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Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Frankfort, KY 40601

***In the Matter of: Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.,
Alleged Failure to Comply 807 KAR 5:061, Case No. 2012-00371***

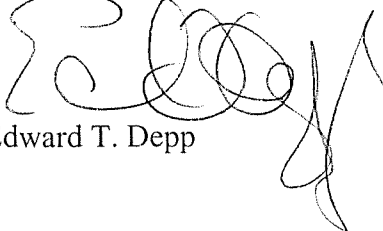
Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commission") is one (1) original and ten (10) copies of the response of Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Mountain Rural") to the Commission's order dated September 10, 2012, in regard to the above captioned matter.

Please return a file-stamped copy to our courier.

Sincerely,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.)	CASE NO. 2012-00371
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**MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.’S
RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 ORDER AND
REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE**

Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (“Mountain Rural”), by counsel, and in response to the September 10, 2012 Order (the “Order”) of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the “Commission”), hereby submits this Request for Informal Conference and Response to the Order.

I. REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE

In accordance with the Order, Mountain Rural respectfully requests the Commission schedule an informal conference. Mountain Rural believes an informal conference will promote the efficient and prompt resolution of this matter, in whole or in part, if possible. Therefore, Mountain Rural requests that an informal conference be scheduled as soon as possible.

II. RESPONSE TO THE ORDER

The Order states that Mountain Rural violated 807 KAR 5:061 by (1) failing to inform an employee of applicable safety rules governing his conduct; (2) failing to inform an employee of the character of any equipment and the methods to be used in conducting his job; (3) employing

a supervisor who failed to adopt precautions to prevent accidents and properly observe the employee; and (4) failing to determine, to the extent practical, whether structures are capable of sustaining additional stress. KRS 278.990 establishes that a penalty may be assessed for any willful violation by a utility or the utility's officer, employee, or agent.

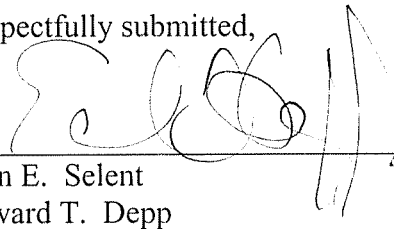
Mountain Rural has adopted a safety policy to safeguard the wellbeing of employees, independent contractors, and the public. Mountain Rural provides that policy to and requires compliance with that policy by all employees. In addition, Mountain Rural requires that all independent contractors comply with any applicable statutes or regulations and discusses its safety policy with independent contractors; however, only independent contractors can ensure that their employees comply at all times. Mountain Rural does verify that independent contractors conduct safety meetings and discuss safety precautions with their employees. Mountain Rural maintains that any violation was not willful.

Mountain Rural takes its established safety rules and procedures very seriously. Therefore, Mountain Rural hopes to work with Commission in order to reassure the Commission that Mountain Rural has implemented and will abide by appropriate procedures and policies to protect the safety of employees and contractors, as well as the public. Mountain Rural believes an informal conference will be helpful in achieving this result.

III. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Mountain Rural respectfully requests an informal hearing to discuss this case further with the Commission in order to reach an efficient and prompt resolution to this matter, in whole or in part, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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