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Hon. Herbert Hilliard, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
502 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: 2015 Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications  
Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.314  
Docket No. 15-00068

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

This letter is to request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") certifying that BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T Tennessee") is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support AT&T Tennessee will receive in 2016 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, AT&T Tennessee certifies that it will only use the federal high cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

AT&T Tennessee respectfully requests that the Authority accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that AT&T Tennessee is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that AT&T Tennessee used its high-cost support in the preceding year (2014) and will use its high-cost support in the coming calendar year (2016) in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2016.

Sincerely,

Dennis Wagner

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

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**AFFIDAVIT OF JEFF A. VAN DYKE**

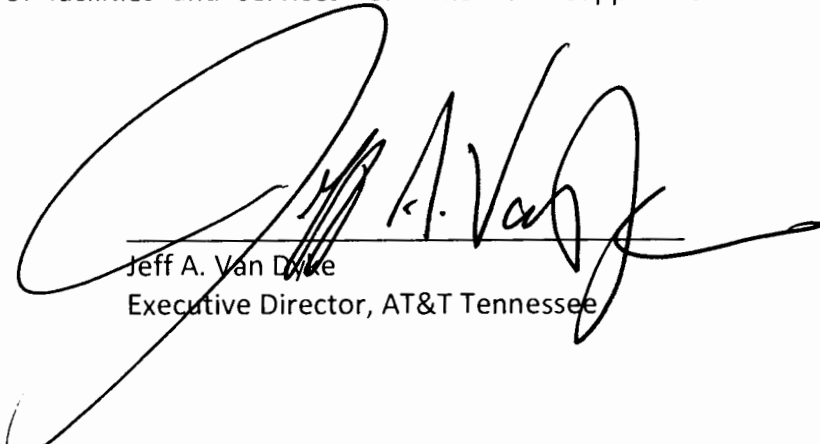
STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

COMES NOW Jeff A. Van Dyke and states as follows:

1. My name is Jeff A. Van Dyke. I am employed by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC dba AT&T Tennessee as Executive Director and am authorized to give this Affidavit. This Affidavit is being given to support the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's ("the Authority") certification as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).

2. In order for the Authority to certify AT&T Tennessee's continued eligibility for high-cost support in 2016, AT&T Tennessee provides the following certification.

3. Consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, AT&T Tennessee used its high-cost support in the preceding year (2014) and will use its high-cost support in the coming calendar year (2016) all of its federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.



Jeff A. Van Dyke  
Executive Director, AT&T Tennessee

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



*Carolyn Hanesworth*  
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Notary Public