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Ms. Darlene Standley, Chief  
Utilities Division  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 08-00125  
Section 254(e) Certification of  
United Telephone Company  
To Receive USF Disbursements  
In Calendar Year 2009

Dear Ms. Standley:

Attached hereto is the Certification Letter of Terry M. Wales, certifying that United Telephone Company (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. & 54.314.

United Telephone Company (SAC number 290581) received \$4,465,521.00 in Universal Service Funds in 2007. The funds were used for regulated plant investments and regulated operations.

In addition to this original, I am submitting thirteen copies of this letter, pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-1-1-.03, in addition to a date "stamp and return" copy (and accompanying postage prepaid, self-addressed envelope) that I ask you to please use for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Wales  
General Manager

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Dear Ms. Standley:

I, Terry M. Wales, General Manager of United Telephone Company (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am the General Manager 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;
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 2009 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry M. Wales".

Terry M. Wales  
General Manager

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