

A Telecommunications Company

July 30, 2012

David Foster Chief, Utilities Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505 filed electronically in docket office on 07/30/12

Re: Annual USF Certification Filing – Docket No. 12-00074 Electronic Filing

Dear Secretary,

Attached is the 2013 Annual USF Certification filing for the Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. Tennessee Study Area 290280. For 2012, the Company anticipates USF payments totaling \$807 thousand dollars. The amount anticipated for 2012 is \$565 thousand dollars. These funds are used exclusively for network and service enhancements voice telephony services.

If you have any questions please contact me at the phone number or email address listed below.

Sincerely,

Martin Clift

Regulatory Manager

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FCC CC Docket No. 96-45 Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Certification of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Trevor R. Bonnstetter, CEO of the Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

- 1. My name is Trevor R. Bonnstetter. I am employed by Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. in the position of CEO. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
- 2. Ardmore Telephone Company (TN-Study Area 290280) has been designated as an (ETC) eligible telecommunications carrier by the Alabama Public Service Commission.
- 3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
- 4. Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. estimates receiving approximately \$565 thousand in Federal Universal Service high-cost support during January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 time period. All Federal high-cost Universal Service support provided to the Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported service voice telephony service as outlined in 47CFR 54.101 (a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative's service area. This supported service includes: voice grade access to the public switched network; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge; access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in the Cooperative's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems.
- 5. Ardmore Telephone Company follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulate local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility, Ardmore Telephone Company's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
- 6. While continuing to receive amounts of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purpose as described, Ardmore Telephone Company does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by Ardmore Telephone Company will nor be changed because of any action on part of Ardmore Telephone Company.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct	The matters addressed above are	within my	personal	knowledge	and are	true and	correct
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Signature: Print Name:	Irevor R. Bonnstetter	Date:	July 25, 2012				
Title:	CEO						
State of Kentu	<u>icky,</u> County of <u>Graves</u>						
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Kentucky, on this day personally appeared <u>Trevor R. Bonnstetter</u> , known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.							
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 2012.							
My Commission expires 04-14-14							
		Notary Public	la K Bridges				

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