#### **BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY**

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

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

RE: PSC Case No. 381

Please find enclosed the original and four (4) copies of our annual affidavit in response to the Commission's order dated September 25, 2001 supporting the Commission's annual certification to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that Brandenburg Telephone Company is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254 (e).

Should you have any questions regarding our filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Allison Willoughby

Assistant General Manager

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AUG - 9 2011

| In the Matter of:               |   | PUBLIC SERVICE<br>COMMISSION |
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| A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS | ) | ADMINISTRATIVE               |
| RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE     | ) | CASE NO. 381                 |
| HIGH COST SUPPORT               | ) |                              |

### BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT TO COMMISSION'S SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 ORDER

Brandenburg Telephone Company 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 Brandenburg Telephone Company 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 Brandenburg Telephone Company is eligible to receive high cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254(E).

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Willoughby

Assistant General Manager

Brandenburg Telephone Company

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

# STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF MEADE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Allison Willoughby of Brandenburg Telephone Company, ("the Company"), who on her oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Allison Willoughby. I am employed by Brandenburg Telephone Company in the position of Assistant General Manager. 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.
- 2. Brandenburg Telephone Company was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in PSC Case No. 380 by order dated November 26, 1997.
- 3. Brandenburg Telephone Company does not expect to receive Federal Universal Service high cost support during the January 1, 2012 to December 2012 time period.
- 4. If Brandenburg Telephone Company receives any Federal Universal Service support, it 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. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 CFR § 54.10(a), which are available to any customer in the Company's service area: single-part 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 or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

- 5. Brandenburg Telephone Company follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility Brandenburg Telephone Company's accounting procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
- 6. If Federal Universal Service support is received, Brandenburg Telephone Company does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by Brandenburg Telephone Company and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of the Brandenburg Telephone Company.

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| /          | The matters     | addressed | above are  | within my                               | nersonal | knowledge    | and are | true and | correct |
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Allison Willoughby

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the day of

Notary Public State of Kentucky

, 2011.

My commission expires  $\frac{5/18/2013}{}$ .

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