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March 29, 2012

Chairman Kenneth C. Hill
c/o Sharla Dillon
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

(Electronic Filing)

**Re: Docket No. 12- 00023 : Application of West Kentucky Rural
Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. d/b/a "WK&T" for a State-Issued Certificate
of Franchise Authority**

Dear Chairman Hill,

Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Trevor R. Bonnstetter, Chief Executive Officer, for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority for WK&T. Also included is a check in amount of \$500 for the application fee pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann §7-59-305b)(1)(A).

This application and all exhibits have been filed electronically. Included in this submission are an original and four copies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Martin W. Clift, Jr.'.

Martin W. Clift, Jr.
Regulatory Manager

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: Application of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., d/b/a West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative ("WK&T") for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority

AFFIDAVIT OF TREVOR R. BONNSTETTER

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF WARREN

I Trevor R. Bonnstetter, having been duly sworn in accordance with the law, state as follows:

A. Identification of Affiant and Application Fee

1. Affidavit is Made by Officer of Applicant Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c).

My name is Trevor R. Bonnstetter. I am Chief Executive Officer of the applicant, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("WK&T") which has its principal office at 237 N. 8th Street, Mayfield, Kentucky 42066. I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of applicant "WK&T".

2. Application Fee for Service Area as Set Forth in Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(b)(1).

WK&T submits the application fee of \$500 with this application on the basis of an aggregate service area population of less than 50,000 as reflected by the 2010 census of its entire service areas in the Tennessee counties of: Henry, Weakley, Obion, Dyer, and Gibson.

B. Required Information and Affirmations

1. Compliance with Laws Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(1).

WK&T agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations to the extent that such laws and regulations are not in conflict with or superseded by the provisions of the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (the "Act") or other applicable law and will file with the FCC all notices that may be applicable pertaining to its services.

2. Description of Municipalities and Unincorporated Areas within Counties to be served in whole or in part, consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(2)

Attachment 1 to this application lists the service areas applied for by WK&T. WK&T currently provides cable service in each of these areas. Attachment 1 is incorporated by reference into this affidavit.

3. Indemnity Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(4).

WK&T agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, the state, municipality, county, and any employee or representative of the state, municipality, or county as well as any political subdivision, individually and collectively in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-318.

4. Contact Information Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(5).

WK&T's principal place of business is at 237 N. 8th Street, Mayfield, Ky. Its Tennessee customers can contact WK&T for services at the below locations:

Mayfield Store
1247 Paris Road
Mayfield, Kentucky 42066
270-856-3727

WK&T Yorkville Store
2 Nebo-Yorkville Road
Yorkville, TN 38389
1-800-206-6017

WK&T Murray Store
1900 North 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071
1-270-492-1000

WK&T's principal executive officers are:

Trevor R. Bonnstetter	Chief Executive Officer
Todd Crandall	Chief Financial Officer
Susan Staley	Chief Information Officer
Carrie Huckeby	Chief Marketing Officer
Ray Cantrell	Chief Technology Officer
Ellen Thomas	Human Resources Director

WK&T may be represented by me or by Gray Sasser at Sasser & Associates
223 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Suite 402, Nashville, TN 37203.

5. WK&T has the Managerial, Financial and Technical Qualifications to Provide Video Service Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(6) and (d)(2).

WK&T has the managerial, financial and technical qualifications to provide video service consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(6) and (d)(2). WK&T initiated its video service in late 2007. Video service is provided today to 3206 customers in its Kentucky (2519) and Tennessee Service (687) areas. Video, broadband, and telephone service today is available to all its 14632 customers (11484 Kentucky, 3148 Tennessee). WK&T, under a loan and grant from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, is in the process of laying fiber optic cable across its entire service area. Advanced fiber optic services will be soon available to all customers.

6. Description of WK&T's Customer Service Complaint Process Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(7).

Video customers may address their questions, inquiries, concerns, and complaints in a variety of fashions. Technical service representatives are on hand at the three offices noted previously from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm M-F, and from 8:00 am – 4:30 Sat. These technicians are also available during this time by telephone at 1-877-954-8748. After hour and 24 hour assistance is provided at 1-888-897-8521. And finally internet inquiries are available at:

<http://www.wktelecom.coop/qcms/index.asp?Page=Contact%20Us>

WK&T has a long history of outstanding service and tries to resolve all service issues within a 24 hour window.

7. Notice has been provided to Affected Local Governments Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann §7-59-305(c)(8).

WK&T has provided notice to each local government that would be affected by the State-issued certificate of franchise authority at the addresses set forth in the list attached as Exhibit B. In addition, WK&T operates under Right of Way resolutions and/or ordinances with each of those local governments; and nothing in this application impedes or restricts those regulations.

8. Compliance with Legal Requirements Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-305(c)(9).

WK&T agrees to comply with the non-discrimination service deployment requirements, expressly set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. §7-59-311. WK&T hereby acknowledges the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann §7-59-311 relevant to enforcement of non-discrimination and deployment requirements.

9. Compliance with Minority-Owned Business Plan Consistent with Tenn Code Ann. §7-59-3059(c)(11)

WK&T agrees to comply with its Minority-Owned Business Plan attached as Exhibit C.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

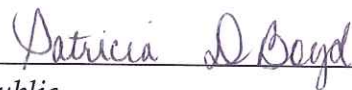


Trevor R. Bonnstetter, CEO

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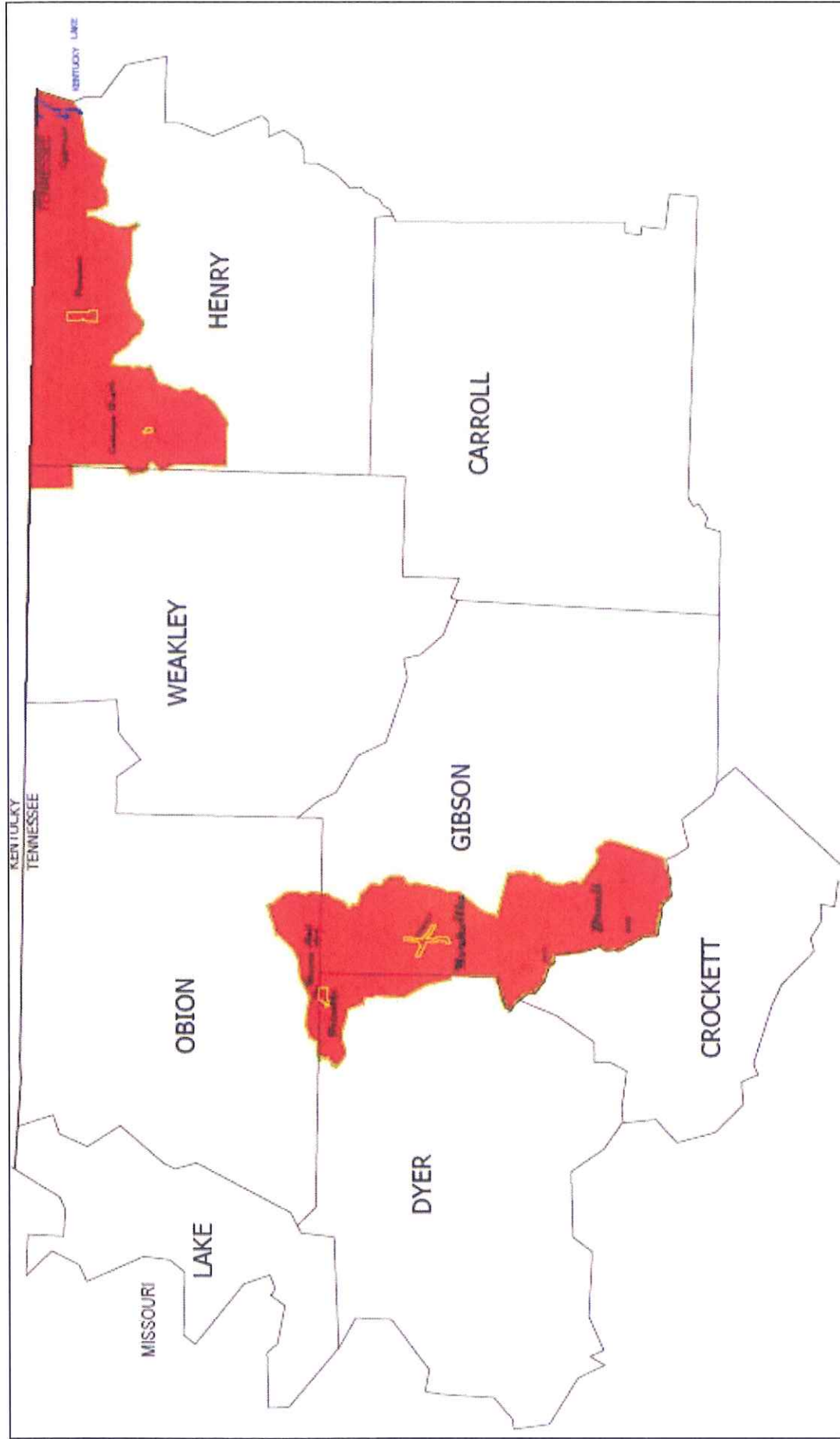
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of March, 2012

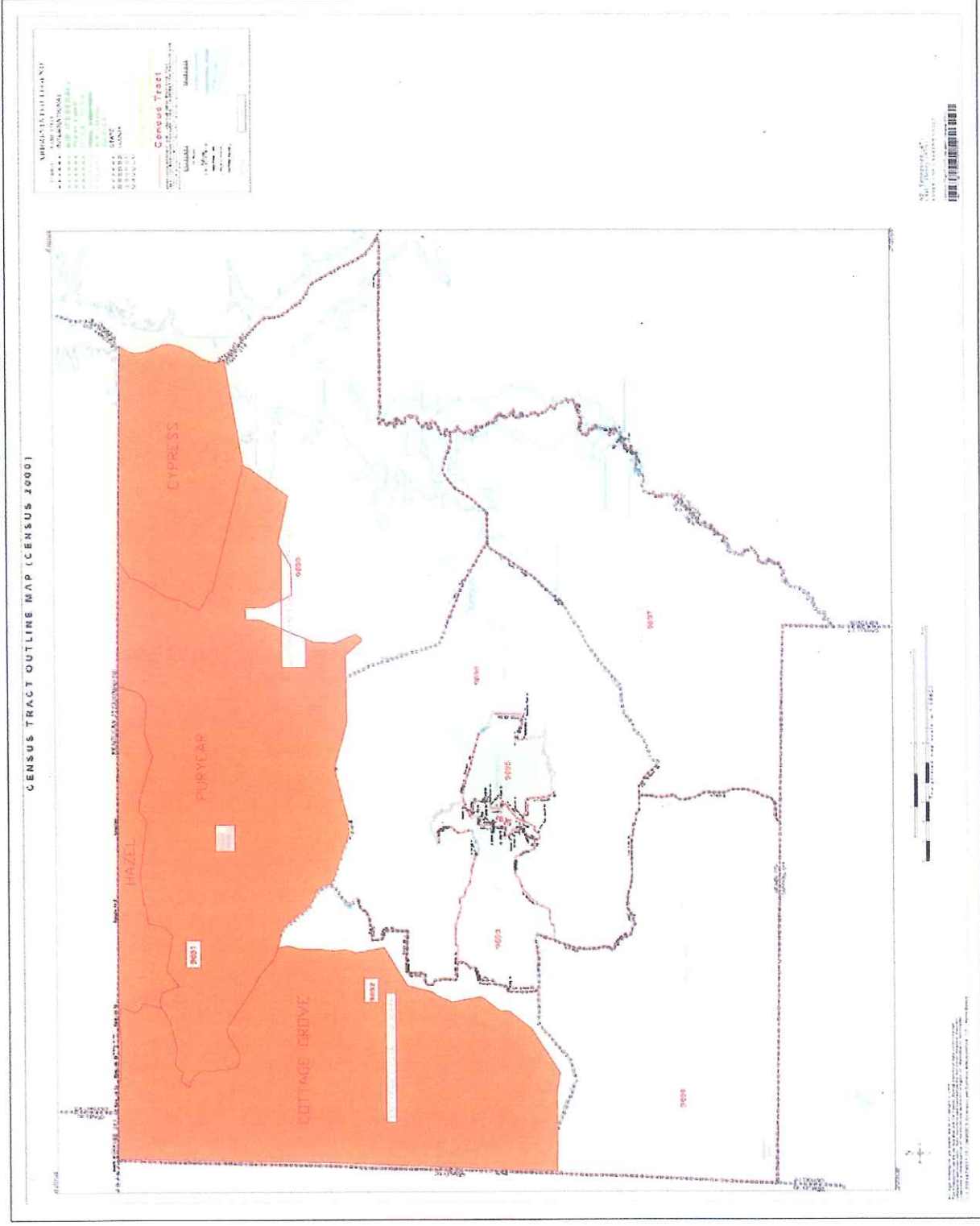


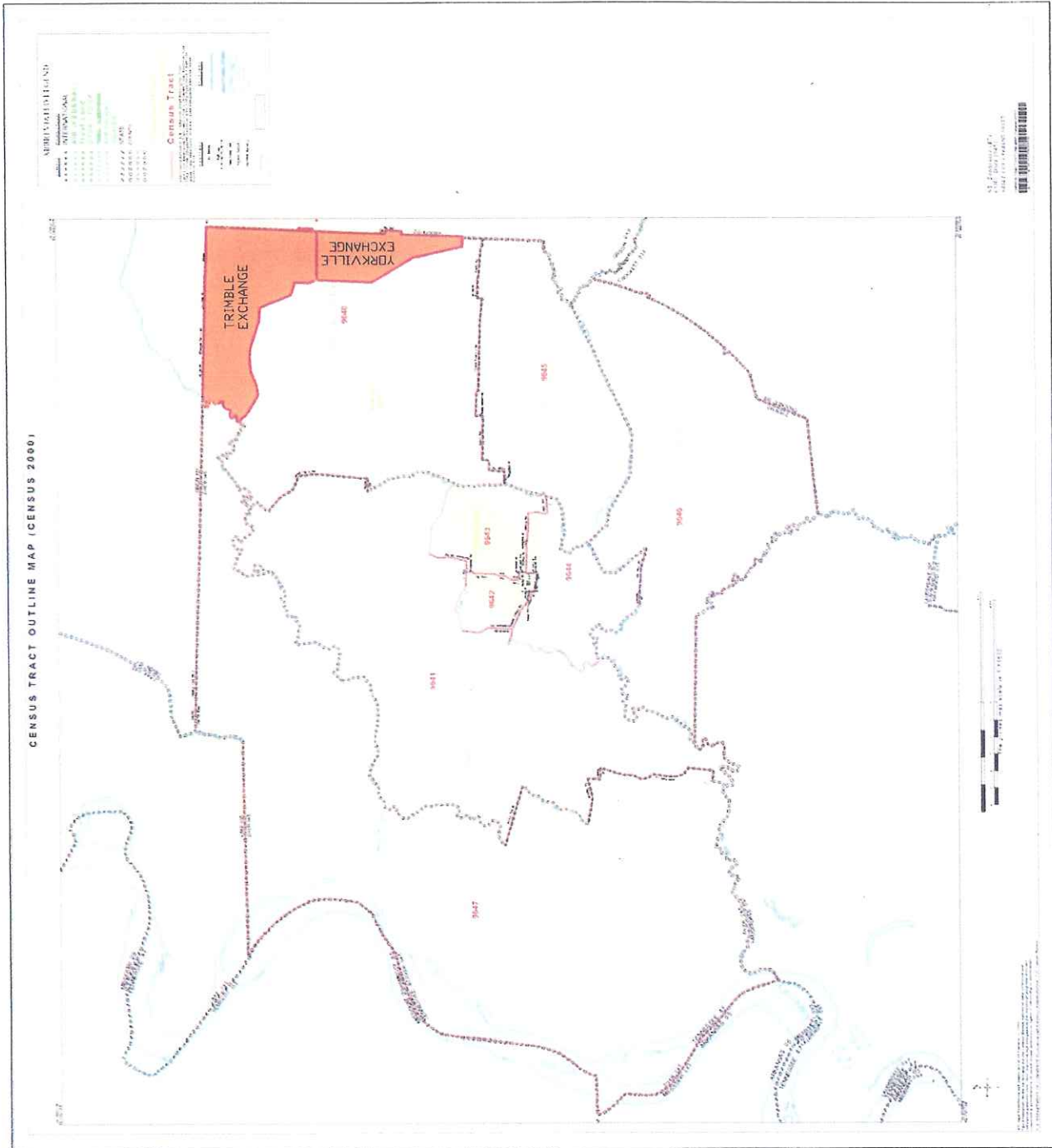


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-19-2013









List of Tennessee Franchise Agreements

Puryear City Clerk
Henry County Courthouse
101 W. Washington St.
Paris, TN 38242

Henry County Clerk
Henry County Courthouse
101 W. Washington St.
Paris, TN 38242

Dyer County Clerk
Dyer County Courthouse
115 Market Street
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Weakley County Clerk
Courthouse Square
Room 104
Dresden, TN 38225

Gibson County Clerk
Gibson County Courthouse
100 Eaton Street
Trenton, TN 38382

Obion County Clerk
Obion County Courthouse
2 Bill Burnett Circle
Union City, TN 38261



To: City/County Clerk(s)

March 30, 2012

(See Attached List)

Re: WK&T Application for a Tennessee State-Wide Franchise Certificate

Dear City/County Clerk,

This memo is to inform you that WK&T, on March 28th, applied for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority, pursuant to Title 7-59-305 of the Tennessee Code. Upon its issuance, the Franchise Agreement that WK&T has with your governmental authority will terminate.

Its issuance will grant WK&T state-wide franchise authority. However, nothing in this grant will abrogate any fees collected and remitted pursuant to the previous agreements.

If you have any questions regarding this application, the termination of the local franchise agreements, and fees, please contact, Martin Clift at 616-674-1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. R. Bonnstetter', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trevor R. Bonnstetter
Chief Executive Officer

WEST KENTUCKY NETWORKS, INC.

SMALL AND MINORITY –OWNED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

Pursuant to T.C.A. 65-5-212, as amended, West Kentucky Networks, Inc. submits this small and minority-owned Telecommunications business participation plan (the "Plan").

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of 65-5-212 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses to provide goods and services to Telecommunications service providers. West Kentucky Networks, Inc. is committed to the goals of 65-5-212 and to taking steps to support the participation of small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses in the Telecommunications industry. West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will endeavor to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses to compete for contracts and subcontracts for goods and services. As part of its procurement process, West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will make efforts to identify and inform minority-owned and small businesses that are qualified and capable of providing goods and services to West Kentucky Networks, Inc. West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will seek to increase awareness of such opportunities so that companies will have sufficient information to participate in the procurement process.

II. DEFINITIONS

As defined in 65-5-212.

Minority-Owned Business. Minority-owned business shall mean a business which is solely owned, or at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the assets or outstanding stock of which is owned, by an individual who personally manages and controls daily operations of such business, and who is impeded from the normal entry into the economic mainstream because of race, religion, sex or national origin and such business has annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

Small Business. Small Business shall mean a business with annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

III. ADMINISTRATION

West Kentucky Network's Plan will be overseen and administered by the individual named below, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator, who will be responsible for carrying out and promoting full efforts to provide equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses. The Administrator of the Plan will be:

Trevor Bonnstetter, CEO
West Kentucky Networks, Inc.
237 North 8th Street
Mayfield, Kentucky 42066
Telephone: 270-674-1000
Facisimile: 270-856-3035

The Administrator's responsibilities will include:

- (1) Maintaining an updated Plan in full compliance with 65-5-212 and the rules and orders of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (2) Establishing and developing policies and procedures necessary for the successful implementation of the Plan.
- (3) Preparing and submitting such forms as may be required by the Tennessee Regulatory authority, including the filing of required annual updates.
- (4) Serving as the primary liaison to and cooperate with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, other agencies of the State of Tennessee, and small and minority-owned businesses to locate and use qualified small and minority-owned businesses as defined in 65-5-212.
- (5) Searching for and developing opportunities to use small and minority-owned businesses and encouraging such businesses to participate in and bid on contracts and subcontracts.
- (6) Providing records and reports and cooperate in any authorized surveys as required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (7) Establishing a record-keeping system to track qualified small and minority-owned businesses and efforts to use such businesses.

In performance of these duties, the Administrator will utilize a number of resources, including,

Chambers of Commerce

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The United States Department of Commerce

Small Business Administration

Office of Minority Business

The National Minority Supplier Development Counsel

The National Association of Women Business Owners

The National Association of Minority Contractors

Historically Black Colleges, Universities and Minority Institutions

The efforts to promote and ensure equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses are primarily spelled out in the Administrator's duties above. Additional efforts to provide opportunities to small and minority-owned businesses will include offering, where appropriate and feasible, small and minority-owned businesses assistance with technical, insurance, bonding, licensing, production, and deadline requirements.

IV. RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will maintain records of qualified small and minority-owned business and efforts to use the goods and services of such businesses. In addition, West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will submit records and reports required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority concerning the plan. Moreover, West Kentucky Networks, Inc. will cooperate fully with any surveys and studies required by the Tennessee Regulatory authority.

West Kentucky Networks, Inc.

By: 

Trevor Bonnstetter
CEO

May 30, 2007