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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 )

WEST KENTUCKY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 ORDER

West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative is committed to providing excellent customer service and the highest level of telecommunications services at rates that are affordable and comparable to non-rural areas. It is critical that West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative remain eligible to receive federal high cost support to meet these goals.

The state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1, of each year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission must file its annual certification letter on or before October 1 of the previous year. This letter should be accepted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission as notification for the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications Commission that West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative is eligible to receive high cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254 (e).

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor R. Bonnstetter  
CEO  
West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative  
237 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mayfield, Kentucky 42066

**FCC CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314**

**Certification of**  
**West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Trevor R. Bonnstetter, CEO of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. My name is Trevor R. Bonnstetter. I am employed by West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative in the position of CEO. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Cooperative and how the Cooperative uses these funds.
2. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative was designated as an (ETC) eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997.
3. The Company is a “rural telephone company” as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Federal Universal Service funds the Cooperative receives during the upcoming year 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. This funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47CFR 54.10 (a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative’s service area: single-party 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, access to operator services, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.
5. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulate local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative’s accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
6. While continuing to receive amounts of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purpose as described, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative will nor be changed because of any action on part of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative.

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

Signature:  Date: September 3, 2004  
Print Name: Trevor R. Bonnstetter

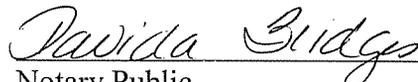
Title: CEO

State of Kentucky, County of Graves

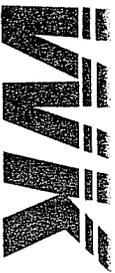
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Kentucky,  
on this day personally appeared Trevor R. Bonnstetter, known to me to be the  
Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September , 2004.

My Commission expires 03-04-06.

  
Notary Public

(seal)



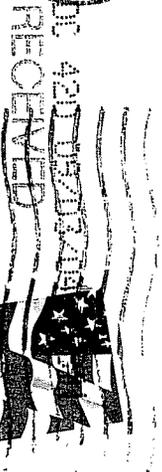
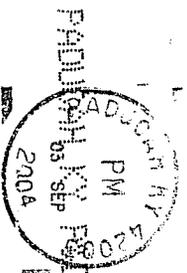
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