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September 3, 2013

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

RE: Affidavit Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Requirements

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Please find enclosed an annual affidavit in supporting the Commission's Annual Certification filing pursuant to 54.314 with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) that Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is eligible to receive 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,

HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Mark Patterson', written over a horizontal line.

G. Mark Patterson
General Manager

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Enclosure

AFFIDAVIT

Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

Pursuant to 47 C. F. R. § 54.314

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COUNTY OF MCCREARY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared G. Mark Patterson of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., ("the Cooperative"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is G. Mark Patterson. I am employed by Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in the position of General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Cooperative and how these funds are used by the Cooperative.
2. Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Administrative Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997. Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides service in study area code 260565.
3. Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies all federal high-cost support provided to the Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year (2012) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2014) only 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 § 54.101(a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative's service

area: voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extend the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income customers.

4. Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 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, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
5. While continuing to receive Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purposes as described, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. does not anticipate withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of service between the rural areas served by Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.


G. Mark Patterson

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 3rd day of September, 2013.

Billie J. Hamilton

Notary Public, State of Tennessee

My Commission expires 5/24/14.

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