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December 7, 2007

Ms. Sharla Dillon, Docket Room Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505


RE: Docket 07-00255; Petition of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.; Volunteer First Services, Inc.; Ben Lomand
Communications, LLC; and Volunteer First Services, LLC For Approval of an
Internal Corporate Reorganization

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Attached is the original surety bond for Volunteer First Services, Inc., a petitioner
in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the surety bond were electronically filed Thursday, December 6, 2007
with reference in my cover letter that the original surety bond would be filed upon
receipt.

Sincerely,


H. LaDon Baltimore
Counsel for Petitioners

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TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: RSB2004255

WHEREAS, Volunteer First Services, LLC (the "Principal"), has applied to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is required to file this bond in order to obtain such authority and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of the Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA"); and

WHEREAS, RLI Insurance Company (the "Surety"), a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to issue this bond in order to permit the Principal to comply with the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that we the Principal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction imposed against the Principal, its representatives, successors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TRA, for which obligation we bind ourselves, our representatives, successors and assigns, each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents.

This bond shall become effective on the 3rd day of Dec, 2007, and shall be continuous; provided, however, that each annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitute a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation to the TRA and Principal by certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of liability that may have accrued under this bond prior to the date of cancellation.

PRINCIPAL

Name of Company authorized by the TRA

Company ID # as assigned by TRA

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

Name:

Title:

SURETY

RLI Insurance Company

Name of Surety
9025 N. Lindbergh Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

Address of Surety

SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT

Name:

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Address of Surety Agent:

Southern Insurance Group, Inc.
419 North Chancery Street
McMinnville, TN 37110



THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared _____
with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing
bond on behalf of _____, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission Expires:

_____, 20____

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~ Texas
COUNTY OF Dallas

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Sheila Hubbard
_____ with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the
foregoing bond on behalf of RLI Insurance Co., the within named Surety, a corporation licensed to do business in the
State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state
pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and that he as such an individual being authorized to do so,
executed the foregoing bond, by signing the name of the corporation by himself and as such individual.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 3rd day of December, 2007.

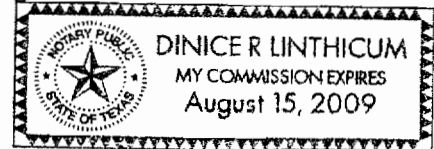
My Commission Expires:

8-15-2009, 2000



APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT

[Signature]
Notary Public



This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing bond and found the same to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the
sureties on the same are good and worth the penalty thereof, and that the same has been filed with the Tennessee Regulatory
Authority, State of Tennessee, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Name:

Title:



RLI Surety
A Division of RLI Insurance Company
P.O. Box 3967 Peoria, IL 61612-3967
Phone: 309-692-1000 Fax: 309-692-8637

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Dallas } ss.

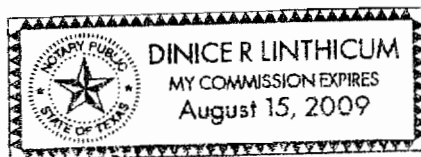
On this 3rd day of December, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Sheila Hubbard, personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she is the aforesaid Attorney In Fact of the **RLI Insurance Company** of Peoria, Illinois, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be a voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed by official seal the day and year last above written.

My Commission Expires:

8-15-2009

Notary Public





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A Division of RLI Insurance Company
P.O. Box 3967 Peoria, IL 61612-3967
Phone: 309-692-1000 Fax: 309-692-8637

POWER OF ATTORNEY

RLI Insurance Company

Bond No. RSB2004255

Know All Men by These Presents:

That the **RLI Insurance Company**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and authorized and licensed to do business in all states and the District of Columbia does hereby make, constitute and appoint: Sheila Hubbard in the City of Irving, State of Texas, as Attorney In Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him/her to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, in general, any and all bonds, undertakings, and recognizances in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for any single obligation, and specifically for the following described bond.

Principal: Volunteer First Services, LLC
Obligee: Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Type Bond: Tennessee Telecommunications Services Provider
Bond Amount: \$ 20,000.00
Effective Date: December 3, 2007

The **RLI Insurance Company** further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of **RLI Insurance Company**, and now in force to-wit:

"All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **RLI Insurance Company** has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 3rd day of December, 2007.

ATTEST:

Cynthia S. Dohm
Cynthia S. Dohm Assistant Secretary



Roy C. Die
Roy C. Die Vice President

On this 3rd day of December, 2007, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Roy C. Die and Cynthia S. Dohm, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said **RLI Insurance Company**, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

Cherie L. Montgomery
Cherie L. Montgomery Notary Public

