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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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F. L. Terry  
MANAGER

RE: Case No. 2002-00456

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Ernest A. Petroff  
ATTORNEY

Dear Mr. Dorman:

DIRECTORS  
John Tate  
PRESIDENT

Please find enclosed the original and four copies of our tariff filing for Telecommunications Carriers of Kentucky.

JoAn Haynes  
VICE PRESIDENT

Jerry Williams  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

I would appreciate your bringing this to the attention of the Commission and its consideration and approval would be greatly appreciated.

Mickey Bingham

Jan Byrd

Yours truly,

Jo Campbell

HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Loma Denney

Shelva Jo Jones

Joe Alvin Sexton

Clara Terry

James H. Hamby  
Information Systems Manager

James E. Terry

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Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF )  
CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS )  
BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS )  
IN KENTUCKY )

ADMINISTRATIVE  
CASE NO. 2002-00456

**HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S  
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF DATA REQUEST**

On December 19, 2002, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated Administrative Case No. 2002-00456 for the purpose of examining the use of contract service agreements ("CSAs") by telecommunication carriers in Kentucky. In initiating PSC Case No. 2002-00456, the Commission included a number of questions that interested parties were to address. Highland Telephone Cooperative ("HTC") in this filing is responding to the questions provided by the Commission.

Question #1:

Each telecommunications carrier named in the service list hereto shall respond to the information requested in Appendix C hereto 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 this proceeding, together with a full explanation therefor.

Response #1:

HTC did not enter into any CSAs during 2001 and 2002 and does not anticipate entering into any CSAs in the near future.

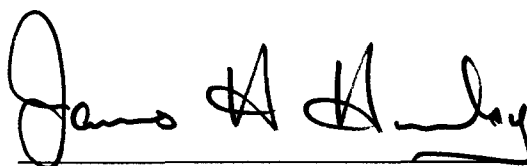
Question #2:

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:

HTC requests to be released from participation in this proceeding because it does not currently utilize CSAs, does not anticipate using CSAs in the near future and seeks to avoid the administrative, legal and regulatory costs of participating in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H Hamby", written over a horizontal line.

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