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Chairman Ron Jones
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: In the Matter of the Application of VCI Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Service Area, Docket No. 06-00126 – Responses to Staff's Request for Additional Information

Dear Chairman Jones:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and thirteen (13) copies of VCI Company's ("VCI") responses to staff's requests for additional information issued June 14, 2006. A copy has also been served on counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: April A. Ingram

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cc: Stacey Klinzman

VCI COMPANY'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

Request No. 1: Is VCI Company considered a pre-paid service provider?

Response: VCI Company is not a pre-paid service provider.

Request No. 2: Does the company offer services to other than Lifeline customers? If so, provide the connection charge and the monthly recurring charges for these customers.

Response: VCI Company provides service to non-Lifeline customers who request service, but the company's emphasis is on providing service to Lifeline and Link-Up eligible customers. The charges for non-Lifeline customers, which are set forth in VCI Company's tariff on file with the TRA, are:

4.1 Basic Service

A. Retail (Non-Lifeline) Service

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Installation of Local Line		\$300.00
Conversion of Local Line		\$300.00
Basic Monthly Service	\$ 29.99	

Request No. 3. Provide a specific description of how the company will use federal universal service support it would receive as a designated ETC.

Response: The FCC has determined that Lifeline providers utilize Federal universal service support for the purpose it was intended when the carrier reduces the price of access to telecommunications services for the eligible customer by the amount of that support.¹ VCI will pass through all applicable state and Federal service discounts to its end-user customers, thus reducing the price of access to telecommunications services for the Lifeline and Link-Up eligible customer. In addition, VCI will utilize USF support for provisioning of service from the LEC in all states where it is currently authorized to provide service and to expand its provision of low-income services to other states. VCI will contribute to the state telecommunications network through its purchase of services from the LEC as the cost of maintaining and upgrading facilities is included in the LEC's service rates and charges paid by VCI.

¹ *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service, Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for Forbearance from 47 U.S.C. Sec. 214(e)(1)(A) and 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.201(i), ¶ 26 (CC Docket No. 96-45, rel. Sept. 8, 2005).*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing is being forwarded via U.S. mail to:

Guy Hicks, Esq.
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
333 Commerce Street
Nashville, TN 37219

On this, the 16th day of June, 2006.



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