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Via Hand-Delivery

John Hutton
Utility Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick Street, Fourth Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

***Re: E. Ritter Communications Holdings, Inc. – Universal Service Support
Certification Request
Docket No. 16-00072***

Dear Mr. Hutton:

I am enclosing an original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of John D. Strode with regard to E. Ritter Communications Holdings, Inc.'s Universal Service Support Certification Request. This material is also being filed by way of email to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon. Please file the original and four copies of this filing and stamp the additional copy as "filed." Then please return the stamped copy to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number listed above.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes

Enclosure

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 16-00072

AFFIDAVIT FOR FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FUNDS

1. My name is John D. Strode.

I am Vice President-External Affairs of E. Ritter Communications Holdings, Inc. which is the parent company of Millington Telephone Company

My address is P.O. Box 17040, 2400 Ritter Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72403.

My e-mail address is john.strode@rittercommunications.com.

My telephone number is 870-336-2345.

2. This affidavit is provided for state certification by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314. This affidavit is made in support of the Company's request for certification for eligibility for USF support in accordance with the procedures established in WC Docket No. 10-90.
3. The Company's study area code for the supported area is 290571
4. I am familiar with the Federal High Cost support received by the Company and how the Company uses those funds.
5. I am a corporate officer authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company.
6. The Company hereby certifies that all Federal High Cost Support funds received by the Company were used in the preceding year and will be used in the new year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is

intended, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided and consistent with
47 U.S.C § 254(e).

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

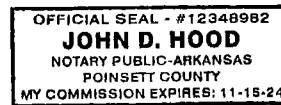
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD

John D. Strade
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 14th day of July, 2016.

John D. Hood
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 11-15-24