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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Administrative Case No. 381

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case the original and four (4) copies of Cumberland Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Duo County Telecom's annual affidavit regarding use of Federal Universal Service high-cost support in accordance with 47 USC § 254(e).

Should you have any questions regarding our filing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Thomas E. Preston President

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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

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 381

#### CUMBERLAND CELLULAR, INC. d/b/a DUO COUNTY TELECOM'S ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL <u>SERVICE HIGH-COST SUPPORT</u>

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Duo County Telecom is committed to providing excellent customer service and the highest level of telecommunications services at rates that are affordable and comparable to nonrural areas. It is critical that Duo County Telecom 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 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 Duo County Telecom is eligible to receive high cost support in accordance with 47 USC § 254(e).

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Preston President Duo County Telecom P. O. Box 80 Jamestown, KY 42629

### AFFIDAVIT

## STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF RUSSELL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Thomas E. Preston of Duo County Telecom, ("the Company"), who on his oath deposed and said:

- My name is Thomas E. Preston. I am employed by Duo County Telecom in the position of President. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how these funds are used by the Company.
- Duo County Telecom was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in PSC Case No. 2007-00518 by order dated April 24, 2008.
- Duo County Telecom estimates that it will receive \$22,000 of Federal Universal Service high cost support during the January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 time period.
- 4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds Duo County Telecom receives during 2012 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 CFR § 54.101(a), which are available to any customer in Duo County Telecom'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 operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

- 5. Duo County Telecom 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, Duo County Telecom does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by Duo County Telecom and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of Duo County Telecom.
- 7. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Thomas E. Preston

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the <u>7th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2011.

Ausan Omerson Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires <u>01-12-15</u>.

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