



August 1, 2012

The Honorable Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville TN 37243-0505

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:

Attached hereto is the original and thirteen copies of the Certification Letter of Trevor Bonnstetter, Chief Manager of Ben Lomand Communications, LLC (the "Company"), certifying that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board of Universal Service, 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, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, FCC 01-157, released May 23, 2001. Also, attached is a report regarding our 2011 support payments in response to Mr. Foster's July 13, 2012, letter.

Based on the foregoing, the Company respectfully requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority certify by no later than October 1, 2012, to the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the Company is in compliance with its obligations under Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

In addition to this original, I am submitting a date "stamp and return" copy (and accompanying postage prepaid, self-addressed envelope) that I ask you to please use for this purpose. Should you have questions or need additional information you may contact me at 931-473-2517.

Sincerely,

Trevor Bonnstetter
Chief Manager
Ben Lomand Communications, LLC

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Attachments

cc: David Foster, Chief
Utilities Division



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Dear Chairman Hill:

I, Trevor Bonnstetter, Chief Manager of Ben Lomand Communications, 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:

1. I am the Chief Manager of the Company;
2. The Company is subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority;
3. The Company is eligible for disbursements for the Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission; 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 the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support for which it is eligible) received in 2013 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Bonnstetter", written over a horizontal line.

Trevor Bonnstetter
Chief Manager
Ben Lomand Communications, LLC

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BEN LOMAND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
UNIVERSAL SERVICE PAYMENTS RECEIVED - 2011

STUDY AREA CODE 299001

	HIGH COST & IAS SUPPORT	LIFELINE & LINKUP
JANUARY	4142.00	61.00
FEBRUARY	4064.00	156.00
MARCH	2340.00	62.00
APRIL	3138.00	88.00
MAY	3368.00	-3.00
JUNE	3444.00	103.00
JULY	4474.00	125.00
AUGUST	3503.00	97.00
SEPTEMBER	2408.00	111.00
OCTOBER	3318.00	86.00
NOVEMBER	3358.00	165.00
DECEMBER	3349.00	89.00
	40906.00	1140.00

Rate Centers	# of lines Direct	# of lines UNE	# of lines Resale	Switch Type	Switch Location
MCMINNVL	4471	0	0	EOC	McMinnville
SPARTA	1343	0	0	EOC	McMinnville
MANCHESTER	126	0	0	EOC	McMinnville

Ben Lomand Communications, LLC is a facilities based CLEC and does not make a cost allocation of USF funds.

The Lifeline and Linkup funds were used to reduce installation charges and monthly charges to eligible low income customers.

The High Cost & IAS funds were used to maintain and upgrade the facilities for which the support is intended.