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**Secretary of the Commission
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201**

RE: RE-Assignment of 2016 Assessment Rate

Docket No. 97-393-A

Secretary of the Commission

Enclosed is a document related to the administration of the ARHCF in 2016 for inclusion in the public record of the Arkansas High Cost Fund.

The enclosure is a copy of the Memo to all telecommunications carriers offering intrastate services in the State of Arkansas, advising them that the assessment rate for 2016 will change, effective April 1st, 2016 from it's the current level of 5.5% to 6.0%. A copy of the enclosed memo has been distributed to each carrier.

Sincerely,



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TO ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

RE: ARKANSAS HIGH COST FUND ASSESSMENT RATE CHANGE

In response to decreases in monthly reported revenues, the Arkansas High Cost Fund Administrator has determined the assessment rate will INCREASE from 5.5% to 6.0% effective April 1st, 2016. Revised forms are available on the RTS website at www.ruraltelcom.com.

All quarterly and annual filing status carriers will need to split their revenues between the months of differing assessment rates. All revenues reported for months prior to April 1st, 2016 shall be reported on the 2016 original reporting forms and all revenues reported for the month of April, 2016 and beyond shall be reported on the April 1 2016 Rate Change reporting forms or you may use the Carrier Revenue Report – 2016 MID-YEAR SPLIT REPORTING FORM.

All questions shall be directed to the following address:

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Thank you,

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