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180 S. Clinton Ave. Rochester, NY 14646

September 23, 2013

James M. Allison, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re:

TRA Docket No. 13-00112

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2014

Dear Chairman Allison:

Enclosed please find:

- 1. Certification letters signed by Kenneth Mason.
- Statements of 2012 federal Universal Service receipts subject to certification and the 2012 expenditures for provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal Universal Service funding.
- Original letter and a date "stamp and return" copy (and accompanying postage prepaid, self-addressed envelope) that I ask you to please use for this purpose.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at 585-777-5823.

Sincerely,

Deborah Fasciano Regulatory Compliance Frontier Communications

Enclosures



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Re: TRA Docket No. 13-00112

Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2014

Dear Chairman Allison:

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:

- 1. 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
- 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 all federal high-cost 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.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Mason

Vice President, Regulatory

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee

Year 2012 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

1 Frozen High Cost Support (FHCS)	\$268,116
2 Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (ICC)	<u>\$48,246</u>
3 TOTAL	\$316,362

Year 2012 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Plant Specific Operations Expenses	Actual 2012		
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)	(\$9,263) \$1,968,082 \$1,547,903 \$3,920,410 \$3,314,009 \$11,253,096	Maintenance Provision Upgrade Total	\$24,445,366 \$3,920,410 \$3,695,476 \$32,061,252 \$32,061,252
10 Customer Operations Expenses			
11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	\$3,292,089		
Corporate Operations Expenses			
12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12) 13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	\$411,517 \$2,667,933		
14 Total Year 2012 Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$28,365,776		
Additions			
15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210) 16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410) 17 TOTAL	\$14,665 \$3,680,811 \$3,695,476		
18 Total Year 2012 Supported Expenditures Before Return On Investment	\$32,061,252		

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Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2014

Dear Chairman Allison:

I, Kenneth Mason, Vice President, Regulatory of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State 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 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 290580
- 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 all federal high-cost 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.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Mason

Vice President, Regulatory

Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State

Year 2012 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification.

1 Frozen High Cost Support (FHCS)	\$736,680
2 Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (ICC)	\$20,568
3 TOTAL	\$757,248

Maintenance

Provision

Upgrade

Total

\$6,730,643

\$1,070,234

\$8,724,409

\$8,724,409

\$923,532

77.1%

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Year 2012 Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

Plant Specific Operations Expenses	Actual 2012
4 Network support (Accts, 6110-16)	(\$5,481)
5 General support (Accts. 6120-24)	\$532,109
6 Central office (Accts. 6210-6215)	\$423,626
7 Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441)	\$1,070,234
8 Network operations (Accts. 6530-35)	\$714,609
9 Depreciation & amortization (Accts. 6560-65)	\$3,434,674
10 Customer Operations Expenses	
11 Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)	\$887,720
Corporate Operations Expenses	
12 Executive and planning (Accts. 6710-12)	\$110,071
13 General and administrative (Accts. 6720-28)	\$633,315
14 Total Year 2012 Supported Expenses,	
Before Return on Investment	\$7,800,877
Additions	
15 Total central office switching (Acct. 2210)	\$1,982
16 Total cable and wire (Acct. 2410)	\$921,550
17 TOTAL	\$923,532
18 Total Year 2012 Supported Expenditures	
Before Return On Investment	\$8,724,409