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Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman
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IN RE: *Joint Application of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.,
Volunteer Energy Cooperative and Volunteer First Services, Inc. For
Approval of Asset Sale.*
Docket No. 06-06-00174
Response of Joint Applicants to TRA Data Request No. 1
Filed electronically with the TRA this date

Dear Chairman Jones:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 4 copies of the Response of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc., Volunteer Energy Cooperative, and Volunteer First Services, Inc. to TRA Data Request No. 1, with Proprietary & Confidential Exhibit A to be filed under seal.

Sincerely,

H. LaDon Baltimore / lcg

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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Joint Application of)	
)	Docket No. 06-00174
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Inc., Volunteer Energy Cooperative, and)	
Volunteer First Services, Inc. For Approval)	
of Asset Sale.)	

**RESPONSES OF BEN LOMAND RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,
VOLUNTEER ENERGY COOPERATIVE, AND
VOLUNTEER FIRST SERVICES, INC.
TO TRA DATA REQUEST NO. 1**

Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Ben Lomand"), Volunteer Energy Cooperative ("VEC") and Volunteer First Services, Inc., ("VFS") (collectively the "Applicants") by and through their undersigned counsel, file these responses to Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") Data Request No. 1.

1. Have the Applicants filed similar applications or notices in other states? If so, provide a listing of states and action taken.

RESPONSE: No.

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.

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RESPONSE: (A) Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) is an electric utility

cooperative providing electric services to all, or parts of, 17 counties in southeast and middle Tennessee.

(B) Volunteer First Services, Inc. (VFS) offers local and long distance telephone services to business and residential customers as well as DSL, ISDN, and TI access in Crossville, Tennessee. Though VFS is authorized to provide competing local telecommunications service throughout the State of Tennessee, Crossville is the only location where service is offered.

(C) Attached hereto is Confidential and Proprietary Exhibit A which states the number of customers.

(D) Jerry Harris
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Crossville, TN 38557
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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.

RESPONSE: The undersigned, the legal party representative of the joint applicants, states that the information contained in the Joint Application is true and correct to his best knowledge, information, and belief. The undersigned

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further states that he is entitled to act as counsel for each and every joint applicant.

Also, see attached verification of Levoy Knowles.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. LaDon Baltimore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." and last name "Baltimore" clearly distinguishable.

H. LaDon Baltimore, BPR #003836

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VERIFICATION

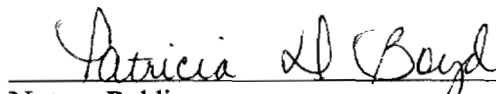
STATE OF TENNESSEE)
) ss
COUNTY OF WARREN)

I, Levoy Knowles, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am the Chief Executive Officer of Ben Lomand Rural Cooperative, Inc., the Applicant in the subject proceeding; that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of the Applicant; that I have read the foregoing Application and exhibits and know the content thereof; that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Levoy Knowles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July, 2006.



Notary Public

My commission expires: August 25, 2009

