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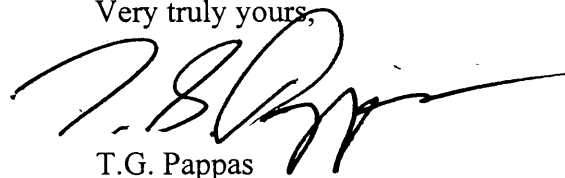
Re: Withdrawal From Representation
Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This letter is to inform the TRA that we have withdrawn from representation of the Tennessee Rural Independent Telephone Company Coalition in the above-referenced matter due to a potential conflict of interest. We are enclosing 13 copies of this letter and are sending copies to the counsel of record.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (615) 742-6242.

Very truly yours,



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