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August 30, 2006

Elizabeth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602 REGEIVED

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: A Certification of the Carriers Receiving Universal Service High-Cost Support, Administrative Case 381

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

The Commission's September 27, 2002 Order in Administrative Case 381 requires that recipients of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support provide information to the Commission by September 1 of each year regarding the use of those funds. The Commission, in turn, must certify to the FCC pursuant to the state certification process set out in 47 C.F.R §54.313 that such funds are used appropriately. The attached Affidavit from Joan Coleman, Vice President – Regulatory and External Affairs, serves as BellSouth's response regarding the use of those funds for 2007.

Should you wish any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOAN COLEMAN

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Comes the Affiant, Joan Coleman, and after being duly sworn states as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. I am competent to testify to the facts, which are stated to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

I have been employed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
 ("BellSouth") or its predecessor corporations for 20 years. I currently am Vice
 President – Regulatory and External Affairs for BellSouth in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3. In the Kentucky Public Service Commission's September 27, 2002 Order in Administrative Case No. 381, carriers were ordered to file with the Commission their plans for use of high-cost federal support by September 1st of each year.

4. BellSouth has approximately \$500,000 of rate reductions
embedded in its rate structure related to hold harmless support. In 2000,
BellSouth received approximately \$500,000 of incremental new support that was
offset by a reduction in intrastate access charges.

5. Any federal universal service fund support that BellSouth receives in 2007 in excess of the approximately \$1,000,000 already offset in BellSouth's rate structure, as explained in 4 above, will be used for the maintenance and upgrade of facilities and equipment in compliance with the FCC's guidelines.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

AN COLEMAN

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
) ss
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by JOAN COLEMAN on this Agth day of <u>August</u>, 2006.

My commission expires: January NOTARY PUBLIC. STATE AT LARGE. KY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the individuals on the attached service list by mailing a copy thereof on the 30th day of August, 2006.

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