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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Derouen:

Case No. 2016-00042

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc. ("Ballard") gives this notice pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 16(2) of its intent to file no sooner than thirty (30) days from today, but not more than sixty (60) days from today, an application for a general adjustment in its rates. The general adjustment in rates will be supported by a twelve (12) month historical test period that may include adjustments for known and measurable changes.

The anticipated rate application is intended to meet the rate floor mandated in 47 CFR § 54.318, compliance with which is required to ensure that Ballard continues to receive high cost support that is essential to its operations. (See In the matter of Connect America Fund, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011).)

The FCC's June 10, 2014 Order (See Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Order, Memorandum Opinion And Order, Seventh Order On Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 14-54) requires Ballard to have reported line rates greater than or equal to \$18, commencing July 1, 2016 (reflecting rates in effect as of June 1, 2016)¹.

A copy of this notice is being emailed to the Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention by electronic mail at rateintervention@ag.ky.gov.

Please refer any questions to me at 270-665-5186 or via email at randy.grogan@btc.coop.

Sincerely,

Randy C. Grogan, CEO/General Manager

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¹ Paragraph 80.