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Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier and Competitive ETC Self-Certification of Eligibility to Receive Rural Universal Service Funds for Fiscal Year 2013, Docket No. 12-00074

Dear Chairman Hill:

Enclosed is the Certification of Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus", the "Company") certifying that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 as applicable. As some of the data provided is confidential and proprietary, Nexus is requesting CONFIDENTIAL treatment of this filing. Accordingly, Nexus is electronically filing a Redacted version of the Report and will mail an original and four (4) copies of the CONFIDENTIAL Non-Public version to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority", "TRA").

Nexus respectfully request that the Authority submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that Nexus is in compliance with these requirements and is eligible to receive federal Universal Service support for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of Fiscal 2013.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (740) 549-1092 or via email at sfenker1@earthlink.net with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,



Steven Fenker

President, Nexus Communications, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus", "Company"), I, Steven Fenker, an officer of the Company with substantial knowledge of the Company's operations, 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 President of the Company;
2. The company is certified as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the exchanges of ETC certified non-rural Incumbent LEC, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tennessee dba AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T Tennessee");
3. Accordingly, the Universal Service Administrative Company assigned Nexus Study Area Code 299014 for the provision of the Company's wireline services in Tennessee;
4. As such, the Company is eligible to receive high-cost support from the federal Universal Service Fund in a manner and amount equal to the disbursements received by AT&T Tennessee as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission;
5. At this time, Nexus is not seeking or receiving High-Cost support. However, in the event that the Company begins to receive high-cost support, Nexus certifies that it will use 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, 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;
6. Nexus also certifies that it uses and will continue to use all low-income support received as discounts for qualified consumers;
7. As required, the amount of federal universal service support received by Nexus for Study Area 299014 in fiscal 2012 is provided in the attached **Confidential Exhibit A**. Please note that the support amounts for the months of August and September are estimated. As indicated above, support received by Nexus was limited to federal low-Income support and was used for qualified consumers;
8. A list of the Rate Centers/Exchanges where Nexus is authorized to provide service in the State of Tennessee is provided below;

ADAMS-CEDAR HILL	ETOWAH	LAKE CITY	RIDGELY
ARLINGTON	FAIRVIEW	LAWRENCEBURG	RIPLEY
ASHLAND CITY	FAYETTEVILLE	LEBANON	ROCKWOOD
ATHENS	FLINTVILLE	LENOIR CITY	ROGERSVILLE
BELLS	FRANKLIN	LEWISBURG	SANGO
BENTON	FREDONIA	LEXINGTON	SANTA FE
BETHEL SPRINGS	FRIENDSVILLE	LOUDON	SAVANNAH
BIG SANDY	FULTON	LYLES	SELMER
BLANCHE	GALLATIN	LYNCHBURG	SEVIERVILLE
BOLIVAR	GATLINBURG	LYNNVILLE	SEWANEE
BROWNSVILLE	GIBSON	MADISONVILLE	SHELBYVILLE
BULLS GAP	GLEASON	MANCHESTER	SMYRNA

CAMDEN	GOODLETTSVILLE	MARYVILLE	SNEEDVILLE
CARTHAGE	GRAND JUNCTION	MASCOT	SODDY-DAISY
CENTERVILLE	GREENBACK	MAYNARDVILLE	SOMERVILLE
CHARLESTON	GREENBRIER	MCEWEN	SOUTH PITTSBURG
CHARLOTTE	GREENFIELD	MCKENZIE	SPRING CITY
CHATTANOOGA	GUTHRIE	MEDINA	SPRING HILL
CLARKSVILLE	HALLS	MEMPHIS	SPRINGFIELD
CLEVELAND	HAMPSHIRE	MIDDLESBORO	SUMMERTOWN
CLINTON	HARRIMAN	MIDDLETON	SURGOINSVILLE
COLLIERVILLE	HARTFORD	MILAN	SWEETWATER
COLUMBIA	HARTSVILLE	MORRISTOWN	TIPTONVILLE
COPPER HILL	HENDERSON	MOSCOW	TOWNSEND
CORINTH	HENDERSONVILLE	MOUNT PLEASANT	TRENTON
COVINGTON	HENNING	MURFREESBORO	TRIUNE
CROSS PLAINS-ORLINDA	HOHENWALD	NASHVILLE	TROY
CULLEOKA	HORNBEAK	NEWBERN	TULLAHOMA
CUMBERLAND CITY	HUMBOLDT	NEWPORT	UNION CITY
CUMBERLAND GAP	HUNTINGTON	NORRIS	VANLEER
CUNNINGHAM	HUNTLAND	OAK GROVE	WARTRACE
DANDRIDGE	JACKSON	OLD HICKORY	WATERTOWN
DAYTON	JASPER	OLIVER SPRINGS	WAVERLY
DECATUR	JEFFERSON CITY	PALMYRA	WHITE BLUFF
DICKSON	JELICO	PARIS	WHITE HOUSE
DOVER	KENTON	PETERSBURG	WHITE PINE
DYER	KINGSTON	PLEASANT VIEW	WHITEVILLE
DYERSBURG	KNOXVILLE	PORTLAND	WILLIAMSPORT
EAGLEVILLE	LA FOLLETTE	PULASKI	WINCHESTER

9. Nexus reports the lines being served by UNEs and the number of lines being served by resale as of December 31, 2011 in the attached **Confidential Exhibit B**;
10. The UNEs Nexus uses to provide service are obtained from the incumbent LEC, AT&T Tennessee. As such, Nexus reports that it uses SS7 signaling to switch calls from its end users. SS7 is a form of packet switching that possesses the capability to dynamically assign and route calls based on availability and “least cost” routing;
11. A listing of the location of each switch used by Nexus to provide service is provided below. As the location methodology was not specified in the Authority’s July 13 2012 notice, Nexus is providing the location of each switch at the LATA level;

Switch Location by LATA				
CHATTANOOGA	KNOXVILLE	MEMPHIS	NASHVILLE	WINCHESTER, KY

12. Based on the foregoing, Nexus respectfully submits that, given the number and nature of the requirements for support already in place, the Authority may lawfully and appropriately rely upon this certification by Nexus. The requirements, procedures, and processes to which the Company adheres, as set forth above, provide the necessary and sufficient basis for the Authority to provide certification to USAC and the FCC, and to thereby ensure that the Company and its customers will not be deprived of the USF funding to which the Company and its customers are lawfully entitled to possess, even when that support is limited to the receipt of low-income federal universal service support. Essentially, under the existing rules and process discussed above, the federal support funds available to the Company and other

ETCs are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures incurred in the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of its provision of universal service. The processes described above constitute the receipt and utilization of low-income federal universal support upon which the Company depends on to provide quality telephone service and upon which its low-income subscribers depend on to obtain service at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Furthermore, the Company attests, per the above certification, that it will use all federal universal support only for its intended purpose.

The Company, as discussed above and pursuant to the above certification, represents to the Authority that it adheres to and complies with all required processes, and that any expenditures of USF funds will be consistent with the applicable rules and foster the provision of facilities and services for which the funding is intended.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July 2012,



Steven Fenker
President
Nexus Communications, Inc.

Confidential Exhibit A

Amount of federal Universal Service support received by Nexus for SAC 299014 in fiscal 2012

Redacted

Confidential Exhibit B

Number of Lines Served by UNEs and Resale as December 31, 2011

Redacted