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Hi Tory

Will you please file this email with attachment in 23-00052?

Thanks, John

From: SAGER, KATHY <ks6875@att.com> **Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 2:03 PM **To:** John Hutton <John.Hutton@tn.gov>

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John – additional information if needed.

Thanks again

Kathy Sager Regional Director — AT&T TN External and Legislative Affairs Ofc 615 214-4150 - Cell 615 957-8337

From: SAGER, KATHY

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2022 5:09 PM

To: 'tpuc.docketroom@tn.gov' <<u>tpuc.docketroom@tn.gov</u>> **Subject:** AT&T Annual Federal High Cost USF Certification filing

Please see the attached AT&T filing. The original with the notarized affidavit and copies were also mailed today.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Kathy Sager

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TN PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION UTILITIES DIVISION

August 9, 2022

Hon. Kenneth Hill, Chairman **Tennessee Public Utilities Commission** 502 Deaderick St. 4th floor Nashville TN 37243

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 highcost 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).
- 2. 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

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