



Chapel Hill, Tennessee 37034

July 23, 2012

Mr. David Foster, Chief
Utilities Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 12-00074
Section 254(e) Certification of
United Telephone Company
To Receive USF Disbursements
In Calendar Year 2013

Dear Mr. David Foster:

Attached hereto is the Certification Letter of Cindy Rothstein, 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 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 \$4,869,674.00 in Universal Service Funds in 2011. 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,

Cindy Rothstein
Vice President of Finance

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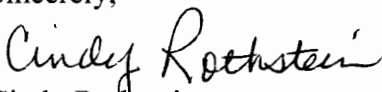
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Dear Mr. Foster:

I, Cindy Rothstein, Vice President of Finance 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 Vice President of Finance 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 2013 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,


Cindy Rothstein
Vice President of Finance