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Hon. Beth O'DonnellExecutive DirectorPublic Service Commission211 Sower Blvd.P. O. Box 615Frankfort, KY 40601

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Re: In the Matter of: Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. v. Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, Case No. 2004-00036

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, and the August 2, 2007 and September 24, 2007 orders of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the above-referenced case, enclosed for filing is one original and four copies of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.'s Utility Service Attachments tariff, as well as one copy of this cover letter. A copy of this cover letter and the Utility Service Attachments tariff has been served upon Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation as indicated in the attached certificate of service.

I have also enclosed an additional copy of both this cover letter and the Utility Service Attachments tariff to be file-stamped. Please return the file-stamped copies in the enclosed selfaddressed, postage pre-paid envelope.

Thank you for assistance. If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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HCW/rk Enclosures cc: All Parties of Record John E. Selent, Esq.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served via First Class United States Mail, postage pre-paid, on the following individuals this 11th day of October, 2007:

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

When changes are made in any Tariff page, a revised page will be issued canceling the Tariff page affected; such changes will be identified through the use of the following symbols:

- (C) Denotes a change in listing, general regulations, or conditions, which may affect a rate or charge.
- (D) Denotes discontinued material including listing, general regulations, condition, rate or charge.
- (I) Denotes increase in rate or charge.
- (L) Denotes material located from or to another part of the Tariff, with no change in text, regulation, or rate or condition.
- (N) Denotes new material including listing, general regulation, rate, charge or condition.
- (O) Denotes an obsolete rate, regulation or text.
- (R) Denotes a reduction in either rate or charge.
- (T) Denotes a change in wording of text, but no change in listing, general regulation, condition, rate or charge.

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	X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENTS	(1)
X.1	Application of Tariff	
	This Tariff contains regulations and charges applicable to the provision of attachment space for cable television utility facilities, electric utility facilities or other telecommunication utility facilities on poles of the Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Company".	(T)
	The terms and conditions contained herein apply where the C.A.T.V. operator, electric company operator or the other telecommunications company operator as a customer of the Company, proposes to install television, electrical, or telecommunication distribution cables, amplifiers, drop wires, wires, cable messenger anchors or other appurtenances and desires to attach such equipment to poles, anchors and/or ground wires of the Company.	(T)
X.2	Definitions	
	Poles – All references to "poles" of the Company shall mean poles which are solely owned by the Company.	
	Pole Attachment – This is any attachment by a C.A.T.V. operator, an electric company operator or a telecommunications company operator to a Company Pole.	(T)
	Equipment – The equipment referred to herein consists of television, electrical, or telecommunication distribution cables, amplifiers, drop wires, wires, cable messengers, anchors and any other appurtenance used in the provision of C.A.T.V., electric or telecommunications service.	(T)
	OPERATOR – All references herein to OPERATOR shall mean any entity which provides C.A.T.V., electrical distribution or telecommunications service.	(T)
	C.A.T.V., Electric, or Telecommunications Service – Shall mean the transmission, by cable, of television signals, electrical service or telecommunication service within any exchange of the Company.	(T)

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X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENTS

X.3 General

The Company will make available to OPERATOR space on the poles of the Company. This space is subject to the following conditions and limitations which the Company or appropriate regulatory body deem to be in the interest of the telephone-using public. The OPERATOR shall be considered to be a customer or subscriber of the Company and shall be subject to other parts and sections of this Tariff.

- X.3.1 Before making attachment to any pole or poles of the Telephone Company, OPERATOR shall make application and receive a permit. Before a permit can be issued, the Telephone Company will impose a bonding or insurance requirement to assure safe and adequate construction and operating practices on the part of the OPERATOR.
- X.3.2 The application for permit shall consist of drawings and associated descriptive matter which shall be adequate in all detail to enable the Telephone Company to thoroughly check the proposed installation of the OPERATOR.
- X.3.3 When the application for a permit requires the Telephone Company to do any work to make room for the OPERATOR facilities on the telephone company's poles, the OPERATOR will reimburse the Telephone Company for the entire non-betterment portion of the cost and expense thereof, including the walk-through inspection, engineering, staking, the cost of the larger poles, sacrificed life value of poles removed, cost of removal and the expense of transferring Telephone Company's facilities from the old to the new poles.

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(T) X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENT General (Cont'd) X.3.4 Where OPERATOR's desired attachments can be accommodated on present poles of the Telephone Company by rearranging Telephone Company facilities thereon, the OPERATOR will compensate the Telephone Company for full expense incurred in completing such rearrangements. The OPERATOR will also reimburse the owner or owners of other facilities attached to said poles for any expense incurred by it or them in transferring or rearranging said facilities. (T) The OPERATOR will reimburse the Telephone Company for any authorized X.3.5 expense within ten (10) days after receipt of the Telephone Company's invoice (T) for such expense. The OPERATOR shall secure, from the proper franchising authority, a franchise X.3.6 to erect and maintain its equipment within public streets, highways and other thoroughfares, provided such franchising authority exists, and shall secure any and all consents, permits, licenses, easements or rights-of-way that may be legally required for its operation hereunder. The OPERATOR shall provide to the Company documentation evidencing that all such franchises, consents, permits, licenses, easements and rights-of-way have been obtained. The OPERATOR shall additionally provide the Company a map depicting the franchised area in which pole attachments may be applied for by the OPERATOR. (T) The OPERATOR shall assist in, and bear the expense of securing any additional consents, permits or licenses that may be required by the Company because of the **OPERATOR** pole attachments. (T) The franchises, consents, permits, licenses, easements and rights-of-way of the Company are for its own facilities and the provision of its other services. No rights in such franchises, consents, permits, licenses, easements or rights-of-way are conferred upon any OPERATOR hereunder. (T)

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X0.3 General (Cont'd)

X.3.7 Upon application for attachment, the OPERATOR shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Company of its authority to erect and maintain its equipment within public streets, highways and other thoroughfares and shall secure any necessary franchise, license, permit, consent, easement or rights-of-way from federal, state or municipal authorities or owners of property now or hereafter required to construct and maintain such equipment at the location of facilities of the Company which it desires to use. In the event any such franchise, thereafter denied to the OPERATOR for any reason, permission to attach to Company poles so affected shall immediately terminate, the OPERATOR shall forthwith remove its equipment from Company facilities.

Upon notice from the Telephone Company to the OPERATOR that the removal or cessation of the use of any pole has been requested or directed by federal, state or municipal authorities or property owners, permission to attach to such pole shall immediately terminate and the OPERATOR shall forthwith remove its equipment therefrom.

X.3.8 No use, however extended, of the Company's poles under this Tariff shall create or vest in the OPERATOR any ownership or property right in said poles. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to compel the Company to maintain any of its facilities for a period longer than that demanded by its other service requirements.

The Company reserves to itself, its successors and assigns the right to maintain its poles and to locate and operate its facilities in such manner as will best enable it to fulfill its other public service requirements.

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(T) X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENTS General (Cont'd) X.3.9 The Company reserves the right to provide pole attachment space to more than one OPERATOR and to make such space available to other entities. This Tariff shall not limit the rights and privileges previously granted to others to use any poles covered by this Tariff, and the privileges provided by this Tariff shall at all times be subject to such previously granted rights. (T) Failure to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Tariff shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in effect. The OPERATOR shall not assign, transfer or sublet any rights to make pole attachments without the prior written consent of the Company. (T) X.3.10 The OPERATOR shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance policies or bond in lieu thereof providing an equivalent protection: (1) Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease covering the OPERATOR's full liability under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. (T) This shall include Employer's Liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00. (2) Comprehensive General Liability insurance in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limits or \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate for any accident resulting in bodily injuries to or the death of one or more persons and the consequential damages arising therefrom, together with

Property Damage Liability in the amount of \$500,000.00 each occurrence with an

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X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENTS

X.3 General (Cont'd)

X.3.10 (Cont'd)

All policies of insurance shall contain written endorsements to the effect that the amount of coverage of the insurance provided thereby will not be reduced or terminated without thirty (30) days written notice first being given to the Company. Certificates of insurance, incorporating the above described endorsement, shall be delivered to a designated officer of the Company and shall be approved by the Company before the OPERATOR is permitted to perform any work authorized pursuant to this Tariff. Failure of the OPERATOR to provide notice of renewals, changes in carrier, or a reduction in or terminate the OPERATOR's right to continue its pole attachments and/or use of cable ducts. If renewal premiums are not paid by the OPERATOR prior to said 30-day notice, the Company shall have the right to pay said premiums and be reimbursed by the OPERATOR upon demand.

The OPERATOR shall promptly notify the Company of all claims and potential claims relating to damage to property or injury to or death of persons arising or alleged to have arisen in any manner by or associated with, directly or indirectly, the presence or use of the OPERATOR's equipment upon or within any facility of the Company.

The OPERATOR shall exercise special precautions to avoid damage to facilities of the Company on said poles and hereby assumes all responsibility for any and all loss for such damage. The OPERATOR shall make an immediate report to the Telephone Company of the occurrence of any such damage and shall reimburse the Company for the expense incurred in making repairs necessitated thereby.

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X.3 General (Cont'd)

- X.3.11. The OPERATOR shall furnish a bond for each individual OPERATOR system utilizing pole attachments under this Tariff to guarantee the payment of any sum which may become due to the Company for rental, penalty and make-ready charges and work performed by the Company pursuant to this Tariff for the benefit of the OPERATOR or as a result of default or forfeiture by the OPERATOR. The amount of such bond shall be based upon the following:
 - 1. A bond of \$10,000.00 shall be furnished except as provided in (2) below.
 - 2. After one year following the completion of construction of an individual OPERATOR system and its placement into operation, the OPERATOR may request that the required amount of bond be reduced. Upon the Company's receipt of satisfactory evidence that all mechanics, workmen and material men who furnished services, labor or materials in the construction of such OPERATOR system and all taxing authorities have been paid all amounts due them, the Company will reduce the amount of bond required to the following:
 - A. A bond of \$5,000.00 shall be furnished.
- X.4 Construction and Maintenance
 - X.4.1 The OPERATOR's cables, wires and appliances in each and every location shall be erected and maintained in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the National Electrical Safety Code, 1981 Edition, or any amendments or revisions of said code and in compliance with any other codes, rules or orders now in effect or that hereafter be issued by the Public Service Commission or other authority having jurisdiction.

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X.4 Construction & Maintenance (Cont'd)

- X.4.2 If applicable, the electric company will occupy the top of the pole with forty (40) inches of required safety space between this attachment and the next attachment lower on the pole. Each of the other attachments by a C.A.T.V. or telephone OPERATOR will occupy the remaining usable space on the pole with no less than one (1) foot of space between each of these attaching OPERATORS. The lowest attachment on the pole should be no less than twenty (20) feet to the ground as long as resulting cable and wire clearances do not produce violations of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC).
- X4.3 The OPERATOR shall, at its own risk and expense, make and maintain attachments in a safe condition and in thorough repair and in a manner suitable to the Telephone Company or by other persons, firms, corporations, governmental units, etc. using said poles, pursuant to any license or permit of the Telephone Company, or interfere with the working use of facilities there or which may, from time to time, be placed thereon.
- X.4.4 The OPERATOR shall at any time, at its own risk and expense, upon forty-eight (48) hours notice from the Telephone Company relocate, replace or renew its facilities placed on said poles and transfer them to substituted poles or perform any other work in connection with said facilities that may be required by the Telephone Company. In cases of an emergency situation, immediate action may be required of the OPERATOR without the forty-eight (48) hours notice.
- X.4.5 If the OPERATOR is unable or unwilling to meet the Telephone Company's time schedule for such changes, the Telephone Company may do the work and charge the OPERATOR its reasonable cost for performing the change of OPERATOR attachments. (T)
- X.4.6 In cases of broken or damaged poles, the Telephone Company shall not be required or expected to clear traveled portions of public highways or private property of OPERATOR wires and cables.
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X.4.7 To prevent lightning damage and to promote safety, the last company installing a support messenger on a pole shall bond to the existing support messenger of the company. This bonding requirement will be at least once every fifteen hundred (1500) feet of messenger length.

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(T)X. UTILITY SERVICE ATTACHMENTS Rates X.5.1 Rental Charges The OPERATOR shall pay to the Company, annually in advance, the rental charges specified below. Annual billing shall be made to each attaching (T) OPERATOR each year. From the effective date of the permit for previously unbilled attachments, which shall be the date when the Company's facilities are made available for use by the OPERATOR, to the date of the next annual billing, the annual rental rate shall be payable on a prorated basis with such fractional amount submitted with the (T) application for attachment. \$2.00 Rental Rate – Per 2-User Pole Attachment, Annually Per 3-User Pole, Attachment, Annually \$1.35

X.5.2 Penalty Charges

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Where pole attachments have been made without receipt of authorization from the Company, a penalty charge of twice the amount of the annual rental rate shall apply in lieu of the annual rental rate from the date of the last previous physical inventory of pole attachments of inspection required pursuant to the rules of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, whichever is most recent. Additionally, a special "make-ready" charge equal to twice the amounts which would have been due and applicable if the attachment had been properly authorized shall apply.

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