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RE: CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS (CSA's)  
Administrative Case No. 2002-00456

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Please find enclosed original and 10 copies of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., response to the Commission Case No. 2002-00456.

Sincerely,

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harlon E. Parker", written in dark ink.

Harlon E. Parker  
General Manager

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Enclosures

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Harlon E. Parker  
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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Before the Public Service Commission

In the matter of:

Inquiry into the use of Contract Service	}	
Arrangements by Telecommunications	}	CASE NO.
Carriers in Kentucky	}	2002-00456

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Response to Commission Order Dated December 19, 2002

On December 19, 2002, the Kentucky Public (Commission) initiated Administrative Case No. 2002-00456 for the examining of Contract Service Agreements (CSA's) by each communication carrier in Kentucky. In PSC Case No. 2002-00456, the Commission requested interested parties including local exchange carriers to respond to a number of questions and also provide for the option of those Companies not wishing to participate in this proceeding to request to opt-out of the proceeding. With this filing, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. responds to the questions posed by the Commission.

Question #1

Each telecommunication carrier shall respond to the information requested in Appendix C of said Case no later than February 5, 2003 or in the alternative shall file with the Commission a statement that it does not wish to participate in the proceeding together with a full explanation.

Response #1

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., did not enter into any CSA's during 2001 -2002 and does not anticipate entering into any Contract Service Agreements (CSA's) in the future.

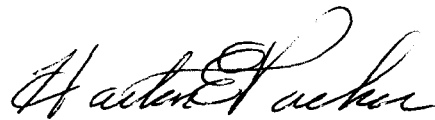
Question #2

Each telecommunications carrier named in the service list hereto shall comply with the procedural schedule in Appendix B hereto or, in the alternative, shall file with the Commission a statement that it does not wish to participate in this proceeding.

Response #2

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., requests to be excused from participation in this proceeding. We do not currently utilize (CSA's) neither does Ballard Rural Telephone anticipate using (CSA's) in the future and we seek to avoid the administrative, legal and regulatory cost to participate in this docket.

Respectfully Submitted,



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