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RE: Case No. 2013-00418  
Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative

The Commission staff has reviewed your response and has determined that your application in the above case now meets the minimum filing requirements. Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Faulkner".

Linda Faulkner  
Filings Division Director

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**In the Matter of:**

**THE APPLICATION OF BALLARD RURAL )  
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION INC. )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE )  
AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A )  
GIGABIT PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK AND )  
FIBER TO THE PREMISES NETWORK )**

**Case No. 2013-00418**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GIGABIT PASSIVE OPTICAL AND  
FIBER TO THE PREMISES NETWORK**

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (Ballard RTCC) pursuant to KRS 278.020 and 807 KAR 5:001: Sections 14(1) and Section 15 submit this application for a certificate of convenience and necessity for the purpose of upgrading and improving Ballard RTCC's telecommunications network. The upgrading of the network will permit Ballard RTCC to offer advanced telecommunication services to all of its customers. Services will include voice, broadband data, and Internet Protocol video. The upgrade will consist of deploying gigabit passive optical network (GPON) equipment and fiber to the premise (FTTP) network in Bandana, Barlow, Gage, and Wickliffe exchanges in Ballard County and McCracken County, Kentucky. In addition, Ballard RTCC will upgrade switching, transmission, and other outside plant facilities.

1. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 14(1) the applicant's full name and address is Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., 159 West Second Street, P.O. Box 209, LaCenter, Kentucky 42056-0209. Ballard RTCC's internet address is WWW.brctc.net.
2. Pursuant to 807 KAR 14 (2) a copy of Ballard RTCC's Articles of Incorporation, are attached as Exhibit A.
3. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, section 15(2)(d)1 , two copies of the required maps along with one copy of the maps on a portable electronic storage medium which show the proposed route for the fiber deployment in the affected exchanges are attached as Exhibit B.