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**Via Hand Delivery**

Hon. Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
P. O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Re: In the Matter of: A Certification of the Carriers Receiving Universal Service High Cost Support, Administrative Case No. 381**

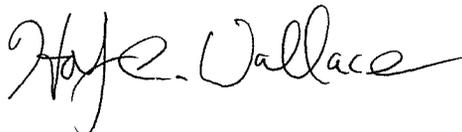
Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

We are legal counsel to East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network"). In that capacity, and pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's August 11, 2005 order in Case No. 2005-00045, we have been requested to file the enclosed original and ten (10) copies of East Kentucky Network's Annual Affidavit Regarding Use of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support in Administrative Case No. 381.

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

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures  
cc: Jim Stevens

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS )  
RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE )  
HIGH COST SUPPORT )

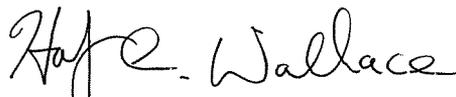
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CASE NO. 381

**EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC d/b/a APPALACHIAN WIRELESS  
ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH -COST SUPPORT**

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network") hereby submits the attached affidavit regarding the use of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support.

In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the previous year. The attached affidavit should be accepted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of notifying the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that East Kentucky Network is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Respectfully submitted,



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## **AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD ROBINETTE**

I, the undersigned Gerald Robinette, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows.

1. I am the authorized representative of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network"). I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support received by East Kentucky Network and how these funds are used by East Kentucky Network.

2. East Kentucky Network was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2005-00045 by order dated August 11, 2005.

3. East Kentucky Network estimates that it will receive \$3,840,000.00 of Federal Universal Service high-cost support during the January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 time period.

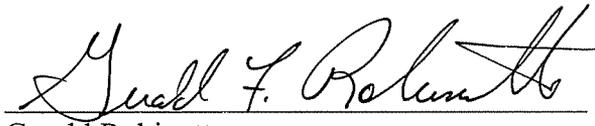
4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds East Kentucky Network receives during 2007 will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), which are available to any customer in East Kentucky Network's service area: voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

5. East Kentucky Network follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32

accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high-cost support amounts.

6. While continuing to receive the estimated amount of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purposes as described, East Kentucky Network does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by East Kentucky Network and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of East Kentucky Network.

7. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.



Gerald Robinette  
Authorized Representative  
East Kentucky Network, LLC  
d/b/a Appalachian Wireless

COUNTY OF FLOYD )  
STATE OF KENTUCKY )

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 24 day of August, 2006.

  
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Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires June 22, 2009.

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