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USAC  
Vice President, High Cost and Low Income Division  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Alabama Public Service Commission (APSC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the telecommunications carriers included in Attachment this letter are eligible to receive federal high cost-support for the years cited.

The representations and certifications herein provided are largely the product of informal proceedings conducted before the APSC in Docket 25980. A copy of the APSC's Order approving and certifying the proposals of AT&T, CenturyLink, Alabama's Rural Carriers, and Alabama's non-incumbent LEC Eligible Telecommunications Carriers regarding their intended utilization of the federal high-cost universal service support for which they are eligible in the year 2014 is enclosed herein.

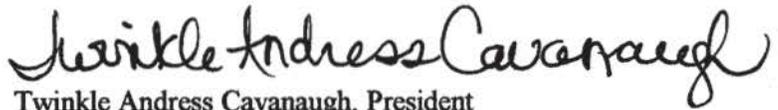
The Alabama Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed in Attachment "A" that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Alabama was used in the preceding year (2012) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2014) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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The APSC thanks the Commission and USAC for its diligence and cooperation in this matter. Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to the APSC in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President

  
Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner

  
Terry L. Dunn, Commissioner

# ATTACHMENT "A"

## ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CERTIFIED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE  
FEDERAL HIGH COST SUPPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

COMPANY NAME AND STUDY AREA CODE (SAC)

COMPANY	SAC
ARDMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	290280
BLOUNTSVILLE TEL CO	250282
BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN	250283
BUTLER TEL CO	250284
CASTLEBERRY TEL CO	250285
NATIONAL OF ALABAMA	250286
FARMERS TELECOM COOP	250290
KNOLOGY OF THE VALLEY, INC.	220371
KNOLOGY TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	250295
GTC, INC	210291
GULF TEL CO - AL	250298
HAYNEVILLE TEL CO	250299
HOPPER TELECOMM. CO.	250300
FRONTIER-LAMAR CNTY	250301
WINDSTREAM AL	250302
MILLRY TEL CO	250304
MON-CRE TEL COOP	250305
FRONTIER COMM.-AL	250306
MOUNDEVILLE TEL CO	250307
NEW HOPE TEL COOP	250308
OAKMAN TEL CO (TDS)	250311
OTELCO TELEPHONE LLC	250312
PEOPLES TEL CO	250314
PINE BELT TEL CO	250315
RAGLAND TEL CO	250316
ROANOKE TEL CO	250317
FRONTIER COMM-SOUTH	250318
UNION SPRINGS TEL CO	250322
VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	220324
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC	255181
HAYNEVILLE FIBER TRANSPORT, INC.	259008
BUDGET PHONE, INC.	259009
NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC	259909
TROY CABLEVISION, INC.	259025
CENTURYTEL OF ALABAMA, LLC	
CENTURYTEL-AL-SOUTH	259788
CENTURYTEL-AL-NORTH	259789



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**IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF  
SECTION 254 OF THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.**

**DOCKET 25980**

**(CERTIFICATION OF CARRIERS RECEIVING  
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FOR  
2014)**

**FURTHER REPORT AND ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

**I. Introduction and Background**

By Order entered in this cause on September 26, 2012, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") in Alabama, that are subject to Commission jurisdiction, were ordered to file their proposals for utilization of projected 2014 federal, high-cost, universal service support (the "2014 high-cost support") by no later than May 6, 2013. The Commission's Order afforded interested parties the latitude to submit comments in response to those filings no later than May 27, 2013, with any reply comments due on or before June 17, 2013.

By filing dated June 4, 2013, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Alabama ("AT&T") submitted their proposal for utilization of the anticipated 2014 high-cost support. By filing dated June 28, 2013, CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") submitted a proposal for utilizing the projected 2014 high-cost support. On various dates in 2013, the Rural Carriers (the "Rural LECs") identified individually in Appendix "A" hereto, and other Alabama ETCs submitted certifications regarding their planned utilization of 2014 high-cost support.

### **I. AT&T's Planned Utilization of 2014 High-Cost Support**

AT&T anticipates \$15.80 million in 2014 high-cost support and submitted its proposal for utilization of the funds during 2014, which is attached hereto as Appendix B and summarized as follows:

- Loop and Switching Infrastructure Improvements (\$15.80 million)
  - Loop Transmission improvements via the implementation of CSA design and the replacement/upgrade of manufacturer discontinued equipment: (\$5.26 million)
  - Broadband deployment in areas substantially un-served by unfunded competitors: (\$10.54 million)

No comments opposing AT&T's proposal were submitted.

Staff recommends that AT&T be required to submit to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the close of each calendar quarter, a report delineating the status of each project approved herein and the level of funding expended on said projects. Staff recommends further that AT&T be required to meet with the staff, in person or via conference call, on any mutually agreeable day during March 2014, for purposes of discussing the Company's 2014 capital budgets with respect to USF wire centers. Subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements discussed in the foregoing, staff recommends approval of AT&T's 2014 high-cost proposal.

### **III. CenturyLink's Planned Utilization of 2014 High-Cost Support**

CenturyLink anticipates \$15.00 million in 2014 high-cost support. CenturyLink's planned utilization of the 2014 high-cost support, which is attached hereto as Appendix C, is summarized follows:

- Network Improvements and Operation: (\$3.75 million)
- Broadband deployment and operation in substantially unserved areas: (\$11.25 million)

Staff recommends that CenturyLink be required to submit to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the close of each calendar quarter, a report delineating the status of

each project approved herein and the level of funding expended on said projects. Staff recommends further that CenturyLink be required to meet with the staff, in person or via conference call, on any mutually agreeable day during March 2014, for purposes of discussing the Company's 2014 capital budgets with respect to USF wire centers. Subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements discussed in the foregoing, staff recommends approval of CenturyLink 2014 high-cost proposal.

#### **IV. Filings of the Rural Carriers**

With regard to the Rural Carriers listed in Appendix "A" hereto, the Commission determined in its Order for this docket dated December 20, 2001, that the Commission could best meet its universal service monitoring and certification obligations for each Rural LEC "cost company" by requiring such companies to file with the Commission by January 15 of each year a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation studies, their annual USF-High-Cost loop support filings, and their estimated USF-local switching support filings that are made with the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA"). With respect to the Rural LECs that are "average schedule" companies, the Commission required such companies to file for review by January 15 of each year a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-High-Cost loop support and USF-local switching support amounts.

The certifications submitted by the Rural LECs listed in Appendix "A" hereto throughout 2013 and attached hereto as Appendix "D" reflect that each of those Rural LECs will in 2014 continue to utilize the high-cost universal service funding they receive in a manner compliant with the requirements of §254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission will continue to verify the certifications of the aforementioned Rural LECs through the filings they make with the Commission each year. Staff accordingly recommends approval of the 2014 high-cost expenditures of the Rural LECs.

#### **V. The Expenditures of the Remaining High-cost ETCs**

The remaining Alabama ETCs that are certified for high-cost purposes include Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc., d/b/a Camellia Communications, Inc. ("Camellia"); Budget

PrePay, Inc. ("Budget"); Nexus Communications Inc., d/b/a TSI Nexus, Inc. ("TSI Nexus"); and Troy Cablevision, Inc. ("Troy Cablevision") (collectively the "non-incumbent local exchange carrier ETCs"). Each affirms to the Commission their continued eligibility for USF high-cost support and certifies to use the 2014 federal high-cost support in accordance with §254(e) of the Act. The Commission's investigation of the aforementioned ETCs indicates that those entities have and will continue to expend any and all federal high-cost funding received in a manner consistent with §254(e) as they have certified in the documents attached hereto as Appendix "E." Staff accordingly recommends approval of the 2014 high-cost expenditure plans of the non-Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ETCs.

## **VI. Discussion and Conclusions**

We hereby approve the proposals submitted in this cause by AT&T, CenturyLink, Alabama's Rural Carriers and the non-Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ETCs governing their expenditure of federal high-cost universal service support during the year 2014. We will certify to the FCC that those plans are compliant with the provisions of §254(e) of the Act.

We specifically note, however, that our approval herein is contingent upon the staff's continued monitoring of the implementation of the aforementioned plans. The Commission specifically reserves the right to conduct any proceedings that may be necessary to determine if the funding under review should be redirected to other qualifying projects as required by the Commission.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.313, any recipient of high-cost support shall file reports which includes their Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan; Outage Report; Requests for Service; Complaints per 1000 Connections; Certifications; Current Price Offerings; Company Identification; Tribal Outreach; Annual Financial Report; Areas with No Terrestrial Backhaul; and Additional Voice Rate Data with the FCC. This information is to be submitted with their 2014 USF high-cost filing by July 1, 2014. This data should also be submitted to the Commission's Telecommunications Division.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the June 4, 2013, proposal of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Alabama attached hereto as Appendix "B" and delineating the Company's intended utilization of the federal high-cost

universal service support for which it is eligible during the year 2014 is hereby approved as stipulated herein and certified as compliant with the provisions of §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The approval granted herein is, however, contingent on BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Alabama's compliance with all provisions of this order including the timely submission of the information requested herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the June 28, 2013, proposal of CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink attached hereto as Appendix "C" and delineating the Company's intended utilization of the forward-looking federal high-cost universal service support for which it is eligible during 2014 is hereby approved as stipulated herein and certified as compliant with the provisions of §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The approval granted herein is, however, contingent on CenturyLink's compliance with all provisions of this order including the timely submission of the information requested herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313, any recipient of high-cost support shall file reports which includes their Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan; Outage Report; Requests for Service; Complaints per 1000 Connections; Certifications; Current Price Offerings; Company Identification; Tribal Outreach; Annual Financial Report; Areas with No Terrestrial Backhaul; and Additional Voice Rate Data with the FCC. This information is to be submitted with their 2014 USF high-cost filing by July 1, 2014. This data should also be submitted to the Commission's Telecommunications Division.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the proposals/statements of Alabama's Rural Carriers collectively attached hereto as Appendix "D" are hereby approved and certified as compliant with the provisions of §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the anticipated expenditures of all federal high-cost support received by Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc., d/b/a Camellia Communications; Budget PrePay, Inc.; Nexus Communications Inc., d/b/a TSI Nexus, Inc.; and Troy Cablevision, Inc. are hereby certified as compliant with the provisions of §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 based on the certifications contained in Appendix "E."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the approval and certifications addressed herein shall be further contingent upon satisfactory results from the Commission's ongoing review of the project specific expenditures of AT&T, CenturyLink, Alabama's Rural Carriers, and the remaining high-cost non-Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier

ETCs as designated by the Commission. The Commission specifically reserves the right to conduct whatever proceedings may be deemed necessary to determine that the universal service funding received by AT&T, CenturyLink, Alabama's Rural Carriers, and all remaining non-Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ETCs in Alabama should be redirected by the Commission to other qualifying projects. To that end, AT&T and CenturyLink shall submit to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the close of each calendar quarter, a report delineating the status of each project approved herein and the level of funding expended on said projects. The Rural LECs shall continue to comply with the reporting requirements established in the Commission's December 20, 2001, Order entered in this cause unless and/or until otherwise directed by the Commission.

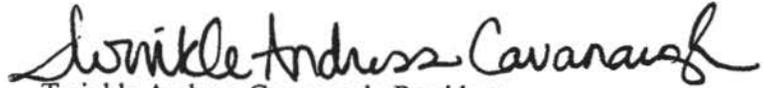
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That AT&T, CenturyLink, Alabama's Rural Carriers, and all other ETCs in Alabama as designated by the Commission shall file their proposals for the utilization of the federal high-cost universal service support for which they are eligible in the year 2015 no later than May 5, 2014. Interested parties may submit comments in response to the foregoing filings no later than May 26, 2014. Reply comments will be considered by the Commission if received on or before June 16, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for the issuance of any further order or orders as may appear to be just and reasonable in the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DATED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President

  
Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner

  
Terry L. Dunn, Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy

  
Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary

**APPENDIX "A"**

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. (290280)  
Blountsville Telephone Company, Inc. (250282)  
Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company (250283)  
Butler Telephone Company, Inc. (250284)  
Castleberry Telephone Company, Inc. (250285)  
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (250290)  
Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC (250306)  
Frontier Communications of Lamar County, LLC (250301)  
Frontier Communications of the South, LLC (250318)  
GTC, Inc., d/b/a Fairpoint Communications (210291)  
Gulf Telephone Company (250298)  
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc. (250299)  
Hopper Telecommunications, Inc. (250300)  
Knology of the Valley, Inc. (220371)  
Knology Total Communications, Inc. (250295)  
Millry Telephone Company, Inc. (250304)  
Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (250305)  
Moundville Telephone Company, Inc. (250307)  
National Telephone Company, Inc. (250286)  
New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (250308)  
Oakman Telephone Company (250311)  
Otelco Telephone, LLC (250312)  
Peoples Telephone Company (250314)  
Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. (250315)  
Ragland Telephone Company, Inc. (250316)  
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. (250317)  
Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc. (250322)  
Valley Telephone Company, LLC (220324)  
Windstream Alabama, LLC (250302)



**Docket 25980  
Appendix "B"**

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June 4, 2013



Via Electronic Filing & Overnight Mail

Mr. Walter Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building, Suite 850  
100 N. Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Re: Implementation of Universal Service Requirements of Section 254 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Docket No. 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed for electronic filing today and pursuant to Commission Order dated September 27, 2000, attached is BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama's proposal for the utilization of federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014. We anticipate that the support level will be approximately \$15.8 million, which will be used for network improvements.

The original and one (1) paper copy will be forwarded to the Commission today via overnight mail. Please distribute as needed and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Francis B. Semmes  
General Attorney – AT&T Alabama

FBS/mhs  
Attachment

cc: Honorable John Garner, Chief ALJ & Executive Director  
Mr. Darrell Baker, Director, Telecommunications (via email)

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**Plan Year 2014**  
**Improvements to Loop and Switching Infrastructure**  
**\$15.8M**

**1. Loop Transmission improvements via the implementation of CSA design and the replacement/upgrade of manufacturer discontinued equipment - \$5.26M**

Service improvements will be obtained through the deployment of fiber based digital loop carrier as a replacement for long copper loops and the replacement of Subscriber Line Carrier (SLC) and older multiplexer technologies that limit service offerings and are no longer supported by the manufacturer.

AT&T proposes deploying fiber in feeder routes to serve existing and new remote terminal sites and the replacement of new Digital Loop Carrier to implement the CSA architecture. This includes providing loop diverse feeder fiber where feasible to reduce or eliminate service outages. Customers working over supported digital loop carrier facilities do not experience the transmission problems caused by metallic influences that are inherent of long copper facilities. Data transmission speeds are improved for services offered over digital loop carrier as opposed to long copper facilities.

Additionally, proactive replacement of manufacturer's discontinued equipment will reduce maintenance problems and trouble reports in targeted wire centers and should significantly improve modem speeds and service levels for customers served by these systems.

**2. Broadband deployment in substantially unserved areas - \$10.54M**

Two-thirds of 2014 USF funding will support broadband deployment requirements. AT&T will determine which census blocks in our footprint meet the CAF-1 – Incremental “unserved” requirement. Opportunities range from CO or RT-based IPDSLAM deployment, bandwidth relief in areas where DSL service exists, extending fiber, upgrading legacy ATM DSL to IP-DSLAMs, and filling-in unserved pockets in otherwise broadband-served areas.

**Plan year 2014 Total Universal Service Support - \$15.8M**

**Conclusion**

The network infrastructure enhancement initiative will provide service improvements to the smaller rural wire centers in the state by reducing loop lengths and transmission impairments and improving service reliability.

While every effort will be made to spend the universal service funds as stipulated within the categories as identified in our preliminary planning effort, some needed modifications to our plan may be necessary as detailed planning and engineering proceeds. All significant deviations, if any, will be identified and reported as our quarterly tracking reports are made.



CenturyLink™

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June 28, 2013

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING and OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Mr. Walter Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
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Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for filing CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("Company") 2014 Universal Service Plan. The plan is based on the currently estimated \$15 million that the company will receive in frozen federal Connect America Fund ("CAF") (historically high-cost model, interstate access support) support and CAF-ICC (intercarrier compensation support) in 2014 barring any funding changes that may result due to CAF Phase II implementation per FCC 11-161, the Connect America Fund Order.

The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please feel free to contact me at (850) 847-0173.

Sincerely,

Sandra Khazraee  
Director of State Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

## **Plan Year 2014**

**\$15.0M**

### **1. Network Improvements and operation-\$ 3.75M**

Network improvements and operation include expenditures and investments such as: enhancing network reliability by placing diverse fiber routes, fiber to existing remotes, adding permanent generators, replacing central office power equipment, replacing select obsolete equipment, placement of next generation technology (digital loop carriers, ethernet, fiber to the premise), replacement of air core and paper insulated cable, network monitoring, maintaining batteries, repair and replacement of minor materials, restoration of plant damaged by casualties, testing equipment, and vehicle maintenance which enables the company to improve service, continue quality service, and promote availability of advanced services.

### **2. Broadband deployment and operation substantially unserved areas-\$ 11.25M**

Two-thirds of 2014 frozen Connect America Fund monies will support broadband deployment and operation of broadband-capable networks in areas substantially unserved by an unsubsidized competitor. CenturyTel of Alabama will determine which qualified areas within its service area or footprint meet the CAF support requirements. Investments and expenses may include extension of fiber, deployment of broadband capable equipment, and enabling broadband service in areas substantially unserved by an unsubsidized carrier.

### **Conclusion**

In 2014 CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink will continue upgrading any obsolete facilities, as necessary, to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service as well as continue to expand its facilities, as needed, in order to serve new homes, subdivisions, and the business community within its eligible telecommunications carrier service area. Also, CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink will continue to maintain, replace and/or upgrade facilities and equipment on an "as needed" basis to ensure that customers continue to have access to enhanced services.

This is intended to be a preliminary plan and, as such, any significant deviations will be identified and reported, as necessary, in quarterly tracking reports.

The plan expenditures above are subject to change due to company considerations and timing of CAF Phase II implementation.

A Telecommunications Company

October 18, 2013

Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
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100 North Union Street, Suite 850  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130



Re: Annual USF Certification Filing – Docket No. 25980  
Electronic Filing

Dear Secretary,

Attached is the 2013 Annual USF Certification filing for the Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. Tennessee Study Area 290280. These funds are used exclusively for network and service enhancements voice telephony services.

If you have any questions please contact me at the phone number or email address listed below.

Sincerely,

*Martin Clift*

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Regulatory Manager  
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**FCC CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314**

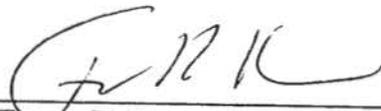
**Certification of**  
**Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Trevor R. Bonnsetter, CEO of the Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. My name is Trevor R. Bonnsetter. I am employed by Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. in the position of CEO. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
2. Ardmore Telephone Company (AL-Study Area 290280) has been designated as an (ETC) eligible telecommunications carrier by the Alabama Public Service Commission.
3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. estimates receiving approximately \$585 thousand in Federal Universal Service high-cost support during January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 time period. All Federal high-cost Universal Service support provided to the Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported service – voice telephony service as outlined in 47CFR 54.101 (a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative's service area. This supported service includes: voice grade access to the public switched network; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge; access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in the Cooperative's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems.
5. Ardmore Telephone Company follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility, Ardmore Telephone Company's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Alabama Public Service Commission reviews.
6. While continuing to receive amounts of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purpose as described, Ardmore Telephone Company does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by Ardmore Telephone Company will not be changed because of any action on part of Ardmore Telephone Company.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Signature:  Date: October 18, 2013  
Print Name: Trevor R. Bonnstetter  
Title: CEO

State of Kentucky, County of Graves

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Kentucky,  
on this day personally appeared Trevor R. Bonnstetter, known to me to be the  
Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 2013.

My Commission expires 3/22/14.

Stacy A. Wray  
Notary Public

(seal)



Otelco Inc., 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Oneonta, AL 35121 Phone: 205 625-3591

Subsidiaries:

Blountsville Telephone LLC; Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC; Granby Telephone LLC; Hopper Telecommunications LLC  
Mid-Maine Telecom LLC; Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC; Otelco Telephone LLC; Pine Tree Telephone LLC; Saco River Telephone LLC;  
Shoreham Telephone LLC; War Telephone LLC



April 25, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Blountsville Telephone LLC's Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Blountsville Telephone LLC's certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (256) 586-1420.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Andrews  
Senior Vice President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Blountsville Telephone LLC (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Dennis Andrews at (256) 586-1420.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blountsville Telephone LLC

By:   
Dennis Andrews  
As Its: Senior Vice President  
Date: 4/25/2013



Otelco Inc., 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Oneonta, AL 35121 Phone: 205 625-3591

Subsidiaries:

Blountsville Telephone LLC; Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC; Granby Telephone LLC; Hopper Telecommunications LLC  
Mid-Maine Telecom LLC; Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC; Otelco Telephone LLC; Pine Tree Telephone LLC; Saco River Telephone LLC;  
Shoreham Telephone LLC; War Telephone LLC



April 25, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC's Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC's certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (256) 586-1420.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Andrews  
Senior Vice President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

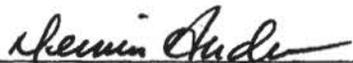
In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of NECA's proposed annual 2013 USF-HCLS and 2013 USF-LSS amounts.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Dennis Andrews at (256) 586-1420.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE LLC

By:   
Dennis Andrews  
As Its: Senior Vice President  
Date: 4/25/2013



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May 2, 2013

**CONFIDENTIAL**



**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commissioner's annual certification requirements, please find enclosed for electronic filing Butler Telephone Company, Inc., Oakman Telephone Company and Peoples Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom's (the "Companies") certification that the Companies are eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and ten (10) copies have been enclosed.

If any additional information is required, please contact me at 865-671-4749.

Very truly yours,

James C. Meade  
Manager – State Government Affairs

Enclosure

cc: David Peeler



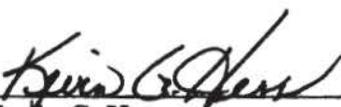
## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 26, 2012 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Butler Telephone Company, Inc., Oakman Telephone Company and Peoples Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom's (the "Companies") have previously provided the Commission with a copy of their most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS, and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings. Oakman Telephone Company, Inc., has previously provided a copy of NECA's proposed annual 2013 USF-HCLS and 2013 USF-LSS amounts.

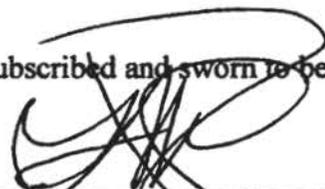
The Companies further certify that all federal high-cost support provided to the Companies was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Companies respectfully request that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Companies are eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Jim Meade at 865-671-4749.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin G. Hess  
Senior Vice President  
Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2013.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin M. Statz - Notary Public  
My Commission expires May 24, 2015.

Date: May 2, 2013

# CASTLEBERRY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

P.O. BOX 37  
CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA 36432  
PHONE 251-966-2110



April 29, 2013

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Castleberry Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached for electronic filing Castleberry Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Homer Holland at (251) 966-2115.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Homer Holland".

Homer Holland  
Secretary/Treasurer

Enclosure

# CASTLEBERRY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

P.O. BOX 37  
CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA 36432  
PHONE 251-966-2110

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Castleberry Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of NECA's proposed annual 2013 USF-HCLS and 2013 USF-LSS amounts.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Homer Holland at (251) 966-2115.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASTLEBERRY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By:   
Homer Holland  
As Its: Secretary/Treasurer  
Date: 4-29-13



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April 29, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility  
to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Fred Johnson at (256) 638-2144.

Very truly yours,

J. Frederick Johnson  
Executive Vice President and  
General Manager

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

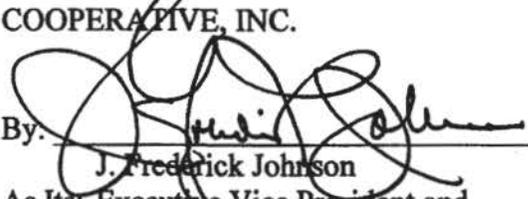
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The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to J. Frederick Johnson at (256) 638-2144.

Respectfully Submitted,

FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: 

J. Frederick Johnson

As Its: Executive Vice President and  
General Manager

Date: April 29, 2013



180 S Clinton Ave  
Rochester, NY 14646



May 1, 2013

Mac McArthur  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Mr. McArthur,

Please find enclosed USF Certifications to be delivered to the Alabama Public Service Commission for the following companies:

- Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC.
- Frontier Communications of the South, L.L.C.
- Frontier Communications of Lamar County, LLC.

Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return to me in the post-paid envelope.

Sincerely,

Deborah Fasciano  
Regulatory Compliance  
Frontier Communications

Enclosures



180 S. Clinton Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14646

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Please find attached the certificate of Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC (the "Company"), in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. Also enclosed are ten copies of this filing. If any additional information is required, please contact me at 585-777-5823.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Fasciano".

Deborah Fasciano  
Regulatory Compliance  
Frontier Communications

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2005 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review.

Due to recent changes adopted in the FCC's comprehensive order released November 18, 2011<sup>[1]</sup>, price cap carriers are no longer required to perform cost studies for the purpose of calculating high-cost loop support and local switching support. Frontier did not submit a 2012 USF Data Collection Form for Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC to NECA. On January 14, 2013, the Company provided the Commission with the annual frozen support amounts.

The Company certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Cassandra Guinness at 585-777-4557.

Respectfully Submitted,



By: Kenneth Mason  
Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs  
Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC

Date: May 1, 2013

<sup>[1]</sup> See Connect America Fund, et al, W.C. Docket No. 10-90 et al, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Fcc 11-161 (Rel. November 18, 2011).



180 S. Clinton Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14646

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Please find attached the certificate of Frontier Communications of Lamar County, LLC (the "Company"), in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. Also enclosed are ten copies of this filing. If any additional information is required, please contact me at 585-777-5823.

Very truly yours,

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Deborah Fasciano  
Regulatory Compliance  
Frontier Communications

Enclosure

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The Company certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

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Respectfully Submitted,



By: Kenneth Mason  
Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs  
Frontier Communications of Lamar County, LLC

Date: May 1, 2013

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180 S. Clinton Ave.  
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May 1, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Please find attached the certificate of Frontier Communications of the South, LLC (the "Company"), in conjunction with the Commission's annual certification that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. Also enclosed are ten copies of this filing. If any additional information is required, please contact me at 585-777-5823.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Fasciano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Deborah Fasciano  
Regulatory Compliance  
Frontier Communications

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

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The Company certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Cassandra Guinness at 585-777-4557.

Respectfully Submitted,



By: Kenneth Mason  
Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs  
Frontier Communications of the South, LLC

Date: May 1, 2013

<sup>[1]</sup> See Connect America Fund, et al, W.C. Docket No. 10-90 et al, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Fcc 11-161 (Rel. November 18, 2011).

May 6, 2013

Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 991  
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-099



Re: GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications - Universal Service Certification  
47 USC 254(e); 47 CFR ' 54.314

Dear Secretary:

GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications, hereby submits the enclosed affidavit in support of its use of federal universal funds for 2014 to facilitate certification by the Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

The amount of federal high-cost support received in 2013 and to be received in 2014 will continue to be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

Please feel free to contact me at the number below or via email at [bwestman@fairpoint.com](mailto:bwestman@fairpoint.com) should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

Beth Westman  
State Government Affairs Manager  
FairPoint Communications  
P: 207-535-4247  
F: 207-797-1221

Attachment



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Michael T. Skrivan, who deposed and said:

My name is Michael T. Skrivan. I am employed by GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications, as its Vice President of Regulatory. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Alabama Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. '54.314.

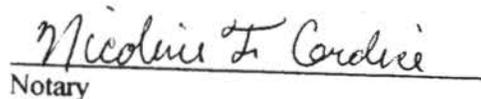
GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support the Company received in 2013 and will receive in 2014 was and will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a), and that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Michael T. Skrivan  
Vice President of Regulatory  
GTC Inc, d/b/a FairPoint Communications.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

  
Notary

NICOLINE F. CORDICE  
Notary Public, Maine  
My Commission Expires September 17, 2017



100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, La. 71203  
Tel: 318-388-9000



April 26, 2013

**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL DELIVERY**

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building, Suite 836  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: (334) 242-5218

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for filing Gulf Telephone Company's ("Company") certification that it is eligible to continue to receive frozen Connect America Fund ("CAF") support (frozen federal local switching and interstate common line support) barring any funding changes that may potentially result from CAF Phase II implementation per FCC 11-161, the Connect America Fund Order. The company also receives CAF intercarrier compensation support.

The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Sandy Khazraee at (850) 847-0173.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Young".

Amy Young  
Senior Regulatory Analyst

Enclosure

**AFFIDAVIT**

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Ouachita

Company: Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said:

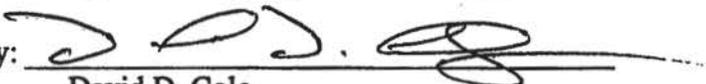
Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink ("Company") is a rural carrier. The Company follows federal price-cap regulation. It does not receive frozen high cost loop universal service monies. The Company currently receives Connect America Fund ("CAF") high cost support (frozen local switching support, frozen interstate common line support, and CAF intercarrier compensation support) monies. Per FCC 11-161, the Connect America Fund order, the Company's local switching and interstate common line support funding levels are frozen based on the amount of support that was received in 2011. CAF intercarrier compensation support aids in the transition of terminating switched access and reciprocal compensation to a bill and keep system.

The Company further certifies that all high cost support provided to Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink in Alabama was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended including those services as described in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101. Section 54.101 services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent, minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users, access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

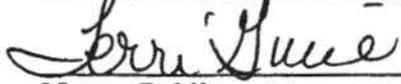
Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink

By: 

David D. Cole

Title: Senior Vice President and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013.

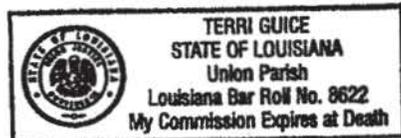


Notary Public

Terri Guice

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: At Death





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April 9, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54-314; APSC Docket 25980.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Hayneville Telephone, Inc. ("Company") certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Rich Compton with Jackson Thornton at (334)240-3684 or myself at (334)548-2101.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn P. Causey".

Evelyn P. Causey  
Chief Operating Officer



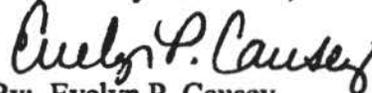
## CERTIFICATION

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The Company further certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R Section 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1- service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Rich Compton with Jackson Thornton at (334)240-3684 or me at (334)548-2101.

Respectfully Submitted,



By: Evelyn P. Causey

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: 4/9/2013



Otelco Inc., 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Oneonta, AL 35121 Phone: 205 625-3591

Subsidiaries:

Blountsville Telephone LLC; Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC; Granby Telephone LLC; Hopper Telecommunications LLC  
Mid-Maine Telecom LLC; Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC; Otelco Telephone LLC; Pine Tree Telephone LLC; Saco River Telephone LLC;  
Shoreham Telephone LLC; War Telephone LLC



April 25, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Hopper Telecommunications LLC's Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support in 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Hopper Telecommunications LLC's certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (256) 586-1420.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Andrews  
Senior Vice President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

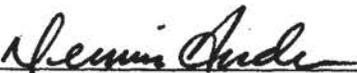
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The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Dennis Andrews at (256) 586-1420.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOPPER TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC

By:   
Dennis Andrews  
As Its: Senior Vice President  
Date: 4/25/2013

April 24, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Knology of the Valley, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to Receive  
High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Knology of the Valley, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Very truly yours,

Bruce Schoonover  
Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Knology of the Valley, Inc.

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## CERTIFICATION

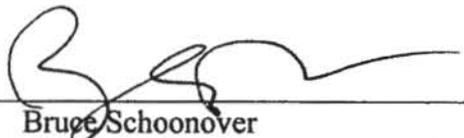
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The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Respectfully Submitted,

KNOLOGY OF THE VALLEY, INC.

By:   
Bruce Schoonover

As Its: Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Knology of the Valley, Inc.

Date: 4/24/13

April 24, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Knology Total Communications, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Knology Total Communications, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Schoonover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruce Schoonover  
Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Knology Total Communications, Inc.

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Knology Total Communications, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Respectfully Submitted,

KNOLOGY TOTAL  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By:   
Bruce Schoonover

As Its: Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Knology Total Communications, Inc.

Date: 4/24/13



**Millry Telephone Company, Inc.**

PO Box 45  
30433 Highway 17  
Millry, Alabama 36558  
251 846-2911

April 25, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Millry Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to  
Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Millry Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (251) 846-2911.

Very truly yours,

Bobby Williams  
Vice President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Millry Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Bobby Williams at (251) 846-2911.

Respectfully Submitted,

MILLRY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: Bobby Williams

Bobby Williams

As Its: Vice President

Date: 7-25-2013

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April 25, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached for electronic filing Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (334) 562-3242.

Very truly yours,

Linda F. Missildine  
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Linda Missildine at (334) 562-3242.

Respectfully Submitted,

MON-CRE TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE, INC.

By:   
Linda F. Missildine  
As Its: Chief Financial Officer

Date: 4-25-2013



April 25, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Moundville Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to  
Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Moundville Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (205) 371-9011.

Very truly yours,

Larry P. Taylor  
President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 25, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Moundville Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Larry P. Taylor at (205) 371-9011.

Respectfully Submitted,

MOUNDVILLE TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, INC.

By:   
Larry P Taylor  
As Its: President

Date: 4-25-13



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April 15, 2013



Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached the certification of National Telephone of Alabama, Inc. dba Cherokee Telephone Company marketing under TEC (the "Company") that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. Also enclosed are ten copies of this filing. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (601) 354-9070.

Very truly yours,

James W. Garner  
Vice President of Operations

Enclosure





### CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 27, 2011 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to the Order, the Company has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS, and estimated 2012-2013 Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support, which includes USF-LSS.

The Company further certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to James Garner at (601) 354-9070.

Respectfully Submitted,

NATIONAL TELEPHONE OF ALABAMA, INC.

By: James W. Garner  
James W. Garner  
As Its: Vice President of Operations

Date: 4/15/2013

# New Hope

Telephone Cooperative

Your Communications Connection

5415 Main Drive

P.O. Box 452

New Hope, AL 35760

(256) 723-4211

May 1, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to  
Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Jim Cook at (256) 723-4211.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Cook".

Jim Cook  
General Manager

Enclosure

# New Hope

Telephone Cooperative

Your Communications Connection

5415 Main Drive  
P.O. Box 452  
New Hope, AL 35760  
(256) 723-4211

## CERTIFICATION

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The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Jim Cook at (256) 723-4211.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE, INC.

By:   
Jim Cook  
As Its: General Manager

Date: April 30, 2013



Otelco Inc., 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Oneonta, AL 35121 Phone: 205 625-3591

**Subsidiaries:**

Blountsville Telephone LLC; Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC; Granby Telephone LLC; Hopper Telecommunications LLC  
Mid-Maine Telecom LLC; Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC; Otelco Telephone LLC; Pine Tree Telephone LLC; Saco River Telephone LLC;  
Shoreham Telephone LLC; War Telephone LLC



April 25, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Otelco Telephone, LLC's Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Otelco Telephone, LLC's certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (256) 586-1420.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Andrews  
Senior Vice President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

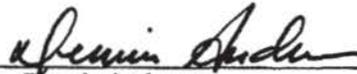
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The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Dennis Andrews at (256) 586-1420.

Respectfully Submitted,

OTELCO TELEPHONE, LLC

By:   
Dennis Andrews

As Its: Senior Vice President

Date: 4/25/2013

# Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.

3984 County Rd. 32 - P.O. Box 279  
Arlington, Alabama 36722  
Phone (334) 385-2106



April 25, 2013

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (334) 385-2106.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Nettles". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal line at the end.

John C. Nettles  
President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

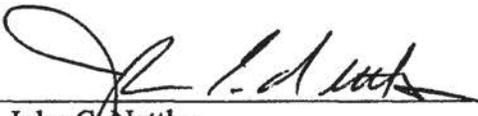
The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to John C. Nettles at (334) 385-2106.

Respectfully Submitted,

PINE BELT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John C. Nettles

As Its: President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/25/2013

PEGGY A. DICKINSON  
PRESIDENT



STEPHANIE JACKSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

STANLEY BEAN  
PLANT SUPERVISOR

*Ragland Telephone Co., Inc.*

POST OFFICE BOX 577  
RAGLAND, ALABAMA 35131  
205-472-2141  
FAX 205-472-2145



April 26, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Ragland Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility to  
Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Ragland Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Rod Ballard at Jackson Thornton & Co., P.C. at (334) 240-3622.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie Jackson  
Vice President

Enclosure

PEGGY A. DICKINSON  
PRESIDENT



STEPHANIE JACKSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

STANLEY BEAN  
PLANT SUPERVISOR

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FAX 205-472-2145

### CERTIFICATION

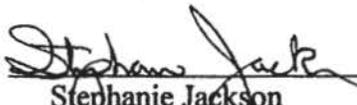
In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Ragland Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Rod Ballard at (334) 240-3622.

Respectfully Submitted,

RAGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
INC.

By:   
Stephanie Jackson  
As Its: Vice President

Date: 4-26-13



April 15, 2013



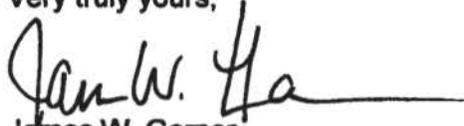
Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980.**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached the certification of Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. marketing under TEC (the "Company") that the Company is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. Also enclosed are ten copies of this filing. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (601) 354-9070.

Very truly yours,

  
James W. Garner  
Vice President of Operations

Enclosure



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### CERTIFICATION

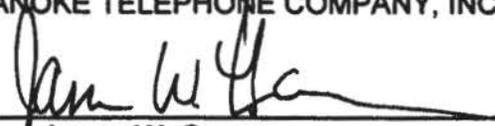
In its December 20, 2001 and September 27, 2011 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to the Order, the Company has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013 USF-HCLS, and estimated 2012-2013 Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support, which includes USF-LSS.

The Company further certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013-2014 for the continued provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. Those services, which are available to any customer in the Company's service area are: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service, and access to directory assistance, and toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to James Garner at (601) 354-9070.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROANOKE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: 

James W. Garner

As Its: Vice President of Operations

Date: 4/15/2013



**UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
P. O. BOX 272, UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA 36089  
PHONE (334) 738-4400 FAX (334) 738-5555

April 30, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc.'s Certification of Eligibility  
to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc.'s certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost universal service support for 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact me at (334) 279-8201.

Very truly yours,

Larry C. Grogan  
President

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of NECA's proposed annual 2013 USF-HCLS and 2013 USF-LSS amounts.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Larry C. Grogan at (334) 279-8201.

Respectfully Submitted,

UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, INC.

By: 

Larry C. Grogan

As Its: President

Date: Am. 1 30, 2013

April 24, 2013



**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Valley Telephone Co., LLC's Certification of Eligibility to Receive  
High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;  
APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Valley Telephone Co., LLC's certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high-cost universal service support for the year 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and APSC Docket No. 25980. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Schoonover". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending to the right.

Bruce Schoonover  
Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Valley Telephone Co., LLC

Enclosure

## CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 28, 2010 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determined that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and for each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to said Orders, Valley Telephone Co., LLC (the "Company") has previously provided the Commission with a copy of NECA's proposed annual 2013 USF-HCLS and 2013 USF-LSS amounts.

The Company further certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Arlene Morgan at (706) 645-8116.

Respectfully Submitted,

VALLEY TELEPHONE CO., LLC

By: 

Bruce Schoonover

As Its: Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs  
Knology, Inc., parent company of  
Valley Telephone Co., LLC

Date: 4/24/13

Windstream Communications, Inc.  
4001 Rodney Parham Road  
1170 BIF2-22A  
Little Rock, AR 72212



windstream. 

April 30, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

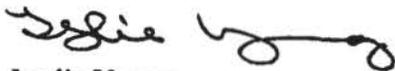
**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached an original and one (1) copy filed on behalf of Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. This affidavit certifies that Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. is eligible to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support.

Please contact me at the phone number below with questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



Lezlie Young  
Consultant - Regulatory Compliance  
(501) 748-5150



**Budget PrePay**<sup>INC.</sup>

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May 13, 2013



Via Federal Express

Walter L. Thomas, Jr. Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Bldg, Suite 850  
100 North Union St  
Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Docket No: 25980 Self-Certification of Eligibility of Budget PrePay, Inc. to receive Federal Universal Service Funds in Study area Code 259009 for the First through Fourth Quarters of 2013. 47 CFR 54.314: 47 USC 254(e).

Dear Mr. Thomas,

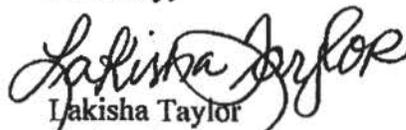
Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314, state commissions must file an annual certification with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") stating that all federal high-cost support provided to rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

In accordance with 47 CFR 54.314, this letter is to request that the Alabama Public Service Commission ("Commission") file a certification with the FCC and USAC, stating that all federal high-cost support provided to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

In support of this request, attached hereto as "Attachment 1" is an affidavit, executed by an officer of Budget PrePay, Inc. attesting that the federal high-cost support to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

In order for Budget PrePay, Inc. to receive support for the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2013, Budget PrePay, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC no later than October 1, 2013, that all federal high-cost support to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for with the support is intended.

Sincerely,

  
Lakisha Taylor  
Budget PrePay, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

Budget Phone, Inc. hereby certifies that it has verified its subscribers continued eligibility in the manner acknowledged below. Budget Phone, Inc. further submits the results of those verification efforts, as provided below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	FCC-complaint random survey of a statistically-valid number of Lifeline subscribers		
	Sample Size:	<u>500</u>	# Responses: <u>468</u>
	# Eligible:	<u>468</u>	# Ineligible: <u>32</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey of entire Lifeline subscriber base		
	Sample Size:	<u>2630</u>	# Responses: <u>1038</u>
	# Eligible:	<u>1024</u>	# Ineligible: <u>14</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Online verification system		
	# Eligible:	<u>          </u>	# Ineligible: <u>          </u>

Budget Phone, Inc. has notified, and based upon later results will continue to notify, all subscribers who have been determined to be ineligible of their status, and have notified or will notify those subscribers that they have 60 days from the date of that notice to rectify or otherwise demonstrate their eligibility.

  
Lakisha Trammie Taylor  
Compliance Supervisor/Product Coordinator  
Budget Phone, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA )  
 ) ss:  
PARISH OF BOSSIER )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared DAVID DONAHUE, who deposed and stated:

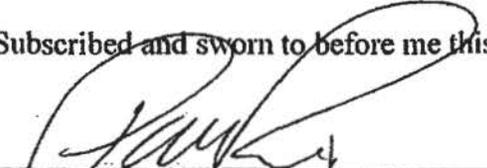
1. My name is DAVID DONAHUE, I am employed by BUDGET PREPAY, INC as its CFO. I am an officer of BUDGET PREPAY, INC and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of BUDGET PREPAY, INC. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as required by 47 CFR 54.314.

2. BUDGET PREPAY, INC hereby certifies that it has used all federal high-cost support it has received have been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID DONAHUE,  
CFO, BUDGET PREPAY, INC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of May 2013.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:  
(Notary Seal)

PATRICK D. NIX  
NOTARY PUBLIC, #35044  
CADDO PARISH LOUISIANA  
My Commission is for Life

Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a

Post Office Box 129  
180 Greenville Bypass  
Greenville, AL 36037

# Camellia

## COMMUNICATIONS

Greenville: 334-371-3000  
Fort Deposit: 334-404-4000  
Fax: 334-371-3001

*Local Service, Long Distance, Internet/DSL*

April 8, 2013

The Honorable Walter Thomas  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104



RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54-314; APSC Docket 25980.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto for electronic filing Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a/ Camellia Communications' ("Company") certification that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support. The original and one copy will be delivered to the Commission. If any additional information is required, please contact Rich Compton with Jackson Thornton at (334)240-3684 or myself at (334)548-2101.

Very truly yours,

Evelyn P. Causey  
Chief Operating Officer

Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a

Post Office Box 129  
180 Greenville Bypass  
Greenville, AL 36037

# Camellia

## COMMUNICATIONS

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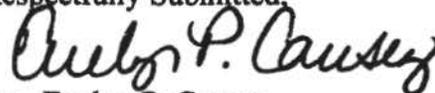
### CERTIFICATION

In its December 20, 2001 and September 27, 2006 Orders in APSC Docket 25980, this Commission determine that it could best meet its monitoring and certification obligations by requiring the "rural LEC Cost Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of their supporting annual interstate cost separation study, annual USF-HCLS filing and estimated USF-LSS filing for review and each of the "rural LEC Average Schedule Companies" to file with the Commission a copy of NECA's proposed annual USF-HCLS and USF-LSS amounts for review. Pursuant to the Order, the Company has previously provided the Commission with a copy of its most recent annual interstate cost separation study, annual 2013USF-HCLS and estimated 2013 USF-LSS filings.

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The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2014. Any questions regarding this submission or the underlying documentation previously submitted to the Commission should be directed to Rich Compton with Jackson Thornton at (334)240-3684 or me at (334)548-2101.

Respectfully Submitted,



By: Evelyn P. Causey

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: April 8, 2013

*Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a*



3629 Cleveland Ave., #C  
P.O. Box 247168  
Columbus, OH 43224  
Tel. 740-549-1092; Fax 740-548-1173

Via Overnight Delivery

May 15, 2013

Hon. Walter L. Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building, Suite 850  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104



**Re:** Nexus Communications, Inc., d/b/a TSINexus, Inc. Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support for 2014 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, APSC Docket No. 25980

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Alabama Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") annual certification requirements, please find attached hereto the affidavit of Nexus Communications, Inc., d/b/a TSINexus, Inc.'s certifying that it is eligible to continue to receive federal high cost universal service support for 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and ASPC Docket No. 25980.

The Certification was filed electronically on May 15, 2013. As required, an original and one (1) copy of the Letter are provided with this filing. In addition an additional "Stamp and Return" copy is being provided. Please indicate the date and time of filing on the enclosed "stamp and return" copy and forward the copy to my attention using the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope.

Please forward any correspondence regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Fenker'.

Steven Fenker  
President  
Nexus Communications, Inc., dba TSINexus, Inc.

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF OHIO )  
 )  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Steven Fenker, who being duly deposited stated:

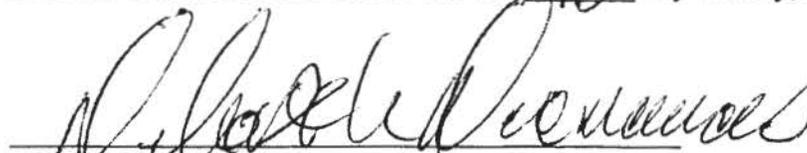
1. My name is Steven Fenker. I am president of Nexus Communications Inc., d/b/a TSINexus, Inc. ("Nexus", the "Company");
2. Nexus is certified as a competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the exchanges of non-rural Incumbent local exchange carrier Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc., Alabama ("AT&T Alabama");
3. As such, the Company is eligible to receive disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund in a manner and amount equal to the disbursements received by AT&T Alabama as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
4. Nexus hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Steven Fenker  
President  
Nexus Communications, Inc., dba TSINexus, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 2013.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 3/10/2014  
(Seal)

# TROYCABLE

Your Hometown Communications Company

June 26, 2013

Hon. Walter L. Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building, Suite 850  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130



Re: Docket No. 29540 Certification of Eligibility of Troy Cablevision, Inc. to Receive Federal Universal Service Funds (FUSF) in Study Area 259025 as it applies to the First through Fourth Quarters of 2014.

Troy Cablevision, Inc. ("Troy" and the "Company") hereby provides for filing the attached letter certifying eligibility by the Company to receive federal high cost universal service support in the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2014 ("Letter"). As demonstrated in the Letter, the Company is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the relevant rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). The Letter also references use of FUSF for 2012.

As required, an original and one (1) copy of the Letter are provided with this filing. In addition, a "Stamp and Return" copy is being provided. Please indicate the date and time of filing on the enclosed "stamp and return" copy and return to my attention using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Respectfully,

William H. Freeman  
President

Attachments



# TROYCABLE Your Hometown Communications Company

June 26, 2013

Hon. Walter L. Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
100 North Union Street  
RSA Union Building, Suite 850  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Re: Docket No. 29540 Certification of Eligibility of Troy Cablevision, Inc. to Receive Federal Universal Service Funds (FUSF) in Study Area 259025 as it applies to the first through Fourth Quarters of 2014.

Troy Cablevision, Inc. ("Company") hereby provides the required certification and requested information regarding the use of support funds to be received in 2014 and the use of funds received in 2012.

On behalf of the Company, I, William H. Freeman, an officer of the Company with substantial knowledge of the Company's operations, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am President of Troy Cablevision, Inc.
2. The company is certified as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the exchanges of ETC certified non-rural Incumbent LECs, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama; CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC; and Butler Telephone Company;
3. As such, the Company is eligible to receive phased down disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund in a manner and amount equal to the disbursements received by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama; CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC; and Butler Telephone Company as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission.
4. For funds received in 2012, the Company has utilize all federal High Cost Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and 47 U.S.C. § 54.314 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
5. For funds received in 2014, the Company will utilize all federal High Cost Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and 47 U.S.C. § 54.314 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
William H. Freeman  
President

# TROYCABLE

Your Hometown Communications Company

June 26, 2013

Hon. Walter L. Thomas, Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
100 North Union Street  
RSA Union Building, Suite 850  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Re: Docket No. 29540 Certification of Eligibility of Troy Cablevision, Inc. to Receive Federal Universal Service Funds (FUSF) in Study Area 259025 as it applies to the first through Fourth Quarters of 2014.

Troy Cablevision, Inc. ("Company") hereby provides the required certification and requested information regarding the use of support funds to be received in 2014 and the use of funds received in 2012.

On behalf of the Company, I, William H. Freeman, an officer of the Company with substantial knowledge of the Company's operations, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am President of Troy Cablevision, Inc.
2. The company is certified as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the exchanges of ETC certified non-rural Incumbent LECs, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama; CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC; and Butler Telephone Company;
3. As such, the Company is eligible to receive phased down disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund in a manner and amount equal to the disbursements received by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama; CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC; and Butler Telephone Company as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission.
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Respectfully Submitted,

  
William H. Freeman  
President