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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90
2012 Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. respectfully files the enclosed 2012 annual eligible telecommunications carrier reports on behalf of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.313) and as specified in the Public Notice released on May 8, 2012 (DA 12-729). Copies will also be provided to USAC and the relevant state commission.

Also attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment of the Company's ETC Annual Reports under Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.459. Additionally, the documents contain appropriate indications respecting confidentiality.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall, Vice President
Authorized Representative for
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC

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2012 Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report
Pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6)
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client, Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC (collectively, the "Company"), hereby requests, pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules,[1] withholding from public inspection the attached document which is an attachment to the report submitted in fulfillment of the above-referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).[2]

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) ("Report").

2. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission the reporting information which is contained in the attachment to the Report pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) of the Commission's rules and as specified in the May 8, 2012 Public Notice.[3]

3. The information contained in the attachment to the Report for which Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. seeks the withholding from public inspection is data pertaining to the

[1] 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.
[2] 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).
[3] 47 C.F.R. § 54.313. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Filing Deadline of July 2, 2012, for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to File Reports Pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h) of the Commission's Rules*, DA 12-729 (rel. May 8, 2012) ("May 8, 2012 Public Notice").

Company's outages. The information contained in the attachment to the Report for which Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. fka HTC Communications, LLC seeks the withholding from public inspection is data pertaining to the Company's outages and unfulfilled service requests. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information pertains to the network and operations of a telecommunications company that has competitors that could benefit if they were able to have access to this information.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. Because the telecommunications market is highly competitive, release of this information could substantially harm the Company's telecommunications business.

6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The attachment has also been filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission under seal.

7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.

8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.

9. The Commission has previously concluded that there is a presumptive likelihood of substantial competitive harm from disclosure of outage information.[4] The Commission also determined the disclosure of outage reporting information to the public could present an unacceptable risk of more effective terrorist activity and could therefore result in potential harm to the public and the national defense.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to the attachment which is marked "Confidential-Not for Public Inspection". Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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[4] *See In the Matter of New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications*, ET Docket No. 04-35, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 04-188, rel. Aug. 19, 2004, para. 45.

State-Designated ETC Report and Certification of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Calendar Year 2011

Name of Company: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Study Area Code: 240528

Contact Name: Jamie G. Ponder

Telephone Number: 843.369.8640

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Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company") is an incumbent local exchange carrier located in the State of South Carolina. The South Carolina Public Service Commission ("SCPSC") designated Company as an ETC by Order No. 1997-958, dated November 24, 1997. The SCPSC does not require ETCs that were designated prior to January 1, 2007 to file annual reports. *See* S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-690.1(B)-(C) (setting forth reporting requirements for ETCs designated after and prior to January 1, 2007, respectively). However, the SCPSC does require certain information to be reported on a per-incident or quarterly basis, as indicated below.

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2): Service Outages

The SCPSC does not require annual reporting of service outages. Telephone utilities must report to the SCPSC any information required to be reported to the FCC regarding outages. This information has already been provided to the FCC. In addition, Company represents as follows:

___ Company reported no outages in Calendar Year 2011; or

X See attached information that was reported to the SCPSC regarding outages for Calendar Year 2011

During the study period from January 2011 through December 2011 HTC had [redacted] outage, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least thirty minutes in duration for its designated service area. [redacted]

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47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(3): Unfulfilled Service Requests

The SCPSC does not require annual reporting of unfulfilled service requests. Telephone utilities must report to the SCPSC on a quarterly basis the percentage of commitments fulfilled. Based on this information, Company can report that the number of unfulfilled service requests for Calendar Year 2011 is: 0

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(4): Complaints

The SCPSC does not require annual reporting of customer service complaints. Telephone utilities must report to the SCPSC on a quarterly basis the total number of actual customer trouble reports received per 100 access lines for the telephone utility's regulated operations. Based on this information, the Company can report that annual trouble reports per 100 connections (access lines) is: 9.11

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5): Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

I certify that Company is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6): Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

I certify that Company can function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2). Specifically, Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality with an external power source, is able to route traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above and, to the best of my knowledge the information reported on this form is accurate.

Signature of Corporate Officer

6/26/12
Date

M. O'Neal Miller, Jr.
Print Name

Chief Executive, Financial Operations
Title

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State-Designated ETC Report and Certification of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (formerly certified as HTC Communications, LLC) for Calendar Year 2011

Name of Company: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Formerly HTC Communications, LLC)

Study Area Code: 249004

Contact Name: Jamie G. Ponder

Telephone Number: 843.369.8640

Email Address: jamie.ponder@htcinc.net

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company"), formerly certified as HTC Communications, LLC provides wireless services in the State of South Carolina. The South Carolina Public Service Commission ("SCPSC") designated Company as a CETC by Order No. 2008-273, dated April 17, 2008. The SCPSC requires CETCs that were designated after January 1, 2007 to file annual reports. *See* S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-690.1(B)-(C) (setting forth reporting requirements for ETCs designated after and prior to January 1, 2007, respectively) concerning outages, unfulfilled requests and/or complaints.

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2): Service Outages

___ Company reported no outages in Calendar Year 2011; or

X See information below that was reported to the SCPSC regarding outages for Calendar Year 2011

Detailed Information On Any Outage

During the study period from January 2011 through December 2011 HTC had [redacted] outage, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least thirty minutes in duration for its designated service area. [redacted]

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(3): Unfulfilled Service Requests

___ Company reported no outages in Calendar Year 2011; or

X See information below that was reported to the SCPSC regarding unfulfilled service requests for Calendar Year 2011: [redacted]

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(4): Complaints / Troubles

___ Company reported no complaints / troubles in Calendar Year 2011; or

X See attached information that was reported to the SCPSC regarding complaints or trouble reports per 1000 handsets or access lines for Calendar Year 2011: 12.6

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5): Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

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B. Detailed Information On Any Outage

HTC had [redacted], as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least thirty minutes in duration for its designated service area during the study period from January 2011 through December 2011. [redacted]

C. Number of Requests from Potential Customers That Were Unfulfilled

In HTC's first annual report for 2008 we reported [redacted] unfulfilled requests for wireless service. By 2009 that had further reduced to [redacted] By 2010 unfulfilled requests for wireless service [redacted]. This decline was further realized in 2011 with only [redacted] unfilled service request. [redacted]

D. Number of Complaints or Trouble Reports Per 1,000 Handsets

During the study period from January 2011 through December 2011, HTC had the following number of trouble reports per 1,000 handsets.

- January 2011 1.8
- February 2011 2.5
- March 2011 1.4
- April 2011 3.4
- May 2011 0.5
- June 2011 0.4
- July 2011 0.6
- August 2011 0.6
- September 2011 0.5
- October 2011 0.2
- November 2011 0.4
- December 2011 0.3

The number of trouble reports per 1,000 handsets is indicative of HTC's commitment to providing reliable wireless service throughout its network coverage area.