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Linda C. Bridwell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: In the Matter of An Inquiry into the State Universal Service Fund, Case No. 2016-00059 – Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Executive Director:

We are legal counsel to Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Highland Telephone”). Pursuant to the Commission’s February 21, 2022 Order in Case No. 2016-00059 (the “Order”), Highland Telephone, through counsel, hereby files its letter detailing the information requested by the Commission in the Order.

As of the filing of this letter, Highland Telephone offers or anticipates offering two broadband only service plans, all with no data caps, to Kentucky customers under the Federal Communications Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”). For the ACP eligible broadband only plans offered to Lifeline customers, Highland Telephone does not seek reimbursement from the KUSF. As of the filing of this letter, the broadband only service offerings that are or will be eligible for the ACP program, the cost of those service offerings, and a description of how the federal Lifeline and ACP support will be applied to those service offerings is set forth in the chart below.

HIGHLAND TELEPHONE BROADBAND ONLY PLANS					
Data Speeds (download/upload)	Monthly Cost of Service Plan	Monthly Modem Rental Fee (Optional)	Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	Monthly ACP Reimbursement	Net Charge to Lifeline Customer
250 Mbps/ 250 Mbps	\$79.95	\$3.95	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	\$44.65
1 Gbps/ 500 Mbps	\$121.95	\$3.95	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	\$86.65

In addition to its broadband only service plans, as of the filing of this letter, Highland Telephone offers or anticipates offering five broadband plans to Kentucky Lifeline customers who are enrolled in a Lifeline eligible telephone plan with Highland Telephone. For those Lifeline customers who choose to add broadband services to their telephone plan, Highland Telephone will apply federal support to the cost of the broadband services, and seek state Lifeline support for the eligible voice service. As of the filing of this letter, the broadband services that are or will be eligible for ACP and available to Kentucky Lifeline customers enrolled in a telephone service with Highland Telephone, the cost of those service offerings, and a description of how the ACP, federal, and state Lifeline support will be applied to eligible plans is set forth in the chart below.

HIGHLAND TELEPHONE VOICE & BROADBAND PLANS					
Data Speeds (download/upload)	25 Mbps/ 5 Mbps	35 Mbps/ 10 Mbps	50 Mbps/ 50 Mbps	250 Mbps/ 250 Mbps	1 Gbps/ 500 Mbps
Monthly Cost of Voice Service	\$14.73	\$14.73	\$14.73	\$14.73	\$14.73
Monthly Cost of Broadband Service Plan	\$49.95	\$69.95	\$105.00	\$69.95	\$109.95
Monthly Modem Rental Fee (Optional)	\$3.95	\$3.95	\$3.95	\$3.95	\$3.95
Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	(\$9.25)	(\$9.25)	(\$9.25)	(\$9.25)	(\$9.25)
Monthly ACP Reimbursement	(\$30.00)	(\$30.00)	(\$30.00)	(\$30.00)	(\$30.00)
Monthly KUSF Discount	(\$3.50)	(\$3.50)	(\$3.50)	(\$3.50)	(\$3.50)
Net Charge to Lifeline Customer	\$29.38	\$49.38	\$84.43	\$49.38	\$85.88

Highland Telephone appreciates the Commission’s continued efforts to monitor and ensure the financial stability of the KUSF in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Certification

I hereby certify that a copy of this Letter has been served electronically on all parties of record through the use of the Commission's electronic filing system, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission.

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