

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS) ADMINISTRATIVE
OF THE CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL) CASE NO. 381
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST SUPPORT)

COMMISSION STAFF'S DATA REQUEST

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, specified parties are to file with the Commission the original and 10 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before September 4, 2001. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible.

On July 31, 2001, the Commission ordered all incumbent local exchange carriers to submit detailed proposals for the certification process including the intended uses of any federal high-cost support to be received in 2002. To date the Commission has received responses from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Logan"), Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc. ("Duo"), Coalfields Telephone Company ("Coalfields"), and Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc ("Ballard"). BellSouth indicated that it would not receive any federal high-cost support in 2002; therefore, certification is not necessary. Logan, Duo, Coalfields, and Ballard filed similarly-styled affidavits stating that the federal high-cost monies to be received by each company would be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Communications Act of 1996.

All responding companies, except for BellSouth, are requested to supplement their responses by providing specific projects and their costs and specific proposals to reduce intrastate access rates in amounts equal to the amount of the federal high-cost support received. Examples of specific projects are switch upgrades, interoffice facility improvements, and replacement of copper facilities with fiber.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Dorman", with a horizontal line underneath.

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