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Hon. Kenneth Hill, Chairman Tennessee Public Utilities Commission 502 Deaderick St, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Nashville TN 37243

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Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee 2021 Annual Federal High-Cost Universal Service Support Certification

Dear Chairman Hill:

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee respectfully requests that the Commission accept 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 certifying that AT&T Tennessee used its high-cost support in the preceding year in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore was eligible to receive federal high-cost support through December 2021.

Unlike prior affidavits, the attached does not address AT&T Tennessee's use of high-cost support in the upcoming calendar year because in the Order issued in Docket 21-00115 on December 1, 2021, the Commission approved AT&T Tennessee's relinquishment of its ETC designation effective February 15, 2022. Consequently, AT&T Tennessee is no longer eligible for FCC high-cost funding.

In addition to providing an electronic copy of this filing, I have also enclosed an original and two copies for filing. Please return the one extra copy stamped "Filed" in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Dennis Wagner

## AFFIDAVIT OF DENNIS WAGNER BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE

- 1. My name is Dennis Wagner. I am employed by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee as its Director, External and Legislative Affairs, and am authorized to give this Affidavit to support the Tennessee Public Service Commission's certification as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).
- In order for the Commission to certify AT&T Tennessee's eligibility for high-cost support in 2021, AT&T Tennessee provides the following certification:

Consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, AT&T Tennessee used in the preceding year (2021) all of its federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Dennis Wagner

Director, External and Legislative Affairs

AT&T Tennessee

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2022

| May 9, 2026

Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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