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H. LaDon Baltimore, Counsel
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RE: Docket 06-00174: *Joint Application of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Volunteer Energy Cooperative and Volunteer First Services, Inc. for Approval of Asset Sale*

Dear Mr. Baltimore:

In order to fully analyze the above-referenced application, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) requires additional information. Please provide the information requested below by July 28, 2006, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 1 in the response.

1. Have the Applicants filed similar applications or notices in other states? If so, provide a listing of states and action taken.
2. Provide the TRA with information about VEC and VFS, including the telecommunications services the utility provides; locations and/or states in which the utility is authorized to transact or provide business and telecommunications services; the number of customers in each state; and the name, address, telephone, and fax number of a contact person.
3. Provide a signed statement and/or verification from all Applicants, attorneys, or their legal party representatives verifying that the information contained in the Joint Application is true and correct to their best knowledge, information, and belief.

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please call Carlos Black at 615-741-2904, ext. 196 or e-mail him at Carlos.Black@state.tn.us. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies either by U.S. Mail or express mail. Alternatively, you may send the original and four (4) copies along with an electronic file of the original document to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carsie Mundy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carsie" being more prominent than the last name "Mundy".

Carsie Mundy, Chief
Competitive Markets & Policy Division

c: Mr. Levoy Knowles
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