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July 27, 2012

Dr. Eddie Roberson, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 12-00074

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2013

Dear Chairman Roberson:

I, Kenneth Mason, Vice President, Regulatory of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC (the "Company"), do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- I am the Vice President, Regulatory 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; The SAC # is 294336
- 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 all federal high-cost support, including 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, will be used 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 yours,

Kenneth Mason

Vice President, Regulatory

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee

Year 2011 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

\$12,720	S	\$12,720
1 High cost loop support	2 Local switching support	3 TOTAL

Year 2011 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Actual 2011	\$498 Maintenance \$26,791,048 80.9% \$2,466,489 Provision \$3,972,202 12.0% \$1,504,642 Upgrade \$2,356,629 7.1% \$3,972,202 Total \$33,119,879 100.0% \$11,356,299		\$3,981,117		\$586,263 \$4,179,399	\$30,763,250		\$1,124 \$2,355,506 \$2,356,629	
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	4 Network support (Accts. 6110-16) 5 General support (Accts. 6120-24) 6 Central office (Accts. 6210-6215) 7 Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441) 8 Network operations (Accts. 6530-35) 9 Depreciation & amortization (Accts. 6560-65)	10 Customer Operations Expenses	11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	Corporate Operations Expenses	12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12) 13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	14 Total Year 2011 Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	Additions	15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210) 16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410) 17 TOTAL	18 Total Year 2011 Supported Expenditures