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RE. Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service (Docket No. 00-00523)

Dear Chairman Miller:

Please find enclosed an original and 14 copies of our Notice of Appearance in the above referenced docket. Please date and stamp a copy for our records.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. If you have any questions, or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

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In Re: Generic Docket)
Addressing Rural) **Docket No. 00-00523**
Universal Service)

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Comes now Chuck B Welch, Jr. of Farris, Mathews, Branam, Bobango, Hellen, & Dunlap, PLC, and hereby gives notice that he will be representing the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") in the above referenced matter.

All future pleadings and correspondence should be sent to the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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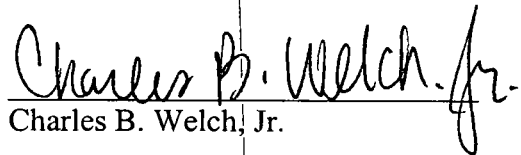
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