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Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
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Re: In the Matter of An Inquiry into the State Universal Service Fund, Case No. 2016-00059 – Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. d/b/a BTC

Dear Executive Director:

We are legal counsel to Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. d/b/a BTC (“BTC”). Pursuant to the Commission’s July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2016-00059 (the “Order”), BTC, through counsel, hereby files its letter detailing the information requested by the Commission in the Order.

BTC offers three broadband only service plans, all with no data caps, to Kentucky customers under the Federal Communications Commission’s Emergency Broadband Benefit (“EBB”) Program. For the EBB eligible broadband only plans offered to Lifeline customers, BTC does not seek reimbursement from the KUSF. The broadband only service offerings that are eligible for the EBB program, the cost of those service offerings, and a description of how the federal Lifeline and EBB support will be applied to those service offerings is set forth in the chart below.

BTC’S EBB BROADBAND ONLY PLANS & APPLICATION OF CREDITS					
Data Speeds (download/upload)	Monthly Cost of Service Plan	Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	Monthly EBB Reimbursement	Monthly KUSF Discount	Net Charge to Lifeline Customer¹
150 Mbps/ 150 Mbps	\$76.99	(\$9.25)	(\$50.00)	N/A	\$17.74
300 Mbps/ 300 Mbps	\$96.99	(\$9.25)	(\$50.00)	N/A	\$37.74
1 Gig/ 1 Gig	\$136.99	(\$9.25)	(\$50.00)	N/A	\$77.74

¹ BTC offers optional services with its Broadband plans, which, if selected, would increase the net monthly charge.

In addition to its broadband only service plans, BTC also offers three add-on broadband plans to Kentucky Lifeline customers who are enrolled in a Lifeline eligible telephone plan with BTC. For those Lifeline customers who choose to add broadband services to their telephone plan, BTC applies the EBB credit to the cost of the add-on broadband services, and seeks federal and state Lifeline support for the eligible telephone service. The add-on broadband service offerings that are eligible for EBB and available to Kentucky Lifeline customers enrolled in a telephone service with BTC, the cost of those service offerings, and a description of how the EBB, federal and state Lifeline support will be applied to eligible plans is set forth in the chart below.

BTC'S ADD-ON BROADBAND PLANS & APPLICATION OF CREDITS						
<u>1. Plan One</u>						
	Data Speeds (download/upload)	Monthly Cost of Service Plan	Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	Monthly EBB Reimbursement	Monthly KUSF Discount	Net Charge to Lifeline Customer
Telephone	--	\$24.50	(\$5.25)	--	(\$3.50)	\$15.75
Broadband Add-On	25 Mbps/ 25 Mbps	\$36.99	--	(\$36.99)	--	\$0.00
Plan One Totals		\$61.49	(\$5.25)	(\$36.99)	(\$3.50)	\$15.75
<u>2. Plan Two</u>						
	Data Speeds (download/upload)	Monthly Cost of Service Plan	Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	Monthly EBB Reimbursement	Monthly KUSF Discount	Net Charge to Lifeline Customer
Telephone	--	\$24.50	(\$5.25)	--	(\$3.50)	\$15.75
Broadband Add-On	50 Mbps/ 50 Mbps	\$46.99	--	(\$46.99)	--	\$0.00
Plan Two Totals		\$71.49	(\$5.25)	(\$46.99)	(\$3.50)	\$15.75

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3. Plan Three						
	Data Speeds (download/upload)	Monthly Cost of Service Plan	Monthly FCC Lifeline Discount	Monthly EBB Reimbursement	Monthly KUSF Discount	Net Charge to Lifeline Customer
Telephone	--	\$24.50	(\$5.25)	--	(\$3.50)	\$15.75
Broadband Add-On	75 Mbps/75 Mbps	\$56.99	--	(\$50.00)	--	\$6.99
Plan Three Totals		\$81.49	(\$5.25)	(\$50.00)	(\$3.50)	\$22.74

BTC 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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