississippi consistent with the manner in which the

Commission has previously reviewed and approved for the federal USF monies in prior years.

8. The Commission concludes that BellSouth's July 1, 2004 continuation plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and pertinent FCC Orders.

This Order shall be effective upon its execution.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Commission hereby certifies that BellSouth's plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi as proposed in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on July 1, 2004, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e) and is, therefore, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BellSouth shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted aye; Vice-Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted aye; Commissioner Michael Callahan voted aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 29th day of September, 2004.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY
Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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01-UA-198

DIXIE-NET
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

TC 123163400
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IN RE: PETITION OF DIXIE-NET
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Dixie-Net Communications, Inc.'s ("Dixie-Net") Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 ("Revised Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Dixie-Net, and after reviewing the Revised Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On December 20, 2000, Dixie-Net filed its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission entered an Order designating Dixie-Net an ETC on October 19, 2001.

II.

In June, 2004, Dixie-Net proposed its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005. Thereafter on August 9, 2004, Dixie-Net submitted its Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 for approval by this Commission.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Dixie-Net's Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that Dixie-Net's Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. Dixie-Net shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted aye, Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted aye.

SO ORDERED, this the 29th day of September, 2004.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:

Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

BY:

Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

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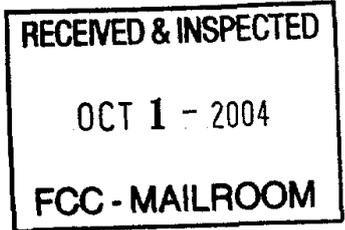
Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER



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Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



APPLICATION OF
CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC.
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(E)(2)

DOCKET NO. 01-UA-0451

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization for the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL"), and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds as follows:

I.

On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). On November 30, 2001, Victor H. (Hu) Meena filed direct testimony on behalf of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. in support of CSL's designation as an ETC. As a part of the testimony, Mr. Meena also filed with this Commission details of its plan for utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding it would receive in the year 2002 and thereafter. On December 27, 2001, this Commission issued its order certifying that CSL's proposed use of federal universal service funds for the year 2002 in Mississippi was consistent with the principles of Universal Service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.¹

¹Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally paragraphs 93-110.

II.

On August 1, 2003, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2004 ("CSL's 2004 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 1, 2003, proposed a continuation of its four phase plan to improve and upgrade its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi. The Commission entered its Order approving CSL's 2004 Plan on September 24, 2003.

III.

On July 1, 2004, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 ("CSL's 2005 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on July 1, 2004 proposed a continuation of its four phase plan to improve and upgrade its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi.

IV.

On a quarterly basis during the year 2005 CSL shall submit reports to the Commission which detail CSL's USF expenditures during the quarter.

V.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CSL's 2005 Plan for continuation of utilization of the Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC Orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Commission hereby certifies that CSL's 2005 Plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on July 1, 2004, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

This Order is effective as of its date of execution.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye; Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 29th day of September, 2004.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

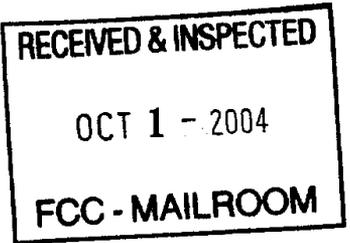
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Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER

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Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



02-UA-533
RCC HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A UNICEL
TC 123200300

IN RE: APPLICATION OF RCC HOLDINGS,
INC. D/B/A UNICEL FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2)

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of RCC Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Unicel's ("RCC's") Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 (the "Revised Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by RCC, and after reviewing the Revised Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

The Commission entered an Order designating RCC an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier "ETC" under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2) on December 2, 2002.

II.

On June 29, 2004, RCC submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. On September 22, 2004, RCC submitted its Revised Plan for approval by the Commission.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that RCC's Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that RCC's Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

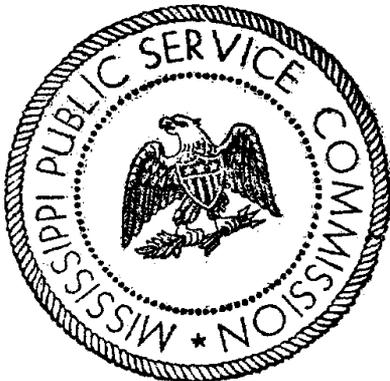
2. RCC shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 29th day of September, 2004.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye, Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

BY: Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

BY: Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

02-UA-319

WS TELECOM, INC. D/B/A EXPETEL
COMMUNICATIONS

TC 123191000

IN RE APPLICATION OF WS TELECOM,
INC. D/B/A EXPETEL
COMMUNICATIONS FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of WS Telecom, Inc. d/b/a eXpeTel's ("eXpeTel's") Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 (the "Revised Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by eXpeTel, and after reviewing the Revised Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

The Commission entered an Order designating eXpeTel an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier "ETC" under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2) on June 30, 2003.

II.

On June 30, 2004, eXpeTel submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. On September 22, 2004, eXpeTel submitted its Revised Plan for approval by the Commission.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that eXpeTel's Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for

the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that eXpeTel's Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. eXpeTel shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 29th day of September, 2004.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye, Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



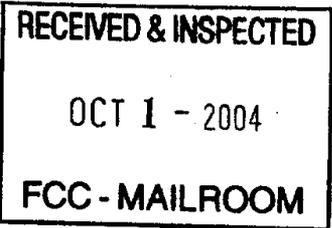
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Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

03-UA-165
COMMUNIGROUP OF JACKSON, INC.
TC 123082001

IN RE: APPLICATION OF COMMUNIGROUP
OF JACKSON, INC. D/B/A
COMMUNIGROUP FOR DESIGNATION
AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.'s ("CommuniGroup's") Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 (the "Revised Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by CommuniGroup, and after reviewing the Revised Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

The Commission entered an Order designating CommuniGroup an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier "ETC" under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2) on July 21, 2003.

II.

On June 10, 2004, CommuniGroup submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. On September 22, 2004, CommuniGroup submitted its Revised Plan for approval by the Commission.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CommuniGroup's Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in

Mississippi for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that CommuniGroup's Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. CommuniGroup shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 24th day of September, 2004.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye, Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

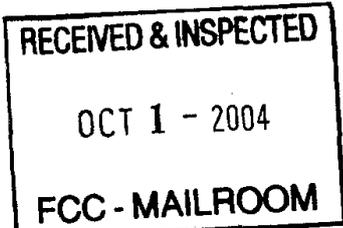
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MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER

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Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



03-UA-234

CENTENNIAL

IN RE: APPLICATION OF CENTENNIAL
CELLULAR TRI-STATE PARTNERSHIP AND
CENTENNIAL CLAIBORNE CELLULAR
CORPORATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2)

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Centennial Cellular Tri-State Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corporation's ("Centennial") Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 (the "Revised Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Centennial, and after reviewing the Revised Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

I.

On April 4, 2003, Centennial filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. 214 (e)(2). Centennial was subsequently designated by the Commission as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on September 24, 2003.

II.

On June 30, 2004, Centennial submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. On September 27, 2004, Centennial submitted its Revised Plan for approval by the Commission.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Centennial's Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that Centennial's Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. Centennial shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 19th day of September, 2004.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye, Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

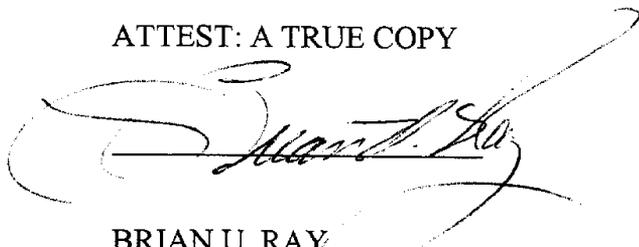


BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

BY: Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

BY: Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Before the
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF
NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(2)

DOCKET NO. 03-UA-0256

ORDER

COMES NOW the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (“Nextel Partners”) for utilization for the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding (“USF”) heretofore submitted to this Commission by Nextel Partners, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds as follows:

I.

On April 17, 2003, Nextel Partners filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2). The Commission entered an Order designating Nextel Partners as an ETC on September 29, 2003.

II.

On September 21, 2004, Nextel Partners submitted its revised, detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The revised plan submitted was filed under seal, but generally proposed to maintain and support the existing infrastructure and also expand network services for projected 2005 growth. The Commission finds that Nextel Partner’s proposed use of

federal universal service funds for the year 2005 in Mississippi under its revised plan is consistent with the principles of Universal Service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.¹

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Nextel Partners' revised plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that Nextel Partners' revised plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its Expenditure Plan for 2005 submitted to the Commission on September 21, 2004, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

2. Nextel Partners shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 99-306, Released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally, paragraphs 93-110.