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September 11, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of  
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

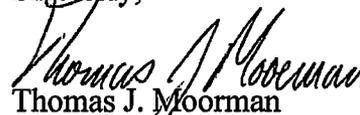
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company"), attached is the sworn affidavit of Leslie Greer, Chief Executive Officer of the Company certifying that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) and the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in *In the Matter of 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 96-4,5 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 (2001) (the "Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Moorman

Counsel to  
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Ms. Karen Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company

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Certification of  
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Leslie Greer, Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

(the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
2. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153 (37);
4. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission; and
5. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2009 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Leslie Greer Date: September 10, 2008

Print Name: Leslie Greer

Title: CEO

State of Tennessee, County of DeKalb

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Sept., 2008.

My Commission expires May 25, 2011

Anita Patrick  
Notary Public

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