



South Central Rural Telecommunications

Cooperative, Inc.

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Kentucky Public Service Commission
Attn: Gwen R. Pinson, Executive Director
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort KY 40601

Please find enclosed the original and four (4) copies of our annual affidavit in response to the Commission's order dated September 25, 2001 supporting the Commission's annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254(e).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Eaton", is written over a white background.

Jeff Eaton
General Manager

Enclosures

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

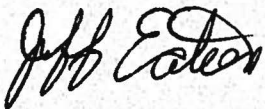
A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS
RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE
HIGH COST SUPPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT TO COMMISSION'S SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 ORDER

South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative is committed to providing excellent customer service and the highest level of telecommunications services at rates that are affordable and comparable to non-rural areas. It is critical that South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative remain eligible to receive federal high cost support to meet these goals.

The state certification for federal support will be an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the previous year. 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 South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative is eligible to receive high cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254(e).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Eaton
General Manager
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF BARREN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jeff Eaton of South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, ("the Cooperative"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeff Eaton. I am employed by South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative in the position of General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service Support received by the Cooperative and how these funds are used by the Cooperative.
2. South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in PSC Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997.
3. South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative estimates that it will receive \$3,831,936 of Federal Universal Service high cost support during the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 time period.
4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds the Cooperative receives during 2020 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. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 CFR S 54.10(a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative's service area: single-party 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. South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative 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. As a regulated utility, South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.

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

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



Jeff Eaton

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 14 day of August, 2019.



Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires 5/22/2021

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