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Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 07-00177

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2008

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find:

- 1. Certification letters signed by Gregg C. Sayre (Attachment A)
- 2. Statements of 2006 federal Universal Service receipts subject to certification and the 2006 expenditures for provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal Universal Service funding. (Attachment B)
- 3. 13 copies of each filing.

If there are any questions, please direct to Cassandra Guinness at 585-777-4557.

Sincerely,

Deborah Fasciano

Government & External Affairs

**Enclosure** 





180 S. Clinton Ave., 5th Floor, Rochester, NY 14646

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Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 07-00177

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2008

#### Dear Chairman Kyle:

I, Gregg C. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC (the "Company"), do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- I am the Assistant Secretary of the Company;
- 2. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37), subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; The SAC # is 290580
- 3. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
- 4. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements for high cost support (including any 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) received in 2006 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Sincerely yours,

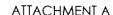
Assistant Secretary

### Year 2006 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

1 High cost loop support	\$0
2 Local switching support	<u>\$366,624</u>
3 TOTAL	\$366,624

# Year 2006 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Plant Specific Operations Expenses	Actual 2006
4 Network support (Accts. 6110-16) 5 General support (Accts. 6120-24) 6 Central office (Accts. 6210-6215) 7 Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441) 8 Network operations (Accts. 6530-35) 9 Depreciation & amortization (Accts. 6560-65)	\$2 \$635,633 \$364,405 \$759,136 \$777,631 \$4,016,612
10 Customer Operations Expenses	
11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	\$792,866
Corporate Operations Expenses	
12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12) 13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	\$156,201 \$641,158
14 Total Year 2006 Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$8,143,644
Additions	
15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210) 16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410) 17 TOTAL	\$14,136 \$872,795 \$886,931
18 Total Year 2006 Supported Expenditures Before Return On Investment	\$9,030,575





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Re:

TRA Docket No. 07-00177

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2008

#### Dear Chairman Kyle:

I, Gregg C. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC (the "Company"), do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- I am the Assistant Secretary of the Company;
- 2. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37), subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; The SAC # is 294336
- 3. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
- 4. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements for high cost support (including any 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) received in 2006 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Sincerely yo

Assistant Secretary

## Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee

Attachment B

## Year 2006 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

1 High cost loop support	\$480,192
2 Local switching support	<u>\$0</u>
3 TOTAL	\$480,192

# Year 2006 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Plant Specific Operations Expenses	Actual 2006
4 Network support (Accts. 6110-16) 5 General support (Accts. 6120-24) 6 Central office (Accts. 6210-6215) 7 Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441) 8 Network operations (Accts. 6530-35) 9 Depreciation & amortization (Accts. 6560-65)	(\$21) \$2,213,102 \$1,480,727 \$3,570,893 \$3,152,778 \$12,174,082
10 Customer Operations Expenses	
11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	\$2,863,949
Corporate Operations Expenses	
12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12) 13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	\$555,436 \$2,644,316
14 Total Year 2006 Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$28,655,262
Additions	
15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210) 16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410) 17 TOTAL	\$222,214 \$3,911,088 \$4,133,302
18 Total Year 2006 Supported Expenditures Before Return On Investment	\$32,788,564