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Re: TRA Docket No. 15-00068
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 2016

Dear Mr. Hutton:

Enclosed please find:

1. Certification letters signed by Allison Ellis.
2. 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
Manager, Govt. & External Affairs

Enclosures

Cc: A. McCall



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July 29, 2015

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Re: TRA Docket No. 15-00068
Section 254(e) Certification of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC to Receive USF Disbursements in Calendar Year 2016

Dear Mr. Hutton:

I, Allison M. Ellis, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs 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 Affairs 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Ellis".

Allison M. Ellis
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs