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September 27, 2012

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

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**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of  
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Study Area Code Number – 290565**

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company"), attached is the sworn affidavit of G. Mark Patterson, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager 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 Connect America Fund et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, FCC 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) (the "CAF 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 609 of the *CAF 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

Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Ms. Karen Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, G. Mark Patterson, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager 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 (44);
4. The Company's interstate operations are subject to rate of return regulation;
5. The Company participates in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA") tariffing and pooling arrangements for the past 28 years;
6. The Company reports its universal service-related costs to NECA in the manner required by NECA and, as applicable, Parts 32, 36 and 54 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and, also as applicable, Part 51 of the FCC's rules;
7. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the FCC for interstate rate of return regulated companies (the "support"); and
8. The Company has only used its support during the preceding calendar year (2011) and will only use its support in the coming calendar year (2013) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

Signature:  Date: September 25, 2012

Print Name: G. Mark Patterson

Title: Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

State of Tennessee, County of Scott

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2012.

My Commission expires 5/20/2015

*Cheryl J. Perry*  
Notary Public

