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## Via Electronic Comment Filing System

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Suite TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

## VIA [hcfilings@heli.universalservice.org](mailto:hcfilings@heli.universalservice.org) and [hcfilings@usac.org](mailto:hcfilings@usac.org)

Ms. Karen Majcher  
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20036

**Re: ETC Annual Reporting Requirements for Farmers Telecommunications  
Cooperative, Inc. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h);  
WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

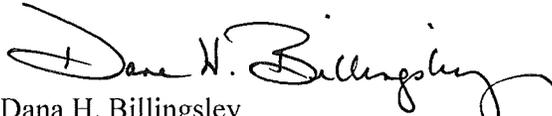
On behalf of Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. ("Farmers"), Study Area Code 250290, attached please find Farmers' annual ETC Certification for the year 2012, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h). Farmers is a state-designated eligible telecommunications carrier in Alabama, and as such, its Certification comports with the Alabama Public Service Commission's reporting requirements for § 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(4).

Farmers' Certification has been filed electronically via the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Electronic Comment Filing System on this date and with the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") via electronic mail at [hcfilings@heli.universalservice.org](mailto:hcfilings@heli.universalservice.org) and [hcfilings@usac.org](mailto:hcfilings@usac.org), as required under the FCC's rules. Another copy of the Certification has also been provided on this date to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., via electronic mail at [FCC@BCPIWEB.COM](mailto:FCC@BCPIWEB.COM).

Please contact me at [dana@wilkersonbryan.com](mailto:dana@wilkersonbryan.com) if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

WILKERSON & BRYAN, P.C.

  
Dana H. Billingsley

Enclosure

cc: Fred Johnson

**ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)**

**Section 1: Certification Required For ALL Recipients of High Cost Support (ILECs and CETCs)**

Section 54.313(a)(5)-(6) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requires the Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") to be able to make certifications regarding service quality standards and consumer protection rules and the Company's ability to function in emergency situations. The Company makes these certifications below

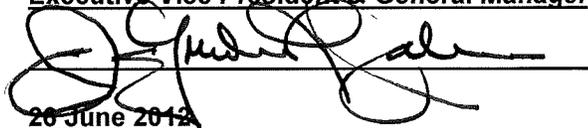
I, J. Frederick Johnson am an officer of Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. and hereby certify:

- That the Company is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.
- That the Company is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.201(a)(2).<sup>1</sup>

**Name of Officer (Print):** J. Frederick Johnson

**Title:** Executive Vice President & General Manager

**Signature:**



20 June 2012

**Date:**

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<sup>1</sup> Section 54.201(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

**ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)**

**Section 2: State-Designated ETC Reporting**

In its *Clarification Order*, the FCC required state-designated ETCs that are subject to a state requirement to report some or all of certain information annually to the state to file a copy of any relevant information with the FCC in 2012.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, state-designated ETCs must file information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests, and complaints as required in Section 54.313(a)(2)-(4) of the FCC's rules if the state requires ETCs to report some or all of this data.

**Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.** is located in Alabama. This state commission's rules **do not require** state-designated ETCs to file an annual report containing some or all of the following information: information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests and/or complaints. Accordingly, the Company is not subject to this reporting requirement.

**Certification of Officer as to the Statements Made Above and Accuracy of Any Data Provided Concerning Outages, Unfulfilled Requests, and/or Complaints**

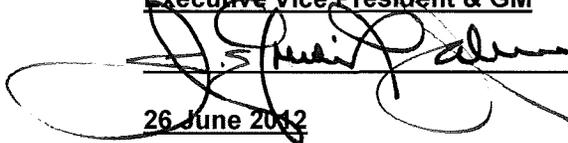
Name of Officer (Print):

J. Frederick Johnson

Title:

Executive Vice President & GM

Signature:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Frederick Johnson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Date:

26 June 2012

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<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service - Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 3, 2012) ("*Clarification Order*") at para. 10.