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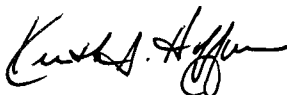
Re: Docket No. 010977-TL

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications are the original and fifteen copies of the Affidavit of R. Mark Ellmer. Mr. Ellmer's Affidavit is filed in compliance with Order No. PSC-05-0824-FOF-TL issued August 15, 2005, as amended by Amendatory Order No. PSC-05-0824A-FOF-TL issued August 17, 2005, in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Hoffman

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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. R. Mark Ellmer, with enclosure
- Mr. Shevie B. Brown, with enclosure
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared R. Mark Ellmer who deposed and said:

1. My name is R. Mark Ellmer. I am employed by GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (the "Company") as its Director Support Revenues. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2008 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

3. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it has submitted via annual NECA filings, the supporting documentation on network improvements and expenditures in support of our universal service filing and refer to this in lieu of formal network plans. USF disbursement received by the Company and other rural incumbent local exchange companies is divided into four categories: Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS"), Local Switching Support ("LSS"), High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS") and Safety Net Additive Support ("SNAS"). Each of these mechanisms has been created by the FCC in conjunction with the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. This means that representatives from State Commissions have also been involved in the development of these mechanisms through their representation in the Joint Board process.

ICLS is a universal service mechanism which is based upon each company's embedded, interstate loop costs and allows rate-of-return companies to offset interstate common line access charges and recover its interstate common line revenue requirement and still allow SLCs to remain affordable to customers. ICLS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred. The ICLS calculation uses the interstate cost structure of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") based upon annual interstate cost studies that are submitted and certified by the companies and received by NECA. The difference between the interstate common line revenue requirement, again as set forth in the company's annual interstate cost study and the SLC revenue collected from end users, makes up the ICLS.

LSS rules established by the FCC use the embedded costs of the rural ILECs associated with switching investments, depreciation, maintenance, expenses, taxes and an FCC established rate of return. Therefore, LSS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred. This amount is used to offset the rural ILECs interstate switching revenue requirement. The difference between the interstate switching revenue requirement, again as set forth in the company's annual interstate cost study and LSS, makes up the switching rate which is charged to interexchange carriers.

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The HCLS for rural ILECs is based upon each company's embedded, unseparated loop costs. These costs are calculated using a set of complex algorithms approved by the FCC, the inputs for which are scrutinized by NECA. Therefore, HCLS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred.

Pursuant to the FCC Order, SNAS is support above the HCL cap for carriers that make significant investment in rural infrastructure in years in which HCL is capped. To receive SNAS, a rural carrier must show that growth in telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) per line is at least 14 percent greater than the study area's TPIS in the prior year. Therefore, SNAS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred. Carriers seeking to qualify for safety net additive support must provide written notice to USAC that a study area meets the 14 percent TPIS trigger.

All of these programs are administered through the USAC. USAC, as a private, not-for-profit corporation, is responsible for providing every state and territory of the United States with access to affordable telecommunications service through the federal USF. USAC has contracted with NECA to assist in data collection necessary for the remittance of universal service funds. What this means is that each company submits, no less frequently than annually, detailed information requested by NECA in the USF data collection process.

Rural ILECs must attest to the information submitted. Further, NECA and its auditors must attest to the validity and integrity of NECA's process. In other words, the ILEC cost studies and responses to data collection requests are subject to audit. The information provided in response to all of the universal service fund mechanisms utilizes FCC accounts for regulated costs and must be in compliance with FCC rules in Parts 32, 36, 54 and 64.

All cost studies submitted by rural ILECs and all USF funding submitted by rural ILECs must be based upon financial statements. In addition, NECA performs focus reviews of cost studies as well as the USF filings for the cost companies involved in the NECA process. In addition, an officer of the rural ILEC must certify the accuracy and validity of the filed information.

HCLS data used in the HCLS calculations by NECA must also be filed with the FCC in October of each year. This data contains the regulated financial inputs into the algorithm as well as the number of loops that will receive universal service support.

4. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it follows appropriate procedures for network outage reporting as per the Federal Outage Reporting Order and State Outage Reporting Requirements. For the period between March 1, 2006 and February 28, 2007, GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications did not have any Federal FCC reportable outages or State PSC reportable outages.

5. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it did fulfill all requests for service from potential customers.

6. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that for the period from March 1, 2006 and February 28, 2007 zero FCC complaints were received and twenty-three state PSC complaints were received, processed and resolved per PSC rules.

7. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations, offers a tariffed local usage plan and provides equal access to long distance carriers.

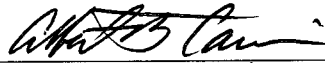
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



R. Mark Ellmer
Director Support Revenues

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF GULF

Acknowledged before me this 16th day of April, 2007, by R. Mark Ellmer, as Director Support Revenues, GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



Albert B. Cain, Notary



Albert B Cain
My Commission DD224068
Expires July 18, 2007

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