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Via Federal Express
Ms. Gwen R. Pinson
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 Ms. Pinson:

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 also note the enclosed additional copy of the document to be file-stamped. Please return a file-stamped copy in the enclosed, postage prepaid 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

AFFIDAVIT OF W. A. GILLUM

I, the undersigned W. A. Gillum, 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 \$4,800,000.00 of Federal Universal Service support during the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 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 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 ten (10) new cell sites and five (5) replacement cell sites last year. East Kentucky Network received 0.0 "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.

W A Gillum

W. A. Gillum
Authorized Representative
East Kentucky Network, LLC
d/b/a Appalachian Wireless

COUNTY OF Pike)
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STATE OF KENTUCKY)

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 16th day of August, 2019.

Charles L. Michael Huffman
Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires 8/16/21.

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