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Re: *In the Matters of:*

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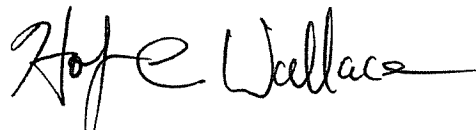
Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed for filing in each of the above-styled cases are two originals of the Motion to Apply CTAT Rates to Ballard Rural. Also enclosed are 10 copies of these identical motions.

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

Very truly yours,

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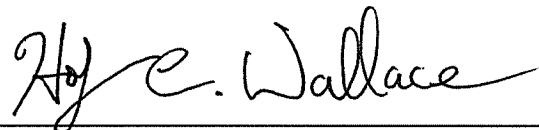
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should grant Ballard Rural's motion and apply Jackson Purchase's CTAT rates to Ballard Rural.

Respectfully submitted,



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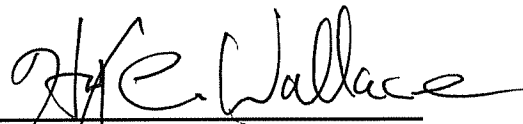
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AFFIDAVIT

Comes the affiant, Harlon Parker, and does depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Harlon Parker. I am the General Manager of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard Rural").
2. In that capacity I am responsible for the day-to-day business operations of Ballard Rural. I report directly to the Board of Trustees of the cooperative.
3. I have been the General Manager of Ballard Rural for 23 years.
4. Telephone companies, such as Ballard Rural, use or can use the same facilities to provide telephony and digital video services.
5. To the best of my knowledge, cable television ("CATV") companies use or can use the same facilities to provide telephony and cable services.
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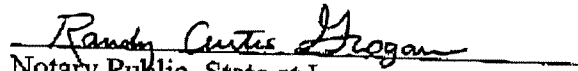
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me a notary public by Harlon Parker, to me known, this 13 day of April, 2005.

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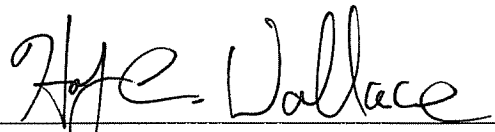
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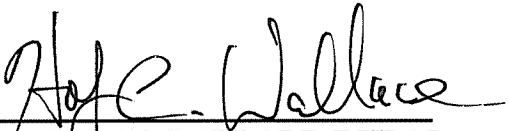
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matters of:

APPLICATION OF JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY CORPORATION FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN EXISTING CABLE TELEVISION ATTACHMENT TARIFF)
) **Case No. 2004-00319**
)

and

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.)
)
)
 v.) **Case No. 2004-00036**
)
 JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY CORPORATION)

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the affiant, Harlon Parker, and does depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Harlon Parker. I am the General Manager of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard Rural").
2. In that capacity I am responsible for the day-to-day business operations of Ballard Rural. I report directly to the Board of Trustees of the cooperative.
3. I have been the General Manager of Ballard Rural for 23 years.
4. Telephone companies, such as Ballard Rural, use or can use the same facilities to provide telephony and digital video services.
5. To the best of my knowledge, cable television ("CATV") companies use or can use the same facilities to provide telephony and cable services.
6. Telephone companies and CATV companies are competitors. They compete to provide telephony and video services to the same customer base.

7. Ballard Rural's pole attachments are not materially different than CATV pole attachments.


8. To the best of my knowledge and belief, Jackson Purchase does not incur significantly higher costs in providing pole attachment services to Ballard Rural as compared to CATV companies.

9. The pole attachment services that Jackson Purchase provides to Ballard Rural are substantially the same as those it provides to CATV companies.

10. Ballard Rural's attachments occupy approximately the same amount of space as CATV attachments—one foot.

11. Nonetheless, Jackson Purchase discriminates against Ballard Rural by proposing to charge it significantly higher rates for pole attachment services than it charges CATV companies for the same services pursuant to its CTAT rates.

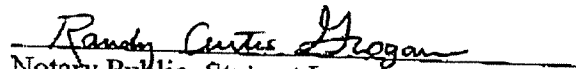
FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Harlon Parker

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY) SS
COUNTY OF BALLARD)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me a notary public by Harlon Parker, to me known, this 13 day of April, 2005.

My commission expires: JUNE 14, 2005


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