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Ms. Eve Kahao Gonzalez
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70825

Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a/ AT&T Louisiana
2015 Annual IAS Certification

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

The purpose of this Tier 2 advice letter is to certify that BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Louisiana (AT&T Louisiana) is eligible for federal high-cost universal service support, so that the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) can in turn file its own certification with the FCC pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314(a) that includes AT&T Louisiana in its list of eligible carriers.

Until the FCC's Nov. 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order (17 FCC Rcd 17663) (hereinafter "FCC Order"), AT&T Louisiana submitted certifications directly to the FCC as it only received Interstate Access Support (IAS). As part of the FCC Order, the FCC eliminated IAS as a standalone support mechanism and with it, eliminated the need for carriers to file IAS certifications. *See FCC Order at para. 614.* As a result, and in order for the LPSC to certify AT&T Louisiana's continued eligibility for high-cost support in 2016, AT&T Louisiana provides the attached certification.

Enclosed are the original and two copies of the AT&T Louisiana's Annual IAS Certification for 2016. To acknowledge receipt of this filing, please return a date stamped copy. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should anyone from the Commission or the Public Utilities Staff have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please call me. I can be reached at 225-382-0182.

Sincerely,

Richard "Rick" Demint
Director - Regulatory

Attachment

Cc: Brandon Frey (w/ enclosure)

**AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD S. DEMINT
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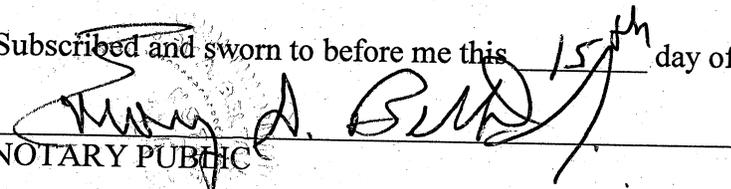
1. My name is Richard S. Demint. I am employed by AT&T Louisiana as its Director Regulatory Relations, and am authorized to give this Affidavit. This Affidavit is being given to support the Louisiana Public Service Commission's certification as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).
2. Until the FCC's November 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order (17 FCC Red 17663) (hereinafter "FCC Order"), BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Louisiana (AT&T Louisiana) submitted its certifications directly to the FCC as it only received Interstate Access Support (IAS). These certifications are associated with Study Area Code (SAC) 275183. As part of the FCC Order, the FCC eliminated IAS as a stand-alone support mechanism and with it, eliminated the need for carriers to file IAS certifications. *See FCC Order at para. 614.* As a result, and in order for the Louisiana Public Service Commission to certify AT&T Louisiana's continued eligibility for high-cost support in 2016, AT&T Louisiana provides the following certification:

Consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, AT&T Louisiana used in the preceding year (2014) and will use in the upcoming 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.



Richard S. Demint
Director Regulatory Relations
AT&T Louisiana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September 2015.



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