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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH COST SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 381

HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT TO COMMISSION'S SPETEMBER 25, 2001 ORDER

Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 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 Highland Telephone Cooperative 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 to 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 Highland Telephone Cooperative is eligible to receive high cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Crawford Access Service Manager Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. P.O. Box 119 Sunbright, TN 37872-0119

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF MCCREARY

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day, personally appeared David C. Crawford of Highland Telephone Cooperative, ("HTC"), who on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David C. Crawford. I am employed by HTC in the position of Access Service Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by HTC and how these funds are used by the Cooperative.
- 2. HTC was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997.
- 3. HTC estimates that it will receive no high-cost support funds during the January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 time period. Accordingly HTC is not submitting a plan for the use of high-cost support funds for 2012.
- 4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds HTC 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. 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 HTC'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 emergency services, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualify low income customers.
- 5. HTC 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. As a regulated utility, HTC's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Associations and Kentucky Public Service Commission review.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and 6. correct.

2C Cranf David C. Crawford

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this // day of -augus 7, 2011.

Notary Public, State of Vennessee My Commission expires <u>5-20-15</u>

