

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance)
with Section 254(e) of the Federal)
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and) Docket No. 24-GIMT-612-GIT
Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas)
Universal Service Fund Support)

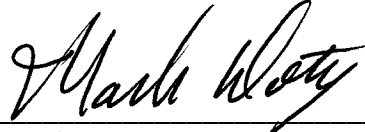
H & B COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
CERTIFICATION AND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Order of the Commission herein H & B Communications,
Inc. submits its certification and information supporting its continuing designation as
an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

H & B Communications, Inc. 's attachments other than Attachments 1 and 5
certifications are filed herewith as proprietary and confidential under seal. The carrier
believes that the information contained in these attachments are of such competitive
sensitivity that disclosure to any person other than the carrier, the Commission, and
Staff is prohibited by K.S.A. 66-1220(a). Disclosure of trade secrets and confidential
information to any person, including parties to this proceeding, is prohibited unless the
Commission finds the disclosure is warranted, after considering all of the factors in that
statute. The carrier believes that disclosure of the information contained in these
attachments would have a significant and adverse impact on its competitive stance
regarding existing or potential competing entities including wireless carriers,
competitive local exchange carriers, and incumbent local exchange carriers. Regulatorily
mandated disclosure of any or all of the subject information would create a competitive
bias in favor of any actual or potential competitor not required to provide comparable

information, reducing or eliminating any benefit to consumers otherwise resulting from unbiased competition and damaging the submitting company's ability to engage in fair competition.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Doty", written over a horizontal line.

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Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner
Annie Kuether, Commissioner

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SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION
FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
FCC Docket Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45
and KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SUPPORT
(Please type or print legibly)
(Circle all Federal and Kansas Support Received)

1. My title is President/General Manager of the H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to direct how federal high-cost Universal Service Fund (USF), including Legacy or Frozen high-cost Loop support (HCL/FHCS), Safety Valve support (SVS), Connect America Cost Model (CACM) support, Connect America Fund (CAF I/CAF II) support, Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM/ACAM II) support, Rural Broadband Experiment support (RBE), Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support, and/or Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support received will be used and by this certification I am binding H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/Cooperative) was named as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for federal support purposes in Docket No. 98-GIMT-241-GIT by order dated December 5, 1997 and KUSF support purposes in Docket No. 98-GIMT-241-GIT by order dated December 5, 1997.

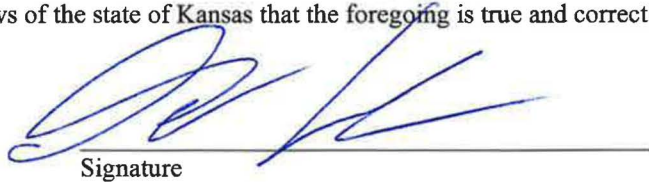
3. By this affidavit, I certify that all federal high-cost USF, including HCL, FHCS, SVS, CAF I/CAF II, A-CAM/ACAM II, RBE, RDOF, and/or KUSF received by H&B Communications, Inc.

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Attachment 1

(Company/Cooperative) was used in the proceeding calendar year 2023 and will be used in the new calendar year 2025 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and/or Kansas statutes and KCC requirements.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)



Signature

Brandon E. Koch

Printed/Typed Name

Executed on 5-8-24 date.

Email address: brkoch@hbcomm.net

Annual ETC Certification of Requirements Imposed by the
Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT

1. Did your company experience any outage in the prior calendar year, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least 30 minutes in duration for each service area in which an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier is designated for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect: (i) at least 10% of the end users served in a designated service area; or (ii) a 911 specialty facility as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5(e)? (Yes/No) . **IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Date and time of Onset of the Outage	Description of the Outage and its Resolution	Particular services affected	Geographic Areas Affected	Steps Taken to Prevent a Similar Situation in the Future	Number of Customers Affected

(If necessary, please provide additional pages.)

2. Please provide the number of requests for service from potential customers within the recipient's service areas that were unfulfilled during the prior calendar year. If applicable, please explain how your company attempted to provide service to those potential customers.

H&B Communications, Inc. did not receive any requests for service in 2023 that were left unfulfilled.

3. Please provide the number of complaints per 1,000 connections (fixed or mobile) in the prior calendar year.

H&B Communications, Inc. did not receive any customer complaints in 2023.

4. A wireline ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards and a wireless ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the CTIA Code. **Please complete the following, as applicable to your company:**

QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELINE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

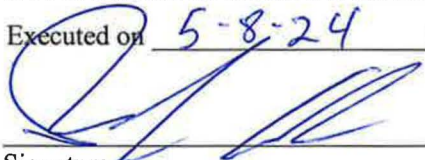
KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

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1. My title is President/General Manager of the H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards as adopted in Docket No. 191,206-U.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on 5-8-24 (date).



Signature

Brandon E. Koch

Printed/Typed Name

QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELESS ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____ (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the CTIA Code.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on _____ (date).

Signature

Printed/Typed Name

5. Each ETC must certify that it will be able to function in an emergency as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2).

ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN AN EMERGENCY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is President/General Manager of the H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is able to function in an emergency. I am binding H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that H&B Communications, Inc. (Company/ Cooperative) is capable of functioning in an emergency.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on 5-8-24 (date).

Signature

Brandon E. Koch

Printed/Typed Name

6. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(B) requires every ETC to advertise its services (including Lifeline services) throughout the service area for which it has been designated “using media of general distribution.” **Please complete the following:**

Name of Media	Type of Media	Geographic Areas Reached	Dates Published
Bill Message	Printed Bill	H&B Service Area	July 2023
H&B Phone Directory	Phone Directory	H&B Service Area	Annually, January
Great Bend Tribune	Newspaper	Barton County	Week of 05/13/23
Ellsworth County Independent Report	Newspaper	Ellsworth County	Week of 05/18/23
Russell County News	Newspaper	Russell County	Week of 05/18/23
www.hbcomm.net	Website	Internet Users Worldwide	Online 24/7

(If necessary, please attach additional pages.)

7. A competitive ETC must certify that it offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent LEC. Please provide a description of the local usage plan(s) that is comparable to that of the incumbent LEC and complete the certification.

Not applicable.

COMPARABLE LOCAL USAGE PLAN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is _____ of the _____
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent. I am binding _____ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that _____ (Company/ Cooperative) offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on _____ (date).

Signature

Printed/Typed Name