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Mr. Tom Dorman, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 615  
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RE: PSC Case No. 2002-00456

Please find enclosed the original and five (5) copies of our response to the Commission's order dated December 19, 2002, regarding a data request into the use of contract service agreements by telecommunications carriers in Kentucky.

Should you have any questions regarding our filing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

F. Thomas Rowland  
President and CEO

Enclosures

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of:**

|                                       |   |                            |
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| <b>INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF</b>        | ) |                            |
| <b>CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS</b>    | ) | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>      |
| <b>BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS</b> | ) | <b>CASE NO. 2002-00456</b> |
| <b>IN KENTUCKY</b>                    | ) |                            |

**NORTH CENTRAL 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. North Central Telephone Cooperative ("North Central") 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:**

North Central 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:

North Central 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 'F. Thomas Rowland', written over a horizontal line.

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