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Hon. Jeff Derouen, 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

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing is the Rural Local Exchange Carriers' ("RLECs")¹ initial comments on the above-referenced matter, pursuant to the Kentucky PSC's Order dated February 1, 2016. The certificate of service below certifies that the enclosed was filed electronically today. The filing may be accessed at the Commission's Electronic Filing Center located at <http://psc.ky.gov/efs/efsmain.aspx>.

Thank you, and if you have any questions with regard to this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

¹ Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Brandenburg Telephone Company, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Gearhart Communications Co., Inc., Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc., and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (collectively the "RLECs").

Certification

I hereby certify that the electronic version of this filing made with the Commission on February 22, 2016, is a true and accurate copy of the document filed herewith in paper form, and the electronic version of the filing has been transmitted to the Commission. A copy of this cover letter has been served electronically on all parties of record for whom an e-mail address is given in the online Service List for this proceeding.

/s/ Edward T. Depp
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