

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Subject: Pursuant to Federal Rule 54.314(a), October 1st Certification Requirement for
High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45. 01-00798

Dear Ms. Flannery:

This letter is sent to certify that all carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority¹ have provided sufficient documentation that federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Communications Act. These carriers include:

Ardmore Telephone Co., Inc.
Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.
Century Telephone of Adamsville, Inc.
Century Telephone of Claiborne, Inc.
Century Telephone of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C.
Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State L.L.C.
Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.
Crockett Telephone Company
Humphreys County Telephone Company
Loretto Telephone Company
Millington Telephone Company

¹ According to Tennessee statutes, telephone cooperatives are not subject to TRA jurisdiction, and therefore are not being certified in this letter. It is our understanding that cooperatives must file appropriate certification directly with the FCC and USAC. Tennessee has 10 telephone cooperatives operating in the state.

Peoples Telephone Company
Tellico Telephone Company
Tennessee Telephone Company
United Telephone Company
West Tennessee Telephone Company.

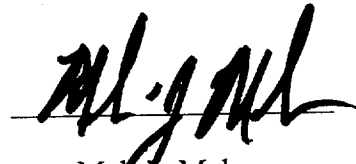
This filing is made pursuant to CC Docket No. 96-45.

Sincerely,



Sara Kyle
Chairman

H. Lynn Greer, Jr.
Director



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