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Via Hand Delivery

Hon. Jeff Derouen
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***Re: In the matter of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.,
et al., v BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky and
Halo Wireless, Case No. 2011-00199***

Dear Mr. Dorman:

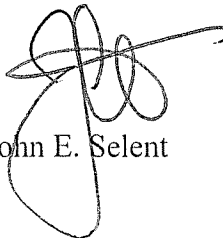
With this letter I am enclosing one (1) original and eleven (11) copies of the parties' joint status report in regard to the above matter. This joint status report is being filed in compliance with the informal conference held on February 15, 2013.

Please return a file stamped copy to our courier.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP



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cc: All Parties of Record

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)
CORPORATION, INC., ET AL.)

COMPLAINANTS)

v.)

CASE No. 2011-00199

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A)
AT&T KENTUCKY)

DEFENDANT)

v.)

HALO WIRELESS)

DEFENDANT)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

In compliance with the Commission’s order during the informal conference on February 15, 2013, the parties to the above-styled proceedings, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (“Ballard Rural”), Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg"), Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Duo County"), Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Foothills”), Gearheart Communications Co., Inc. (“Gearheart”), Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Highland"), Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Logan Telephone”), Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Mountain Rural"), North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("North Central"), Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Peoples”), South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central"), Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. (“Thacker-Grigsby”), and West

Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("West Kentucky") (collectively, the "RLECs"), by counsel, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky ("AT&T Kentucky"), by counsel, hereby submit this Joint Status Report to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commission").

STATUS REPORT

Representatives of the parties met on March 20, 2013, to discuss the status and potential resolution of this matter. During that conference, the parties exchanged some facts regarding the character of the traffic at issue, and agreed to exchange additional facts within the following weeks in order to attempt a resolution.

The parties also discussed whether to submit a procedural schedule at this time. The RLECs proposed that the parties submit a joint procedural schedule to commence thirty (30) days after this Joint Status Report. AT&T Kentucky believes it is premature to set a procedural schedule at this time until the parties have had an opportunity to exchange additional information and engage in discussions to narrow the issues and determine if resolution may be possible. AT&T Kentucky proposes that the parties be provided sixty (60) days within which to hold such discussions, after which time the parties are to file a status report and joint procedural schedule if deemed appropriate. In the alternative, AT&T Kentucky would propose that the parties submit a joint procedural schedule within thirty (30) days to give the parties some time for discussion and to allow AT&T Kentucky an opportunity to assign replacement counsel for AT&T Kentucky's counsel who is retiring.

The RLECs do not believe that the submission of a procedural schedule is premature. The parties have already had more than a year to pursue settlement discussions. And, as is expected in all Commission matters, the parties can and will continue discussing these matters

even during the pendency of a procedural schedule. In fact, a procedural schedule would likely encourage those discussions.

In order to facilitate those discussions, the RLECs have already informed AT&T that the RLECs believe that the proposed procedural schedule should begin no sooner than thirty (30) days after the filing of this Joint Status Report. The RLECs' position is that, together with the time that has elapsed since the informal conference, AT&T will have already received more than sixty (60) days to discuss this matter. The RLECs believe that, altogether, this also provides AT&T Kentucky sufficient time to make any necessary arrangements to address the retirement of its present counsel, particularly given that AT&T Kentucky has already involved additional counsel in discussions regarding the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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