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VIA ECFS

March 6, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC (“Brindlee Mountain”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Brindlee Mountain is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Alabama, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Brindlee Mountain proposes to build 636 unserved premises and one anchor institution in Cullman, Marshall and Morgan Counties, Alabama, which Brindlee Mountain could develop costs in the short response time as part of the IP broadband experiment.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of up to 100 Mbps downstream/5 Mbps upstream provided over fiber to the home technology.

Funding

Brindlee Mountain estimates construction costs to be a total of \$1,173,250. Brindlee Mountain requests \$1,173,250 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding, and will fund the ongoing expenses to operate the system within the funded area. Once the rules for the formal IP Broadband Experiment applications has been

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

released, Brindlee Mountain may expand its request to other unserved regulated ROR areas or contract its request to meet the funding criteria.

Brindlee Mountain appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Andrews".

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