

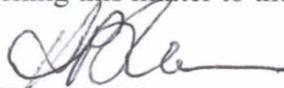
ATTACHMENT 1
December 31, 2012

Carol Brennan, Vice President
National Exchange Carrier Association
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Ms. Brennan:

This letter serves as a mid-year update of the local residential voice rate of Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. (“Steelville”) pursuant to Section 54.313(h)(1) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). 47 C.F.R. §54.313(h)(1). Pursuant to Section 54.318(b) of the FCC’s rules, the “local residential voice rate” (defined as the “flat rate for residential local service plus state regulated fees offered for voice service”) must be at or above the “local urban rate floor” (defined as “the national average of local urban rates plus state regulated fees under the schedule provided below” in Section 54.318(f) of the rules) in order for Steelville to avoid a reduction in high-cost support. 47 C.F.R. §§54.318(b), (f). Since July 1, 2012, Steelville has been in compliance with the local urban rate floor,¹ and Steelville remains in compliance as of December 1, 2012, with its local residential voice rate at \$10. While the FCC *Third Order on Reconsideration* provides that Steelville may file a mid-year update with NECA to reflect conformity with the local urban rate floor as of January 2, 2013, it appears that Office of Management and Budget approval of this mid-year filing remains pending. Nevertheless, Steelville sends this notification to NECA, with a copy to USAC, so that Steelville will not be subject to any high-cost support reduction for January through June 2013. See *Third Order on Reconsideration* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 *et al.*, FCC 12-52 (rel. May 14, 2012), para. 20 & n. 51.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.



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¹ Steelville is seeking a waiver from the FCC to reinstate \$18,456 in high-cost support for the period July 1 through December 31, 2012.