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The Commission staff has reviewed your response and has determined that your application in the above case now meets the minimum filing requirements. Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502/564-3940.

Sincerely,

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In the Matter of:

**THE APPLICATION OF BALLARD RURAL)
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A)
GIGABIT PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK)**

Case No.

2009-0019

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GIGABIT PASSIVE OPTICAL
NETWORK**

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (Ballard RTCC) pursuant to KRS 278.020 and 807 KAR 5:001: Section 9(1)(a) hereby submits this application for a certificate of convenience and necessity for the purpose of upgrading Ballard RTCC's network to utilize Internet Protocol technology. It consists of deploying a gigabit passive optical network (GPON) fiber to the premise (FTTP) network in LaCenter, Heath and Kevil exchanges in Ballard County and McCracken County, Kentucky. In addition, the funds will be used to upgrade switching, transmission, and outside plant facilities.

1. The full name and address of the Ballard RTCC is Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., 159 West Second Street, P.O. Box 209, LaCenter, Kentucky 42056-0209.
2. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 a copy of Ballard RTCC's Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto, are attached as Exhibit A.
3. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, section 9(2), three copies of the required map showing the proposed route for the fiber deployment in the affected exchanges are attached as Exhibit B.
4. Ballard RTCC, a Rural Utilities Services (RUS) borrower, operates a rural incumbent local exchange carrier serving providing services to areas within Ballard County and McCracken County, Kentucky. Ballard RTCC, as of