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TO: Mr. Roger Dotson (931-723-0736)
Ms. Susie McEacharn

FROM: Tre Hargett, Chairman

DATE: January 7, 2009

RE: TRA Docket No. 08-00210

Letter attached.....

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Mr. Roger Dotson, President
Ms. Susie McEacharn, Executive Director
Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
110 E. Main Street
Manchester, TN 37355

**Re: Docket No. 08-00210 - Petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC
to Modify Its CCN**

Dear Mr. Dotson and Ms. McEacharn:

Thank you for your letter of December 19, 2008 regarding the petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC ("Ben Lomand") for modification of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide statewide telecommunications services. Your letter has been placed in the above-referenced docket file as a part of the record for this proceeding.

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If you wish to attend and provide public testimony during this hearing, beyond what is contained in your letter, please notify my Executive Assistant, Tabatha Blackwell, at 741-2904, Ext. 221, in advance of the hearing.

Once again, thank you for providing written comments for consideration in this docket.

Very truly yours,

Tre Hargett
Chairman

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Chairman Tre Hargett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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Dear Chairman Hargett,

I am writing this letter to ask for your approval of the Ben Lomand Communications state wide certification. The granting of this state wide certification will give Ben Lomand Communications the permission they need to serve the businesses and industrial parks in Coffee County.

The fiber build out that Ben Lomand Communications is willing to provide will give Coffee County's industrial parks the advanced services that are necessary for today's competitive technological market. The fiber network will add to the list of benefits Coffee County provides to recruit business and industry to our area, thus making us competitive with the larger markets.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. I would like the opportunity to further discuss this matter with the commission. If an appointment is available, please call my office at 931- 728-3458.

Sincerely,

Roger Dotson,
President

Susie McEacharn,
Executive Director

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TO: The Honorable Betty Superstein (931-728-8273)

FROM: Tre Hargett, Chairman

DATE: January 7, 2009

RE: TRA Docket No. 08-00210

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The Honorable Betty Superstein, Mayor
City of Manchester
200 W. Fort Street
Manchester, TN 37355

**Re: Docket No. 08-00210 - Petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC
to Modify Its CCN**

Dear Mayor Superstein:

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 2008 regarding the petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC ("Ben Lomand") for modification of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide statewide telecommunications services. Your letter has been placed in the above-referenced docket file as a part of the record for this proceeding.

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Once again, thank you for providing written comments for consideration in this docket.

Very truly yours,

Tre Hargett
Chairman

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Manchester, Tennessee 37355

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Award Recipient for Economic Preparedness

Betty Superstein
Mayor

City of Manchester
200 W. Fort Street

December 16, 2008

Chairman Tre Hargett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Chairman Hargett,

I am writing this letter to you to request your approval of the state wide certification for Ben Lomand Communications. By granting the certification, BLC will have the permission it needs to serve our Industrial Park located in Coffee County.

The fiber build out that BLC is willing to provide, will give Coffee County's Industrial Park the advanced services that are a necessity in today's market. The fiber network will also positively add to Coffee County's list of benefits while recruiting other industry, therefore, making us equally competitive.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this matter with the commission. If an appointment is possible, please call my office at 931-728-4652.

Sincerely,

Betty Superstein

Betty Superstein,
Manchester Mayor

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TO: The Honorable David Pennington (931-723-5152)

FROM: Tre Hargett, Chairman

DATE: January 7, 2009

RE: TRA Docket No. 08-00210

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The Honorable David Pennington
County Mayor of Coffee County
1329 McArthur Street, Suite 1
Manchester, TN 37355

**Re: Docket No. 08-00210 - Petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC
to Modify Its CCN**

Dear Mayor Pennington:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2008 regarding the petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC ("Ben Lomand") for modification of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide statewide telecommunications services. Your letter has been placed in the above-referenced docket file as a part of the record for this proceeding.

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Once again, thank you for providing written comments for consideration in this docket.

Very truly yours,

Tre Hargett
Chairman

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County Mayor of Coffee County
DAVID PENNINGTON

1329 McArthur Street
Suite 1
Manchester, TN 37355



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December 15, 2009

Chairman Tre Hargett
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Chairman Hargett:

I am writing this letter to you to request your approval of the state wide certification filed by Ben Lomand Communications. By giving your approval of this request, you will be giving the residents of Coffee County the advantages of a state of the art network along with competitive pricing.

BLC's network will provide the opportunity for our residents to subscribe to broadband services that are not available in all areas today. Also, additional providers offer competitive pricing, typically, resulting in a better consumer experience. Therefore, BLC is an asset that can only improve our county.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with the commission. If an appointment is possible, please call my office at 931-723-5100.

Sincerely,

David Pennington, County Mayor
Coffee County

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TO: Mr. Bill Comer (931-723-5121)

FROM: Tre Hargett, Chairman

DATE: January 7, 2009

RE: TRA Docket No. 08-00210

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January 7, 2009

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Mr. Bill Comer, Chairman
Industrial Board of Coffee County
1329 McArthur Street, Suite 4
Manchester, TN 37355

**Re: Docket No. 08-00210 - Petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC
to Modify Its CCN**

Dear Mr. Comer:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2008 regarding the petition of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC ("Ben Lomand") for modification of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide statewide telecommunications services. Your letter has been placed in the above-referenced docket file as a part of the record for this proceeding.

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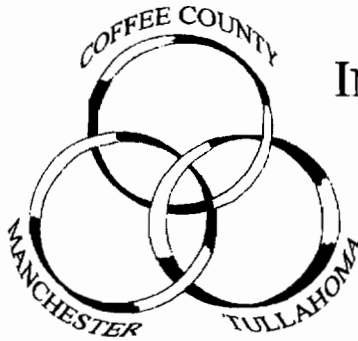
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Once again, thank you for providing written comments for consideration in this docket.

Very truly yours,

Tre Hargett
Chairman

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Chairman Tre Hargett
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Dear Chairman Hargett,

At its December 10th meeting the Industrial Board of Coffee County unanimously voted to request your approval of the state-wide certification for Ben Lomand Communications (BLC). By granting the certification, BLC will have the permission it needs to serve our Interstate Industrial Park located in Coffee County located along Interstate 24 East of Manchester, Tennessee.

The fiber build-out that BLC is willing to provide, will give Coffee County's Interstate Industrial Park the advanced services that are a necessity in today's industrial recruitment market. This park currently contains 21 industrial operations with 1,846 total employees. The only broadband capability that is currently available in the park is T-1 links provided by AT&T. The proposed fiber network will provide modern, affordable and effective telecommunication capability for these existing industries, and also positively add to Coffee County's list of benefits while recruiting other industry, therefore, making us equally competitive.

The BLC state-wide certification will also provide an opportunity for future provision of broadband capabilities for many rural areas in the county that currently have no internet connectivity other than dial-up. Many of these rural areas have sufficient population to justify broadband capability, which is greatly needed to support small businesses, home-based support by employees of local industries, participation in internet-based coursework for rural students at area colleges and vocational schools, as well as general household usage.

Several members of Coffee County's leadership team would like the opportunity to discuss this matter with the commission. Some letters of support have previously been sent to TRA expressing support for the Ben Lomand certification, and also requesting an opportunity for discussion. We propose a joint meeting between coffee county officials and TRA representatives. If an appointment is possible, please call our office at 931-723-5120 and we will coordinate with the others for a joint meeting. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Comer, Chairman
Industrial Board of Coffee County