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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
COPPER VALLEY TELEPHONE, INC., AN  
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING  
TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE  
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE  
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,  
AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS  
NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE  
RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC  
TRANSFORMATION ORDER

PROOF OF MAILING

1 Copper Valley Telephone, Inc., hereby files proof that it provided the customer notice  
2 required by Decision No. 74772 in the above-captioned docket.

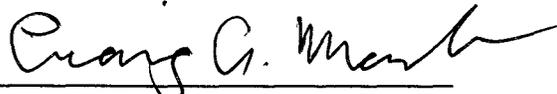
3 Respectfully submitted on November 26, 2014.

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

- 1           1.     My name is Virgil Barnard.
- 2           2.     I am employed by Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. ("Copper Valley") as Contracts  
3 and Compliance Manager.
- 4           3.     My business address is 752 E Maley, Willcox, AZ. 85643 and my business phone  
5 is 520-384-8932.
- 6           4.     The October 24, 2014, Decision in the above-captioned case required Valley  
7 Telephone to "notify its affected customers of the rates approved herein and their  
8 implementation dates in a form approved by Staff either as an insert in its next regular bill, or as  
9 a separate mailing to be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision."
- 10          5.     The purpose of this affidavit is to document compliance with this requirement of  
11 the Decision.
- 12          6.     I caused to be prepared the customer notice required by the Decision. Exhibit A  
13 is a copy of the customer notice.

1           7.     I prepared a current electronic customer mailing list and provided a copy of the  
2 notice and mailing list to Arizona Jet Mail. On November 18, 2014, Arizona Jet Mail caused to  
3 be mailed a copy of the customer notice to each customer on the mailing list. Exhibit B is a copy  
4 of the Postage Statement provided by the United States Postal Service.

5           8.     This completes my affidavit.

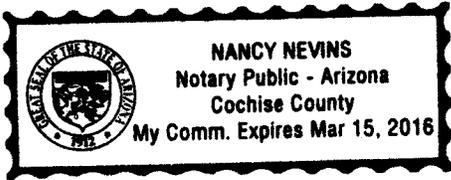
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7           *Virgil Barnard*  
8           \_\_\_\_\_  
9           Virgil Barnard

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11          STATE OF Arizona            )  
12    ) ss.  
13          COUNTY of Cochise        )

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16          Subscribed and sworn before me on November 21, 2014.

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19          Name: *Nancy Nevins*

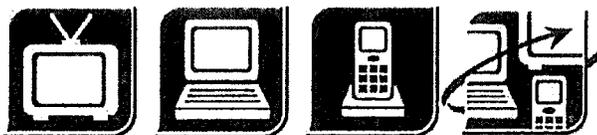
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21          My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# Exhibit A



Digital Television    Internet    Telephone    Bundled Services



Dear Copper Valley Telephone Residential Customer,

In February we sent you a letter explaining that local rates would have to rise this year to comply with Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) USF Order. The Order requires that local exchange carriers charge a minimum amount for basic telephone service in order to remain eligible to receive the full amount of Universal Service Funds (USF). At that time, we advised that the rate could go up to as much as \$19.00 depending on the ultimate decision by the FCC.

The FCC decided that this rate needed to be \$16.00 by December 1. As a result, we included a bill insert in your November bill to notify you of the intended rate changes. On October 24, 2014, the Arizona Corporation Commission issued Decision No. 74772, which authorized the rate increase to \$16.00 and also required us to send you the following additional notice:

**Customers of Copper Valley Telephone, Inc**  
**Notice of Rate Increase**  
**Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458**

On October 24, 2014, the Commission issued Decision No. 74772. This Decision authorized Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. ("Company") to increase the Company's rates for residential local exchange service from the current tariffed rate of \$14.00 to \$16.00 effective December 1, 2014. The new \$16.00 rate is the first of three step increases authorized by the Commission pursuant to a June 10 2014 Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Order. The FCC Order established a residential local service rate floor of \$20.00 but provides for a phase-in of the rate floor in three steps. There will be another step increase to \$18.00 (or the new rate floor established by the FCC if lower) effective June 1, 2016. The final step increase will become effective June 1, 2017, and will be set at the lower of \$20.00 or the FCC's new residential local service rate floor. The FCC requires the Company to implement these residential local service rate increases or the Company will lose Federal Universal Service Funding on a dollar for dollar basis to the extent that its rates are below the FCC's rate floors. The purpose of Federal Universal Service Funding is to keep local service rates affordable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Company at 800-421-5711.

Thank you for being a loyal customer, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Metts".

Steven D. Metts  
CEO/General Manager  
Valley TeleCom Group

## **Exhibit B**

139771  
Valley  
Tele Com  
CVT

Company Detail	
Company Name	ARIZONA JET-MAIL F - TUCSON
Address	3710 E 43RD PL STE 101 TUCSON, 85713-6809
Contact Name	RICK HECOX
Phone Number	(520)571-1329
Profit Indicator	P
PS Form 3607R - Mailing Transaction Receipt	
Account Holder Account Number	1183085
Account Holder Permit Number	541
Account Holder Permit Type	PI
Account Holder CRID	4650090
Post Office of Permit	TUCSON, AZ 85726-9653
Post Office of Mailing	TUCSON, AZ 85726-9653
Post Office of Permit Cost Center	038880-0990
Post Office of Mailing Cost Center	038880-0990
Mailing Agent Name	ARIZONA JET-MAIL F - TUCSON
Mailing Agent CRID	4650090
Mail Owner Name	
Mail Owner CRID	
JOB ID	
Customer Reference ID	
CAPS Transaction Number	N/A
Class of Mail	Standard Mail
Processing Category	Letters
Postage Statement ID	200238172
Mailing Group ID	142178611
Mailer's Mailing Date	11/18/2014
Total Pieces	2,064 pcs.
Weight of a single-piece	0.0250 lbs.
Total Weight	51.6000 lbs.
Total Number of Containers	11
Total Adjusted Postage	\$ 531.06
Payment Date and Time	11/18/2014 16:34
Payment Transaction Number	201432217340371M1
Mailer Figures Adjusted?	No
Person authorizing adjustment	
Name	
Phone Number	
Acceptance Site Mailer ID	
Clerk Initials	VAF
Mail Arrival Date and Time	11/18/2014 16:32

United States Postal Service  
Postage Statement - Standard Mail

List: 139771 VTC CVT Letter

Post Office: Note Mail Arrival  
Date & Time (Do Not Round-Stamp)

Permit Holder	Phone (520)-571-1329 Ext	Mailing Agent Phone (520)-571-1329 Ext Arizona Jet-Mail Services 3710 E. 43rd Pl., Ste. 101 Tucson AZ 85713	Mail Owner Valley Telecom CVT LETTER PO Box 970 Willcox AZ 85644 WO #139771
Arizona Jet Mail 3710 E 43rd Pl Ste 101 Tucson AZ 85713			
CAPS Cust Ref No.		CRID 4650090	CRID
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Post Office of Mailing Tucson AZ 85728	Processing Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters <input type="checkbox"/> Flats <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Parcels <input type="checkbox"/> Parcels - Machinable <input type="checkbox"/> Parcels - Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> CMM <input type="checkbox"/> Catalogs	Mailing Date	FACC	Statement Sequence # 139771	Number of Containers 1' MM 7 2' MM 4 2' EMM Flat Trays 11 Sacks Pallets Other
Type of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Postage <input type="checkbox"/> Precanceled <input type="checkbox"/> Metered	For Mail Enclosed Within Another Class <input type="checkbox"/> Periodicals <input type="checkbox"/> Bound Printed Matter <input type="checkbox"/> Library Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Media Mail	Wt of a Single Pc 0.0250 pounds	Combined Mailing <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Class <input type="checkbox"/> Single Class	SSF Trans # Total Pieces 2,064 Total Weight 51.0000	
Permit # 541			<input type="checkbox"/> Product Sample % samples		

For Auto Price Pcs Enter Date of Address Matching and Coding 11/17/2014	For CR Price Pcs Enter Date of Address Matching and Coding 11/17/2014	For CR Price Pcs Enter Date of Carrier Route Sequencing 11/17/2014	For Pieces Bearing a Simplified Address Enter Date of Del Stat File or Alt. Method
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Move Update Method  JASE  JICOALink  JACS  JAlternative  JMultiple  JOneCode ACS  Jn/a Alt Addr Fmt

Political Mailing Yes  No  Official Election Mail Yes  No   Letter or flat contains DVD/CD or other disk

Parts Completed (Select all that apply)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  K  L  M  N  O  P  Q  R  S  T  U  V  W  X  Y  Z

1		Subtotal Postage	531.06
2	Price Affixed: <input type="checkbox"/> Correct <input type="checkbox"/> Lowest <input type="checkbox"/> Neither	pcs x \$ = Postage Affixed -	
3		Incentive/Discount Flat Dollar Amount -	
4		Fee Flat Dollar Amount +	
5	Permit #	Net Postage Due (Line 1 +/- Lines 2, 3, 4)	531.06

Additional Postage Payment (State reason)

Postmaster: Report Total Postage in AIC 130 (Permit Imprint Only) Total Adjusted Postage Permit Imprint

Postmaster: Report Total Postage in AIC 208 Total Adjusted Postage Simplified Addressing (EDDM)

Incentive/Discount Claimed: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

The mailer's signature certifies acceptance of liability for and agreement to pay any revenue deficiencies assessed on this mailing, subject to appeal. If an agent signs this form, the agent certifies that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the mailer and that the mailer is bound by the certification and agrees to pay any deficiencies. In addition, agents may be liable for any deficiencies resulting from matters within their responsibility, knowledge, or control. The mailer hereby certifies that all information furnished on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete; that the mail and the supporting documentation comply with all postal standards and the mailing qualifies for the prices and fees claimed; and that the mailing does not contain any matter prohibited by law or postal regulation. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits information requested on this form may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Privacy Notice: For information regarding our Privacy Policy visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

Signature of Mailer or Agent	Printed Name of Mailer or Agent Signing Form Arizona Jet-Mail Services Robert Schrader	Telephone (520)-571-1329 Ext
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Weight of a Single Piece _____ pound	Are postage figures at left adjusted from mailer's entries? If yes, reason: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Total Pieces	Total Weight	Total Postage
Presort Verification Performed? (If required) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Round Stamp (Required) Payment Date
I CERTIFY that this mailing has been inspected for each item below if required:		
E B T E (1) eligibility for postage prices claimed;		Date Mtr Notified
E E A S (2) proper preparation (and presort where required);		Contact
O D L (3) proper completion of postage statement;		By (Initials)
N O (4) payment of annual fee; and		Time
L I M (5) sufficient funds on deposit (if required)		AM PM
USPS Employee's Signature		Print USPS Employee's Name