

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS)	
RECEIVING FEDERAL UNIVERSAL)	ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICE HIGH-COST SUPPORT)	CASE NO. 381

O R D E R

The Commission has entered Orders in this proceeding pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules certifying that carriers¹ in Kentucky plan to use their "forward looking" high-cost support for authorized purposes.² 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 require states to ensure that carriers use federal high-cost support for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Also, states must ensure that federal support is being applied in a manner consistent with Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of

¹ Carriers are, in this context, defined as rural and non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers and eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural or non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier within their jurisdiction receiving support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.309 (Calculation and Distribution of Forward-Looking Support for Non-Rural Carriers), § 54.311 (Interim Hold-Harmless Support for Non-Rural Carriers), and § 54.314 (State Certification of Support for Rural Carriers).

² Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration ("Ninth Report and Order"), CC Docket Number 99-45; FCC 99-306, released November 2, 1999, Appendix C, Section 54.313.

1996.³ For 2000, only the use of “forward-looking” support was to be certified. Beginning with the federal support for 2001, certification by state commissions is required regardless of whether the support is “forward-looking” or “hold harmless.” On May 23, 2001, the FCC issued an order in CC Docket 96-45 and CC Docket 00-256 that changed the methodology by which rural carriers receive high-cost support. Also in that order, the FCC required the states to certify that the high-cost support received by rural carriers is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).⁴ Certification must occur by October 1 prior to the year for which support is rendered.

All carriers eligible to receive support have certified to the Commission that the use of federal universal service support will be used in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). All carriers propose to use their universal service support to upgrade facilities to ensure that rural services are reasonably comparable to urban services and to maintain their current rates as allowed by the FCC.⁵ A schedule of support that each carrier is projected to receive is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

The Commission hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance,

³ Ninth Report and Order at paragraphs 93-110.

⁴ In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256; FCC 01- 157, released May 23, 2001. See generally paragraphs 185-193.

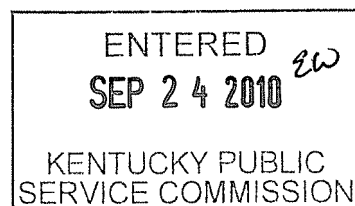
⁵ Ninth Report and Order at paragraph 106.

and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High-Cost Loop Support, Local Switching Support, High-Cost Model Support, and high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

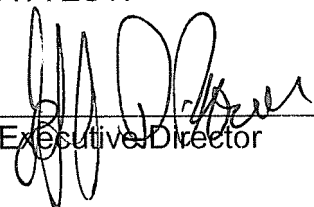
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposals of all of the carriers are hereby certified as complying with the FCC's criteria and, accordingly, these utilities are eligible to receive federal Universal Service Fund support.
2. A copy of this Order shall be served upon the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company to ensure that all carriers receive their 2011 federal high-cost support.
3. By September 1 of each calendar year, all carriers shall file their plans for the use of any high-cost federal support with the Commission.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 381 DATED SEP 24 2010

USAC Projected High Cost Support
Fourth Quarter 2010

State	SAC	Study Area Name	Rural	High Cost Model Monthly Support	High Cost Loop Monthly Support	Safety Net Additive Monthly Support	Safety Valve Monthly Support	Local Switching Monthly Support	Total High Cost Monthly	Total High Cost Annual
KY	260396	BALLARD RURAL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ 13,166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,648	\$ 31,814	\$ 127,256
KY	260398	BRANDENBURG TEL CO	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,913	\$ 502,956
KY	260401	DUO COUNTY TEL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ 199,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,899	\$ 214,700	\$ 2,576,400
KY	260402	WINDSTREAM KY WEST	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,508	\$ -	\$ 26,626	\$ 185,134	\$ 2,221,608
KY	260406	FOOTHILLS RURAL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ 381,140	\$ 45,803	\$ -	\$ 27,980	\$ 454,923	\$ 5,459,076
KY	260408	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,161	\$ 30,161	\$ 361,932
KY	260411	LESLIE COUNTY TEL CO	R	\$ -	\$ 20,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,022	\$ 36,794	\$ 441,528
KY	260412	LEWISPORT TEL CO	R	\$ -	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,885	\$ 9,585	\$ 115,020
KY	260413	LOGAN TEL COOP INC	R	\$ -	\$ 178,261	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,784	\$ 195,045	\$ 2,340,540
KY	260414	MOUNTAIN RURAL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,034	\$ 37,034	\$ 444,408
KY	260415	PEOPLES RURAL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ 216,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,247	\$ 258,542	\$ 3,102,504
KY	260417	SALEM TEL CO	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,104	\$ 11,104	\$ 133,248
KY	260418	SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL	R	\$ -	\$ 350,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,750	\$ 358,803	\$ 4,305,636
KY	260419	THACKER/GRIGSBY TEL	R	\$ -	\$ 10,428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,305	\$ 37,733	\$ 452,796
KY	260421	WEST KENTUCKY RURAL	R	\$ -	\$ 520,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,751	\$ 533,211	\$ 6,398,532
KY	265061	CINCINNATI BELL-KY	N	\$ 52,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KY	265182	SO CENTRAL BELL-KY	N	\$ 616,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KY	269001	SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.	N	\$ 24,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,159	\$ 289,908
KY	269001	SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KY	269002	NPCR, INC.	N	\$ 1,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,297	\$ 15,566
KY	269002	NPCR, INC.	N	\$ 46,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,194	\$ 554,326
KY	269002	NPCR, INC.	R	\$ -	\$ 26,365	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,365	\$ 348,744
KY	269004	CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	N	\$ 2,458	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 2,525	\$ 29,496
KY	269004	CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	R	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 973
KY	269004	CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	R	\$ -	\$ 5,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,184	\$ 63,755
KY	269005	CUMBERLAND CELLULAR, INC. DBA DUO COUNTY TELECOM	N	\$ 429	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429	\$ 5,148
KY	269006	NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	N	\$ 3,247	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,247	\$ 38,964
KY	269007	EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS	N	\$ 46,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,027	\$ 552,324
KY	269007	EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS	R	\$ -	\$ 213,251	\$ 16,917	\$ -	\$ 68,500	\$ 298,668	\$ 3,584,016
KY	269008	BLUEGRASS CELLULAR	N	\$ 69,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,988	\$ 839,856
KY	269008	BLUEGRASS CELLULAR	R	\$ -	\$ 522,837	\$ 284	\$ -	\$ 45,981	\$ 569,102	\$ 6,829,224
KY	269009	SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM LLC	R	\$ 934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 934	\$ 11,208
KY	269010	WEST VIRGINIA PCS ALLIANCE DBA NTELOS	N	\$ 1,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,803	\$ 21,636
KY	269690	WINDSTREAM LEXINGTON	N	\$ 285,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,039	\$ 3,420,468
KY	269691	WINDSTREAM LONDON	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KY	269905	NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS	N	\$ 46,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,335	\$ 556,020
KY	269905	NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS	R	\$ -	\$ 119,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,811	\$ 126,953	\$ 1,523,436
KY	290565	HIGHLAND TEL COOP-TN	R	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,708	\$ 320,496
KY	290573	NORTH CENTRAL COOP	R	\$ -	\$ 146,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,681	\$ 172,049	\$ 2,064,588
KY		DIALOG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.								
KY		TVD BROADBAND SERVICES LLC								
KY		E-TEL LLC								
KY		TSINEXUS, INC.								
KY		NEW TALK, INC.								
KY	269024	T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC AND POWERTEL/MEMPHIS, INC								

James A Bellina
President & CEO
Dialog Telecommunications, Inc.
756 Tyvola Road
Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28217

William K Grigsby
Assistant Manager
Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.
60 Communications Lane
P. O. Box 789
Hindman, KY 41822

Honorable Mary K Keyer
General Counsel/Kentucky
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T
601 W. Chestnut Street
4th Floor East
Louisville, KY 40203

Trevor R Bonnstetter
General Manager
West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative
237 North Eighth Street
P. O. Box 649
Mayfield, KY 42066-0649

Greg A Hale
General Manager/Executive VP
Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
10725 Bowling Green Road
P. O. Box 97
Auburn, KY 42206

Todd B Lantor
NPCR, Inc. dba Nextel Partners
3065 Akers Mill Road, SE
Mailstop GAATLD0704
Atlanta, GA 30339

Marlene H Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission Office of
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A306
Washington, DC 20554

James Hamby
Office Manager
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
7840 Morgan County Highway
P. O. Box 119
Sunbright, TN 37872

William W Magruder
Executive Vice President
Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation,
2150 N. Main Street
P. O. Box 80
Jamestown, KY 42629

Steven Fenker
President
Nexus Communications, Inc.
3629 Cleveland Avenue, Suite C
Columbus, OH 43224

Kristine M Haskin
Manager-Federal Affairs
TDS Telecom
P. O. Box 5158
525 Junction Road, Suite 700S
Madison, WI 53705

Karen Majcher
Universal Service Administrative Co.
2000 L Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Keith Gabbard
Manager
Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative
P. O. Box 159
McKee, KY 40447

Honorable Noelle M Holladay
Attorney at Law
Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP
250 West Main Street
Suite 1600
Lexington, KY 40507-1746

Honorable Holland N McTyeire, V
Attorney at Law
Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC
3500 National City Tower
101 South Fifth Street
Louisville, KY 40202-3197

Paul R Gearheart
Gearheart Communications Company, Inc. dba
20 Laynesville Road
P. O. Box 160
Harold, KY 41635

Honorable Dennis G Howard II
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General Utility & Rate
1024 Capital Center Drive
Suite 200
Frankfort, KY 40601-8204

S. Kelly Moore
Vice-President
SouthEast Telephone, Inc.
106 Power Drive
P. O. Box 1001
Pikeville, KY 41502-1001

W. A Gillum
Mountain Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
405 Main Street
P. O. Box 399
West Liberty, KY 41472-0399

Honorable John N Hughes
Attorney at Law
124 West Todd Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Honorable Mark R Overstreet
Attorney at Law
Stites & Harbison
421 West Main Street
P. O. Box 634
Frankfort, KY 40602-0634

Harlon E Parker
General Manager
Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation,
159 W. 2nd Street
P. O. Box 209
La Center, KY 42056-0209

Jeanne Shearer
VP - State Government Affairs
Windstream Kentucky West, LLC
4139 Oregon Pike
Ephrata, PA 17522

Allison T Willoughby
Assistant General Manager
Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc.
200 Telco Road
P. O. Box 599
Brandenburg, KY 40108

Thomas E Preston
General Manager
Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative
1621 Kentucky Route 40 W
P. O. Box 240
Staffordsville, KY 41256

Ron Smith
General Manager
Bluegrass Wireless, LLC
2902 Ring Road
P. O. Box 5012
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Honorable Christopher J Wilson
Staff Attorney
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
221 East Fourth Street
MS: 103-1280
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Ronald Ripley
Secretary
American Cellular Corporation dba AT&T Mobility
601 W. Chestnut Street
4th Floor East
Louisville, KY 40203

Ron Smith
General Manager
Cumberland Cellular Partnership d/b/a Bluegrass
2902 Ring Road
P. O. Box 5012
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Forrest Wilson
General Manager
South Central Telcom, LLC
1399 Happy Valley Road
P. O. Drawer 159
Glasgow, KY 42142-0159

Gerald Robinette
General Manager
East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian
101 Technology Trail
Ivel, KY 41642

Ron Smith
General Manager
Kentucky RSA #3 Cellular General Partnership,
2902 Ring Road
P. O. Box 5012
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

A.D. Wright
President
e-Tel, LLC dba e-Tel Murray, LLC
601 Broadway, Suite B
Paducah, KY 42001

Rebekah Rouch
Cinergy Communications Company
3701 Communications Way
Evansville, IN 47715-8929

Ron Smith
General Manager
Kentucky RSA #4 Cellular General Partnership,
2902 Ring Road
P. O. Box 5012
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

F. Thomas Rowland
President and CEO
North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
872 Highway 52 By-Pass
P. O. Box 70
Lafayette, TN 37083-0070

Honorable Holly C Wallace
Attorney at Law
Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP
1400 PNC Plaza
500 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Patricia L Rupich
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
221 East Fourth Street
MS: 103-1280
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Nancy J White
President & CEO
North Central Communications, Inc.
872 Highway 52 By-Pass E
P. O. Box 70
Lafayette, TN 37083