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*Via Federal Express*  
Hon. Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
P. O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Re: *A Certification of the Carriers Receiving Universal Service High Cost Support,  
Administrative Case No. 381***

Dear Mr. Derouen:

We are legal counsel to East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network"). In that capacity, and pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's August 11, 2005 orders in Case No. 2005-00045, enclosed please find one (1) original and eleven (11) copies of East Kentucky Network's Affidavit Regarding Use of Federal Universal Service Support to be filed in Administrative Case No. 381.

Please file-stamp the additional copy and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope.

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

Sincerely,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

Edward T. Depp

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Enclosures

cc: Gerald Robinette  
John E. Selent, Esq. (w/o enclosures)  
Kurt Hunt, Esq. (w/o enclosures)

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

**In the Matter of:**

<b>A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS</b>	)	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>
<b>RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 381</b>
<b>HIGH COST SUPPORT</b>	)	

**EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC d/b/a APPALACHIAN WIRELESS  
ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH -COST SUPPORT**

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network") hereby submits the attached affidavit regarding the use of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support.

In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission must file its annual certification pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314 on or before October 1 of the previous year. That filing must certify that all federal high-cost support provided to carriers within Kentucky will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In addition, beginning in 2012, the Commission's filing must also certify that all federal high-cost support provided to carriers within Kentucky during the previous calendar year was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

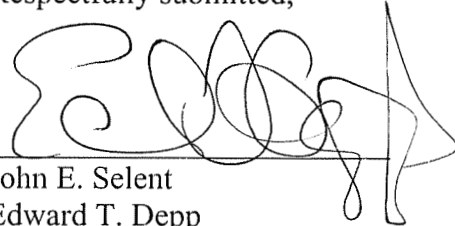
The attached affidavit should be accepted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of notifying the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that East Kentucky Network is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

East Kentucky Network used its Federal Universal Service Support funds received during the previous calendar year, and will use its Federal Universal Service Support funds received

during the coming calendar year, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds were used during the previous calendar year, and will be used during the coming calendar year, to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), throughout East Kentucky's service area upon reasonable request: voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

In addition, in accordance with the August 11, 2005 order in Case No. 2005-00045, East Kentucky Network reports that it progressed with its build-out plans by constructing 14 new cell sites last year, as well as building new cell towers on two temporary service sites and replacing one old tower. It also reports that it received 1.87 "trouble reports" per 1,000 handsets last year, and that it did not receive any unfulfilled requests for service in its service area.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD ROBINETTE**

I, the undersigned Gerald Robinette, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows.

1. I am the authorized representative of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network"). I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support received by East Kentucky Network and how these funds are used by East Kentucky Network.

2. East Kentucky Network was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2005-00045 by order dated August 11, 2005. East Kentucky Network was also designated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier in additional exchanges within its operating area in Case No. 2009-00199 by order dated July 21, 2009.

3. East Kentucky Network estimates that it will receive \$7,200,000 of Federal Universal Service support during the January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 time period.

4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds East Kentucky Network received in the preceding calendar year were used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds were used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), which are available to any customer in East Kentucky Network's service area: voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

5. The Federal Universal Service Support funds East Kentucky Network receives during 2013 will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), which are available to any customer in East Kentucky Network's service area: voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.

6. East Kentucky Network follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high-cost support amounts.

7. While continuing to receive the estimated amount of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purposes as described, East Kentucky Network does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by East Kentucky Network and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of East Kentucky Network.

8. East Kentucky Network constructed 14 new cell sites last year, built new cell towers on two temporary service sites, and replaced one old tower. East Kentucky Network received 1.87 "trouble reports" per 1,000 handsets last year, and did not receive any unfulfilled requests for service in its service area.

9. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

*Gerald F. Robinette*

Gerald Robinette  
Authorized Representative  
East Kentucky Network, LLC  
d/b/a Appalachian Wireless

COUNTY OF Floyd )  
 )  
STATE OF KENTUCKY )

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

*Teresa M. Apel*  
Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires June 22, 2013.  
My Commission Expires  
June 22, 2013

