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

Re: Docket No. 09-00096, *Docket to Study Merits of Rural Affordability Fund*

Dear Ms. Standley:

In response to the Authority's request for comments in the above-referenced Docket please accept the following as American Fiber System's, Inc.'s ("AFS") responses to the said request.

AFS does not currently any form of local exchange, dial tone or switched access services. Accordingly we have no opinion on any of the issues involved in this Docket. Naturally, should the Authority subsequently issue an Order which requires AFS to contribute to a TRAF we will of course do so.

Please contact me at the above address should you have any questions relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Nighan", written in a cursive style.

Michael J. Nighan
Sr. Director - Regulatory Affairs