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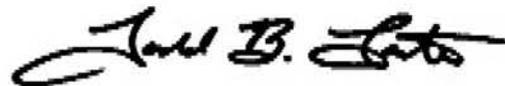
**Re: Virginia State Corporation Commission – Final Order
WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45**

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is a Final Order released December 12, 2008 by the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC). The Order provides the VSCC's concurrence to the FCC's decision to grant U.S. Cellular its proposed redefinition in Virginia.¹

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the attached Final Order.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd B. Lantor

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer McKee, Wireline Competition Bureau (via e-mail)

¹ See *In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order, 23 F.C.C.R. 8834, 23 F.C.C.R. 9232, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 08-122 (rel. May 1, 2008), Appendix B, at ¶¶ 28-29, 43-44.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 12, 2008

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IN RE:

PETITION OF THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC-2008-00086

For agreement in redefining the service areas of
NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual
Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone
Company of Virginia, and Verizon South Inc.
pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d)

FINAL ORDER

On April 9, 2004, United States Cellular Corp. ("U.S. Cellular" or the "Company") filed its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").¹ On May 1, 2008, the FCC released Order 08-122 ("Order"), which granted U.S. Cellular's petition to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in Virginia. Pursuant to § 214(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the May 1, 2008 Order further granted U.S. Cellular's request to redefine the service areas of four of the rural telephone companies for which U.S. Cellular had been granted ETC status (NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia and Verizon South Inc.), subject to the agreement of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission").² On October 1, 2008, the FCC filed a petition seeking the Commission's agreement in redefining the service areas of

¹ U.S. Cellular does not presently have an active certificate to transact business in the Commonwealth. The Clerk's Information System indicates that the Company's status has been listed as "Purged" since December 31, 2000. Subsidiaries of U.S. Cellular, however, including USCOC of Virginia RSA #2 and USCOC of Virginia RSA #3, are certificated to provide telecommunications services in the state. It is noted that if the entity U.S. Cellular plans to transact business in this Commonwealth in the future, it must, under the state's corporate laws, obtain a proper certificate.

² See Paragraphs 28 and 29 of Appendix B of the FCC's May 1, 2008 Order.

NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia and Verizon South Inc.

Section 214(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, states:

The term "service area" means a geographic area established by a State commission (or the Commission under paragraph (6)) for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms. In the case of an area served by a rural telephone company, "service area" means such company's "study area" unless and until the Commission and the States, after taking into account recommendations of a Federal-State Joint Board instituted under section 410(c) of this title, establish a different definition of service area for such company.

47 U.S.C. 214(e)(5) (2006). See also 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d).

In this instance, the FCC has determined that the service areas of NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia and Verizon South Inc. should be redefined as requested by U.S. Cellular. The FCC further notes that this request must be reviewed by the Commission for a determination as to whether it should be approved.

On November 12, 2008, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Comment. No comments were received and no requests for a hearing were made.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of all the pleadings of record and the applicable law, the Commission concurs with the FCC's redefinition of the service areas of NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia and Verizon South Inc.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The FCC's petition for agreement to redefine the service areas of NTELOS Telephone Inc., Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia and Verizon South Inc. is hereby granted.

(2) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:

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Mary McDermott, NTELOS Telephone Inc., Post Office Box 1990, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980; Hart Ashworth, Peoples Mutual Telephone Company, Inc., Post Office Box 367, Gretna, Virginia 24557; Edward Phillips, Esquire, Embarq, 14111 Capital Boulevard, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587; Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554; Jennifer McKee, Acting Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554; C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Communications, Public Utility Accounting, and Economics and Finance.