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January 23, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45, No 00-256; October 1st Certification Filing Requirement for Rural Carriers (Temporarily Waived by the FCC until January 26, 2006)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") appreciates the temporary waiver of its normally required filing deadline of October 1, 2005, for the required USF data, until January 26, 2006, which the FCC granted to Mississippi due to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, in *FCC Order DA 05-2484* released on September 21, 2005. In compliance therewith, the MPSC submits the following.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, the MPSC files its required annual certification for the year 2006 for the rural carriers identified in Exhibit "A".

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 00-256*, the MPSC hereby certifies that these rural carriers' proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2006 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.

Attached are copies of the Commission's orders in their pertinent dockets.

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 Karen Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,

Nielsen Cochran, Chairman

Bo Robinson, Commissioner

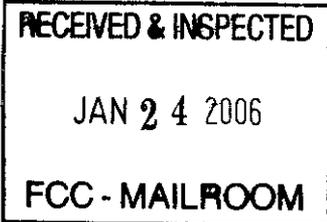
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cc: Karen Majcher
Universal Service Administrative Company

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<u>Carrier's Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u>	<u>MS Docket No.</u>
MS Rural Carriers 2006			
Cellular South Licenses, Inc.	Wireless	289001	2001-UA-0451
RCC Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Unicel	Wireless	289002	2005-UA-0157
Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership	Wireless	289005	2003-UA-0234
Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corp.	Wireless	289004	2003-UA-0234

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 2006 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. CSL sought and was granted bifurcation of proceedings for consideration separately of the Application in those areas served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") from those served by the Rural Independents by Order dated September 19, 2001. On December 18, 2001, this Commission granted CSL's ETC designation in the BellSouth service areas. 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

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 Motion of CSL, this Commission entered an Order Returning this Case to the Docket for purposes of considering CSL’s application for ETC designation in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents on May 3, 2004. On September 23, 2004, this Commission entered an Order designating CSL as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents (which Order was subsequently clarified on November 3, 2004).

IV.

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. The Commission entered its Order approving CSL’s 2005 Plan on September 29, 2004.

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.

V.

On June 1, 2005, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2006 ("CSL's 2006 Plan") for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on June 1, 2005, proposed a continuation of CSL's expansion and upgrading of its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi, including areas served by both BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and the Rural Independent Telephone Companies.

VI.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CSL's 2006 Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, and the pertinent FCC Orders.

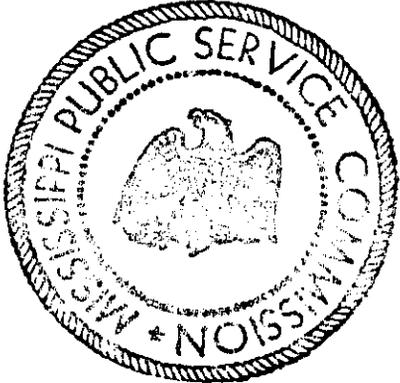
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that CSL's 2006 Plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its plan submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2005, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

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

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye ; Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye
Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nielsen Cochran

NIELSEN COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN

Bo Robinson

BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray

BRIAN U. RAY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

05-UA-157

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 in Rural Areas for the year 2006 (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.

On March 9, 2005, RCC filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the Rural Areas under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2). RCC was subsequently designated by the Commission as a rural ETC on September 28, 2005.

II.

On September 22, 2005, RCC submitted its plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2006 in Rural Areas for approval by the Commission. RCC subsequently submitted its Revised Plan.

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 2006 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 2006 Revised Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding in the Rural Areas 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.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye.

Dated this the 23rd day of JANUARY, 2006.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

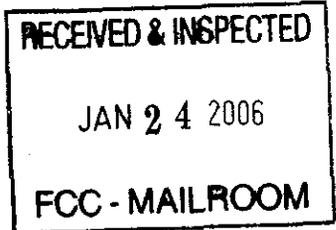
BY: Nielsen Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN

BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



03-UA-234

IN RE: APPLICATION OF
CENTENNIAL CELLULAR TRI-STATE
OPERATING 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 the Centennial 2006 Utilization Plan Mississippi Rural and Non-Rural Markets for the use of Federal Universal Service Funding for the Year 2006 heretofore submitted to this Commission by Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Corporation (“Centennial”), and after reviewing the 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). On September 24, 2003, Centennial was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the non-rural Bellsouth portion of its service area. On August 10, 2004, Centennial was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the rural portions of its service area.

II.

On September 27, 2004, Centennial submitted its Revised Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Fund support in the non-rural markets for the year 2005 for

approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the Revised Plan on September 29, 2004.

III.

On December 22, 2004, Centennial submitted its Revised Plan for utilization of the federal Universal Service Fund support in the rural markets for the year 2005 for approval by the Commission. The Commission entered its Order approving the Revised Plan on January 6, 2005.

IV.

On May 31, 2005, Centennial submitted a plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund support in the rural and the non-rural markets for the year 2006 for approval by the Commission.

V.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Centennial's Plan for the year 2006 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that the Centennial Utilization Plan for the Mississippi Rural and Non-Rural Markets for use of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2006 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.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Agree, and Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Agree.

Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2006.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



By: *Nielsen Cochran*
NIELSEN COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN

By: *Bo Robinson*
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. This Order is effective the 23rd day of January, 2006.

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