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October 27, 2008

Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington St. Phoenix, Arizona 85007

> Re: Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. Docket #T-02532A-07-0102 Notice of Compliance DECISION NO. 69953

Arizona Corporation Commission DOCKETED COT 2 0 2008 DOCKETED BY

Dear Docket Control:

Enclosed find an original and 14 copies of Midvale's Notice of Compliance in the above captioned matter. Please return a conformed copy in the postage paid envelope provided.

Thank you Gary H. Hø tor Attorney for Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.

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7	<b>BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION</b>				
8	COMMISSIONERS				
9	MIKE GLEASON – Chairman WILLIAM A. MUNDELL				
10	JEFF HATCH-MLLER KRISTIN K. MAYES GARY PIERCE				
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12	IN THE MATTER OF MIDVALE DOCKET NUMBER: T-02532A-07-0102				
13	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INC.'SAPPLICATION FOR FINANCINGNOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH				
14	APPROVAL DECISION NO. 69953				
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16	Midvale Telephone Exchange, (hereinafter "Midvale" or "Applicant"), through				
17	undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice of compliance with the above captioned decision.				
18	I. <u>REQUIRED COMPLIANCE</u>				
19	Decision 66953, at paragraph 24, required Midvale to provide the Commission, within				
20	sixty days of the loan package closing, a copy of all notes and other documents memorializing				
21	the authorized transaction(s).				
22	II. <u>COMPLIANCE ACHIEVED</u>				
23	Midvale hereby provides the Commission with copies of the following documents				
24	attached hereto as exhibits:				
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Exhibit A – Promissory Note executed by Midvale to the benefit of the United States of America;

Exhibit B - Restated Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement made by and among Midvale, The United States of America and Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative.

As these documents comprise a copy of the note and all other documents memorializing the authorized transaction, Midvale has fully complied with Decision 69953.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this  $27^{h}$  day of Oct2008.

Gary H. Horton, Esq. Attorney for Midvale Telephone Exchange

- <sup>14</sup> Original and 13 copies of the foregoing mailed this  $17^{\text{th}}$  day of October, 2008 to:
- <sup>15</sup> Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission
   <sup>16</sup> 1200 West Washington St.
- Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996

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- Copies of the foregoing mailed this
  17 th day of October, 2008 to:
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# EXHIBIT A

# **PROMISSORY NOTE**

# **PROMISSORY NOTE**

Idaho 514-H11 Midvale Midvale, Idaho

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (hereinafter the "Note,") dated as of September 4, 2007, is made by **MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC.** (hereinafter the "Borrower,") a corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Idaho, and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, (hereinafter the "Government,") acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service. For value received, the Borrower promises to pay to the order of the Government, at the United States Treasury, Washington, D.C., Twelve Million One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$12,145,000), with interest payable, from the date of each advance, on the amount advanced by the Government (hereinafter the "Advance,") pursuant to a certain Loan Agreement, dated as of the same date as this Note (hereinafter the "Loan Agreement,") made by and between the Borrower and the Government, and remaining unpaid from time to time, in the time and manner herein provided:

1. Interest Rate. Interest on each Advance shall be at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

2. *Maturity Date*. On a date nineteen (19) years after the date hereof, the principal hereof advanced pursuant to the Loan Agreement and remaining unpaid, if any, and interest thereon, shall be due and payable (hereinafter the "Maturity Date.")

3. Fund Advance Period. Funds will be advanced pursuant to the Loan Agreement. The fund advance period for this Note begins on the date hereof and terminates five (5) years from the date of this Note (hereinafter the "Termination Date.") No funds will be advanced subsequent to the Termination Date unless the Administrator extends the fund advance period in accordance with the Loan Agreement.

4. Payments on Advances.

(a) Made Within Two (2) Years. Interest on Advances made during the first two (2) years from the date of the first Advance hereunder, and remaining unpaid, shall be payable on the last day of each month (hereinafter the "Monthly Payment Date,") beginning on the last day of the month following the month of each Advance for the period ending two (2) years from the date of the first Advance hereunder. Thereafter, to and including the Maturity Date, the Borrower shall make a payment every Monthly Payment Date on each Advance which shall be: (i) substantially equal to all subsequent monthly payments and (ii) in an amount that will pay all principal and interest due on each Advance no later than the Maturity Date.

(b) Made After Two (2) Years. Interest and principal payments on Advances made more than two (2) years after the date of the first Advance hereunder shall be repaid in installments beginning with the Monthly Payment Date of the month following each Advance and ending on the Maturity Date. The first such payment on an Advance shall be increased by the amount of interest accruing between the date of the Advance and the first day of the next month. Thereafter, to and including the Maturity Date, the Borrower shall make a payment every Monthly Payment Date on each such Advance (i) substantially equal to every other monthly payment on such Advance, and (ii) in an amount that will pay all principal and interest of such Advance no later than the Maturity Date. This payment shall be in addition to the payment on the Advances made within two (2) years from the date of the first Advance hereunder and remaining unpaid.

5. Application of Payments. Each payment made on this Note shall be applied as follows: First, to expenses, costs, and penalties; Second, to late charges; Third, to the payment of interest on principal; and Fourth, to principal.

6. *Prepayment*. All, or a portion of the outstanding balance, of any Advance may be prepaid on any payment date, as herein provided. However, so long as any of the principal advanced pursuant to the Loan Agreement shall remain unpaid, the Borrower shall be obligated to make the monthly payment on account of principal and interest, in the amount provided herein, unless the Borrower and the Government shall otherwise agree, in writing.

7. Late Payments. A late charge shall be charged on any payment not made within five (5) days of the date the payment becomes due. The late charge rate shall be computed on the payment from the due date at a rate equal to the rate of the cost of funds to the United States Treasury as prescribed and published by the Secretary of the Treasury. In addition, the Borrower shall pay administrative costs and penalty charges assessed in accordance with applicable Government regulations. Acceptance by the Government of a late payment shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any right or remedy of the Government.

8. Security. This Note is secured by a security interest in collateral described in the Restated Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement, dated as of the same date as this Note made by and among the Borrower, the Government and the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (such mortgage, as amended, supplemented, consolidated or restated from time to time, hereinafter called the "Mortgage.") Rights and obligations with respect to the collateral are stated in the Mortgage.

9. Noteholder. This Note evidences indebtedness created by a loan made under the Rural Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. § 901 *et seq.*). The Government shall be, and shall have all rights as, holder of this Note. If the Government shall at any time assign this Note and insure the payment hereof, the Borrower shall continue to make payments hereunder to the Government as collection agent for the insured holder, and for purposes of the Mortgage, the Government, and not such insured holder, shall be considered to be, and shall have the rights of, the noteholder.

10. *Default*. In an event of default, as provided in the Loan Agreement and/or Mortgage, all principal advanced pursuant to the Loan Agreement and remaining unpaid on this Note, and all interest thereon may be declared or may become due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Loan Agreement and/or Mortgage.

11. Costs. The Borrower shall pay any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of rights or the enforcement of remedies, as set forth in the Loan Agreement and/or Mortgage.

12. *Waivers*. The Borrower waives demand, presentment for payment, notice of non-payment, notice of dishonor, protest, and notice of non-payment of this Note.

13. Obligations. The obligations of the Borrower hereunder are absolute and unconditional, irrespective of any defense or any right to set off, recoupment, or counterclaim it might otherwise have against the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Note to be signed in its corporate or legal name and its corporate seal, if any, to be hereunto affixed and attested by its officers thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC.

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Attested to by: thirly C archer Secretary

EXHIBIT B RESTATED MORTGAGE SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

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# RUS DESIGNATION: Idaho 514-H11 Midvale

# RESTATED MORTGAGE, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

# made by and among

# MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC., 2205 Keithley Creek Road Midvale, Idaho 83645

as Mortgagor and Debtor,

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Rural Utilities Service Washington, D.C. 20250-1500,

as Mortgagee and secured party,

and

# RURAL TELEPHONE FINANCE COOPERATIVE 2201 Cooperative Way Herndon, Virginia 20171-3025

as Mortgagee and secured party.

THIS INSTRUMENT GRANTS A SECURITY INTEREST IN A TRANSMITTING UTILITY. THE DEBTOR AS MORTGAGOR IS A TRANSMITTING UTILITY.

THIS INSTRUMENT CONTAINS PROVISIONS THAT COVER REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, AFTER-ACQUIRED PROPERTY, FIXTURES, PROCEEDS, FUTURE ADVANCES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS.

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY THE RURAL UTILITIES DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250-1400.

ORGANIZATION NUMBER: C30686.

No.

THIS RESTATED MORTGAGE, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT (hereinafter this "Restated Mortgage,") dated as of September 4, 2007, made by and between MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC. (hereinafter the "Mortgagor,") a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Idaho, as Mortgagor and Debtor and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (hereinafter the "Government,") acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") as Mortgagee and secured party and the RURAL TELEPHONE FINANCE COOPERATIVE (hereinafter called "Co-Lender,") a District of Columbia corporation (the Government and Co-Lender being hereinafter sometimes collectively called the "Mortgagees.")

# RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Mortgagor, the Government and the Co-Lender are parties to that certain mortgage (the "Prior Mortgage") identified in Schedule A hereof;

WHEREAS, the Mortgagor deems it necessary to borrow funds to provide broadband and/or telecommunication services and to issue its promissory notes and other debt obligations from time to time in one or more series, and to mortgage and pledge its property herein described or mentioned to secure payment of the same;

WHEREAS, the Mortgagor desires to enter into this Restated Mortgage pursuant to which all secured debt of the Mortgagor hereunder shall be secured on parity;

WHEREAS, this Restated Mortgage restates and consolidates the Prior Mortgage while preserving the priority of the Lien under the Prior Mortgage securing the payment of Mortgagor's outstanding obligations secured under the Prior Mortgage, which indebtedness is described more particularly by listing the same under "Outstanding RUS Notes" and "Outstanding Co-Lender Notes" in Schedule A hereof;

WHEREAS, the Mortgagor has determined at this time to borrow additional funds or obtain loan guarantees from RUS and/or the Co-Lender which indebtedness is described more particularly by listing the same under "Current RUS Notes" in Schedule A hereof and/or "Current Co-Lender Notes" in Schedule A hereof;

WHEREAS, to the extent that any of the property described or referred to in this Restated Mortgage is governed by the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of any State (hereinafter the "UCC,") the parties hereto desire that this Restated Mortgage be regarded as a "security agreement" under the UCC; and

WHEREAS, all acts necessary to make this Restated Mortgage a valid and binding legal instrument for the security of such notes and obligations, subject to the terms of this Restated Mortgage, have been in all respects duly authorized

### NOW, THEREFORE, this Restated Mortgage

WITNESSETH: That each of the instruments constituting the Prior Mortgages are hereby amended, supplemented, restated, and consolidated to read in their entirety from and after the date of execution of this Restated Mortgage, as follows:

#### **GRANTING CLAUSE**

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS RESTATED MORTGAGE WITNESSETH: That to secure the payment of the principal, interest, and pre mium, if any, on the Outstanding Notes, Current Notes and all Notes secured hereunder according to their tenor and effect, and to secure the performance of all provisions therein, in the Loan Agreements and herein contained and in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the purchase or guarantee of Notes by the guarantors or holders thereof and other good and valuable consideration, the Mortgagor has mortgaged, pledged and granted a continuing security interest in, and by these presents does hereby grant, bargain, sell, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, hypothecate, pledge, set over and confirm, pledge, and grant unto the Mortgagees, for the purposes herein expressed, a continuing security interest and lien in all property, assets, rights, privileges, licenses and franchises of the Mortgagor of every kind and description, real, personal or mixed, tangible and intangible, of the kind or nature specifically mentioned herein, or any other kind or nature now owned or hereafter acquired or arising by the Mortgagor (by purchase, consolidation, merger, donation, construction, erection or in any other way) wherever located, including without limitation all or in part the following (hereinafter the "Mortgaged Property:")

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in and to the Existing Facilities, buildings, plants, works, improvements, structures, estates, grants, franchises, easements, rights, privileges and properties, whether real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, of every kind or description, now or hereafter owned, leased, constructed, or acquired by the Mortgagor, wherever located, and in and to all extensions, improvements, and additions thereto, including but not limited to all buildings, plants, works, structures, towers, antennas, fixtures, apparatus, materials, supplies, machinery, tools, implements, poles, posts, crossarms, conduits, ducts, lines, wires, cables, whether underground, overhead, or otherwise, exchanges, switches, including, without limitation, host and remote switches, desks, testboards, frames, racks, motors, generators, batteries, and other items of central office equipment, pay stations, protectors, instruments, connections and appliances, office furniture, equipment, and any and all other property of every kind, nature, and description, used, useful, or acquired for use by the Mortgagor in connection therewith, and including, without limitation, the following property:

- (a) The Existing Facilities located in the Counties listed in Schedule B in the States identified in Schedule B.
- (b) The real estate described on Schedule B, and by this reference made a part hereof, as if fully set forth at length at this point.
- (c) If the real estate described in Schedule B is by reference to deeds, grantor(s), grantee, etc., then the description of each of the properties conveyed by and through such deeds is, by reference, made a part of Schedule B as though fully set forth at length therein.
- (d) The real estate described in Schedule B shall also include all plants, works, structures, erections, reservoirs, dams, buildings, fixtures, towers, antennas, and improvements now or hereafter located on such real estate, and all tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances now or hereafter belonging, or in any way appertaining, thereunto.

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under any and all grants, privileges, rights of way and easements now owned, held, leased, enjoyed or exercised, or which may hereafter be owned, held, leased, acquired, enjoyed or exercised, by the Mortgagor for the purposes of, or in connection with, the construction or operation by, or on behalf of, the Mortgagor of its properties, facilities, systems, or businesses, whether underground, overhead, or otherwise, wherever located;

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under any and all licenses and permits (including without limitation those granted by the FCC), franchises, ordinances, and privileges, whether heretofore or hereafter granted, issued, or executed, to it or to its assignors by the Government, or by any state, county, township, municipality, village, or other political subdivision thereof, or by any agency, board, commission, or department of any of the foregoing, authorizing the construction, acquisition, or operation of the Mortgagor's properties, facilities, systems, or businesses, insofar as the same may by law be assigned, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed, transferred, mortgaged, or pledged;

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under all personal property and fixtures of every kind and nature, including without limitation all goods (such as inventory, equipment and any accessions thereto), instruments (such as promissory notes or chattel paper, electronic or otherwise), documents, accounts (such as deposit accounts or trust accounts pursuant hereto or to a loan agreement), letter-of-credit rights, investment property (such as certificated and uncertificated securities or security entitlements and accounts), software, general intangibles (such as payment intangibles), supporting obligations, contract rights or rights to the payment of money, insurance claims, and proceeds (as such terms are presently and hereafter defined in the UCC; provided, however, that the term "instrument" shall be such term as defined in Article 9 of the UCC rather than Article 3);

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under any and all agreements, leases or contracts heretofore or hereafter executed by and between the Mortgagor and any person, firm, corporation, or other corporate entity relating to the Mortgaged Property (including contracts for the lease, occupancy, or sale of the Mortgage Property, or any portion thereof);

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All right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under any and all books, records and correspondence relating to the Mortgage Property, including, but not limited to, all records, ledgers, leases, computer and automatic machinery, software, programs, databases, disc or tape files, print-outs, batches, runs, and other electronically-prepared information indicating, summarizing, evidencing, or otherwise necessary or helpful in the collection or realization on the Mortgaged Property;

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Also, all right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in, to, and under all other property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, of every kind, nature, and description, and wherever situated, now or hereafter owned or leased by the Mortgagor, it being the intention hereof that all such property now owned or leased but not specifically described herein, or acquired or held by the Mortgagor after the date hereof, shall be as fully embraced within and subjected to the lien hereof as if the same were now owned by the Mortgagor and were specifically described herein to the extent only, however, that the subjection of such property to the lien hereof shall not be contrary to law;

Together with all rents, income, revenues, proceeds, products, profits and benefits at any time derived, received, or had from any and all of the above-described property of the Mortgagor;

Provided, however, that except as provided in section 2.13 of Article II herein, no automobiles, trucks, trailers, tractors or other vehicles (including without limitation aircraft or ships, if any) owned or used by the Mortgagor shall be included in the Mortgaged Property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all or in part the Mortgaged Property unto the Mortgagees and its respective assigns forever, to secure equally and ratably the payment of the principal and interest on the Notes, according to their tenor and effect, without preference, priority, or distinction as to interest, principal (except as otherwise specifically provided herein), lien, or otherwise, of any note over any other note by reason of the priority in time of the execution, delivery, maturity, assignment, negotiation, or otherwise, thereof, and to secure the due performance of the covenants, agreements and provisions herein and contained in the Prior Telephone Loan Contracts and in the Loan Agreement, and for the uses and purposes and upon the terms, conditions, provisos, and agreements herein expressed and declared.

### ARTICLE I

## SECTION 1.1 Definitions

In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Restated Mortgage, the terms defined in this Article I shall have the meanings specified herein and under the UCC, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. The terms defined herein include the plural as well as the singular and the singular as well as the plural.

"Act" shall mean the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.).

"Additional Co-Lender Notes" shall mean any notes, including renewal and substitute notes, issued by the Mortgagor to the Co-Lender pursuant to Article II, Section 2.1 of this Mortgage.

"Additional Notes" shall mean the Additional Co-Lender Notes and the Additional RUS Notes.

"Additional RUS Notes" shall mean any notes, including renewal and substitute notes, issued by the Mortgagor to RUS or FFB and guaranteed by RUS, pursuant to Article II, Section 2.1 of this Mortgage.

"Business Day" shall mean any day that RUS, the Department of Treasury and the Co-Lender are all open for business.

"Current Co-Lender Notes shall mean the notes more particularly described in Schedule A hereto, heretofore or about to be executed and delivered by the Mortgagor to the Co-Lender.

"Current Notes" shall mean the Current Co-Lender Notes and the Current RUS Notes.

"Current RUS Notes" shall mean the notes more particularly described in Schedule A hereto, heretofore or about to be executed and delivered by the Mortgagor to RUS to evidence obligations to RUS on account of loans made or guaranteed by RUS.

"Co-Lender Loan Agreement" shall mean the Co-Lender Loan Agreement more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.

"Co-Lender Notes" shall mean the Outstanding Co-Lender Notes, Current Co-Lender Notes and Additional Co-Lender Notes.

"Existing Facilities" shall mean the telephone system and other facilities presently owned by the Mortgagor identified in the Granting Clause of this Mortgage.

"Interest Expense" shall have the meaning as defined in Attachment 1.

"Loan Agreements" shall mean the Co-Lender Loan Agreement and the RUS Loan Agreement.

"Majority Noteholders" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.3.

"Mortgage Debt Limit" shall mean the maximum outstanding principal debt owing on Notes secured under this Mortgage, as set forth in Schedule A hereto.

"Net Income" or "Net Margins" shall have the meaning as defined in Attachment 1.

"Notes" shall mean collectively the Co-Lender Notes and the RUS Notes.

"Outstanding Co-Lender Notes" shall mean the notes evidencing outstanding indebtedness of the Mortgagor to the Co-Lender, described under the heading "Outstanding Co-Lender Notes" in Schedule A hereto.

"Outstanding Notes" shall mean the Outstanding Co-Lender Notes and Outstanding RUS Notes.

"Outstanding RUS Notes" shall mean the notes evidencing outstanding indebtedness of the Mortgagor to the Government, described under the heading "Outstanding RUS Notes" in Schedule A hereto.

"Permitted Encumbrances" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.2(a).

"Prior Mortgages" shall mean the instruments identified as such in Schedule A hereto.

"Restated Mortgage" shall mean this Restated Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement, including any amendments or supplements thereto from time to time.

"RUS Loan Agreement" shall mean the RUS Loan Agreement more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.

"RUS Notes" shall mean the Outstanding RUS Notes, the Current RUS Notes, and the Additional RUS Notes.

# SECTION 1.2 Additional Notes

- (a) Additional RUS Notes.
  - (i) Without the prior consent of the Co-Lender, the Mortgagor may issue Additional RUS Notes to the Government to evidence loans made or guaranteed pursuant to the Act when written acknowledgment is obtained from RUS and the Co-Lender indicating that RUS' and the Co-Lender's pro forma financial analysis of the Mortgagor, for the test year used by RUS in establishing the economic feasibility of such loan shows that the Mortgagor shall have a TIER of not less than 1.5; a debt service coverage (as such term is defined in 7 C.F.R. 1744.21, hereinafter "DSC") of not less than 1.25; and an Equity to Assets ratio equal to or greater than 40%, taking into account the interest to be charged on the Additional RUS Notes proposed to be executed and delivered to evidence such loan.
  - (ii) No Additional RUS Notes shall be secured by this Restated Mortgage without the prior written consent of the Co-Lender, except as provided in the paragraph immediately above, provided, however, no such prior written approval is required for Additional RUS Notes which refinance, renew or substitute for any outstanding RUS Note.
- (b) Additional Co-Lender Notes. No Additional Co-Lender Notes shall be secured by this Restated Mortgage without the prior written consent of RUS; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, no such prior approval is required for Additional Co-Lender Notes which refinance, renew or substitute for any outstanding Co-Lender Note.
- (c) All Additional Notes. Additional Notes shall contain such provisions and shall be executed and delivered upon such terms and conditions as the board of directors, members, or other relevant governing body of the Mortgagor authorizing the execution and delivery thereof, shall prescribe; provided, however, that the outstanding principal balances owing on the Notes shall not at any one time exceed the limit set forth in Schedule A (hereinafter the "Mortgage Debt Limit,") and no Note shall mature more than fifty (50) years after the date hereof. Additional Notes, when and as executed and delivered, shall be secured by this Restated Mortgage, equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Notes, without preference, priority, or distinction of any Note over any other Note by reason of the priority of the time of the execution, delivery, maturity, assignment, or negotiation thereof. As used in this Restated Mortgage, the term "directors" includes trustees.

### SECTION 1.3 Supplemental Mortgage

The Mortgagor, when authorized by resolution(s) of its board of directors, members, or other relevant governing body, may from time to time execute, acknowledge, deliver, record, and file mortgages supplemental to this Restated Mortgage which thereafter shall form a part hereof, for the purpose of formally confirming this Restated Mortgage as security for the Notes.

### **ARTICLE II - PARTICULAR COVENANTS OF THE MORTGAGOR**

The Mortgagor covenants with the Mortgagees and the holders of Notes secured hereby (hereinafter collectively the "Noteholders") as follows:

# SECTION 2.1 <u>Authority to Execute and Deliver Notes</u>, the Loan Agreements and Mortgage; All Action Taken; Enforceable Obligations

The Mortgagor has all requisite corporate and legal power to enter into and perform its obligations under the Outstanding Notes, the Current Notes, the Loan Agreements, and this Restated Mortgage and to execute and deliver Additional Notes; and all official action on its part for the execution and delivery of the Outstanding Notes, the Current Notes, the Loan Agreements, and this Restated Mortgage has been duly and effectively taken; and the Outstanding Notes, the Current Notes, the Loan Agreements, and this Restated Mortgage are, or when executed and delivered will be, the valid and enforceable obligations of the Mortgagor in accordance with their respective terms.

### SECTION 2.2 Warranty of Title

- (a) At the time of execution and delivery of this instrument, the Mortgagor has good and marketable title in fee simple to the Mortgaged Property, free and clear of any deed of trust, mortgage, lien, charge, or encumbrance thereon or affecting the title thereto, except for the following Permitted Encumbrances:
  - (i) as to the Mortgaged Property that is real property, restrictions, exceptions, reservations, conditions, limitations, interests, and other matters which are set forth or referred to in deeds or other conveyance documents, and each of which fits one or more of the clauses of this definition; provided however, that such matters do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of the Mortgaged Property taken as a whole and do not materially impair the use of such property for the purposes for which it is held by the Mortgagor;
  - (ii) liens for taxes, assessments, and other governmental charges which are not delinquent;
  - (iii) liens for taxes, assessments, and other governmental charges already delinquent which are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; provided, the Mortgagor shall have set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto;
  - (iv) mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, materialmen's, warehousemen's and carriers' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business for charges which are not delinquent, or which are being contested in good faith and have not proceeded to judgment; provided, the Mortgagor shall have set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto;
  - (v) liens in respect of judgments or awards with respect to which the Mortgagor shall in good faith currently be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review and with respect to which the Mortgagor shall have secured a stay of execution pending such appeal or proceedings for review; provided, the Mortgagor shall have set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto;

- (vi) easements and similar rights granted by the Mortgagor over, or in respect of, any Mortgaged Property, provided that in the opinion of the Mortgagor's board, members, other relevant governing body, or official acceptable to RUS, such grant will not impair the usefulness of such property in the conduct of the Mortgagor's business and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Mortgagees, and similar rights granted by any predecessor in title of the Mortgagor;
- (vii) easements, leases, reservations, or other rights of others in any property of the Mortgagor for streets, roads, bridges, pipes, pipe lines, railroads, electric transmission and distribution lines, telegraph and telephone lines, the removal of oil, gas, coal or other minerals and other similar purposes, flood rights, river control and development rights, sewage and drainage rights, restrictions against pollution and zoning laws and minor defects and irregularities in the record of title; provided, that the above do not materially affect the marketability of title to such property and do not in the aggregate materially impair the use of the Mortgaged Property taken as a whole for the purposes for which it is held by the Mortgagor;
- (viii) liens upon lands over which easements or rights of way are acquired by the Mortgagor for any of the purposes specified in Clause (vii) of this definition, securing indebtedness neither created, assumed, nor guaranteed by the Mortgagor, nor on account of which it customarily pays interest, which liens do not materially impair the use of such easements or rights of way for the purposes for which they are held by the Mortgagor;
- (ix) leases existing at the date of this instrument affecting property owned by the Mortgagor at said date which have been previously disclosed to the Mortgagees in writing, and leases for a term of not more than two years (including any extensions or renewals) affecting property acquired by the Mortgagor after said date;
- (x) terminable or short term leases or permits for occupancy which expressly grant to the Mortgagor the right to terminate at any time on not more than six months' notice and which occupancy does not interfere with the operation of the business of the Mortgagor;
- (xi) any lien or privilege vested in any lessor, licensor, or permittor for rent or other obligations or acts to be performed, the payment or performance of which other obligations or acts is required under leases, subleases, licenses or permits, so long as the payment of such rent or the performance of such other obligations or acts is not delinquent;
- (xii) liens or privileges of any employees of the Mortgagor for salary or wages earned but not yet payable;
- (xiii) the burdens of any law, governmental regulation, or permit requiring the Mortgagor to maintain certain facilities or to perform certain acts as a condition of the Mortgagor's occupancy of certain real estate, or prohibiting the interference with any public lands or any river or stream or navigable waters;
- (xiv) any irregularities in or deficiencies of title to any rights-of-way for pipe lines, telephone lines, telegraph lines, power lines or appurtenances thereto, or other improvements thereon, and to any real estate used or to be used primarily for right-of-way purposes; provided, that in the opinion of counsel for the Mortgagor; (1) the Mortgagor shall have obtained from the apparent owner of the lands or estates therein covered by any such right-of-way, a sufficient right, by the terms of the instrument granting such right-of-way, to the use thereof for the construction, operation, or maintenance of the lines,

appurtenances, or improvements for which the same are used or to be used; or (2) the Mortgagor has power under eminent domain, or similar statutes, to remove such irregularities or deficiencies;

- (xv) rights reserved to, or vested in, any municipal, governmental, or other public authority to control or regulate any property of the Mortgagor, or to use such property in any manner, which rights do not materially impair the use of such property, for the purposes it is held by the Mortgagor;
- (xvi) any obligations or duties affecting the property of the Mortgagor, to any municipal, governmental, or other public authority with respect to any franchise, grant, license or permit;
- (xvii) any right which any municipal, governmental, or other public authority may have by virtue of any franchise, license, contract or statute (1) to purchase, (2) to designate a purchaser of, or (3) to order the sale of, any property of the Mortgagor upon payment of cash or reasonable compensation therefor; or to terminate any franchise, license or other rights; or to regulate the property and business of the Mortgagor; provided however, that nothing in this clause is intended to waive any claim or rights that the Government may otherwise have under federal laws;
- (xviii) any lien required by law or government regulation as a condition to the transaction of any business or the exercise of any privilege or license, or to enable the Mortgagor to maintain self-insurance or to participate in any fund established to cover any insurance risks or in connection with workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security, or to share in the privileges or benefits required for companies participating in such arrangements; provided however, that nothing in this clause is intended to waive any claim or rights that the Government may otherwise have under federal laws;
- (xix) liens arising out of any defeased mortgage or indenture of the Mortgagor;
- (xx) the undivided interest of other owners, and liens on such undivided interests, in property owned jointly with the Mortgagor, as well as the rights of such owners to such property pursuant to the ownership contracts; and/or
- (xxi) this Restated Mortgage and any Prior Mortgages.
- (b) The Mortgagor warrants that it has good right and lawful authority to mortgage the Mortgaged Property for the purposes herein expressed.
- (c) At the time of execution and delivery of this Restated Mortgage, the Mortgagor lawfully owns and is possessed of the personal property described in the Granting Clauses herein, free and clear of any deed of trust, mortgage, lien, charge, or encumbrance thereon or affecting the title thereto, except Permitted Encumbrances.

### SECTION 2.3 <u>Maintain Superior Lien of Mortgage, After-Acquired Property, Further Assurances, and</u> <u>Recording</u>

(a) The Mortgagor will, so long as any of the Notes shall be outstanding, maintain and preserve the lien of this Restated Mortgage superior to all other liens affecting the Mortgaged Property, and will execute, file and/or record such financing statements, continuation statements, mortgages or other security instruments as necessary to maintain such superior lien and will forever warrant and defend the title to said property against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

- (b) All property of every kind acquired by the Mortgagor after the date hereof, shall, immediately upon the acquisition thereof by the Mortgagor, and without any further mortgage, conveyance, or assignment, become subject to the lien of this Restated Mortgage. Nevertheless, the Mortgagor will do, execute, acknowledge, and deliver any and all such further acts, conveyances, mortgages, security agreements, financing statements, and assurances as either Mortgagee shall require for accomplishing the purposes of this Restated Mortgage.
- (c) The Mortgagor will cause this Restated Mortgage and all supplemental mortgages and other instruments of further assurance, including all financing statements covering security interests in personal property, to be promptly recorded, registered and filed, and will execute and file such financing statements and cause to be issued and filed such continuation statements, all in such manner and place as may be required by law, or requested by either Mortgagee, fully to preserve and protect the rights of the Mortgagees and Noteholders hereunder to the Mortgaged Property.

### SECTION 2.4 Negative Pledge

The Borrower shall not create, incur, or suffer any lien, mortgage, pledge, assignment, or other encumbrance on, or security interest in, the Mortgaged Property, other than the Permitted Encumbrances.

### SECTION 2.5 Payment of Taxes

The Mortgagor will promptly pay or discharge any and all obligations for which, or on account of which, any lien, claim, or charge against the Mortgagor's property might exist or could be created, and for any and all lawful taxes, rates, levies, or assessments imposed upon, or accruing upon, any of the Mortgagor's property (whether taxed to the Mortgagor or to any Noteholder), franchises, earnings, or businesses, as and when the same shall become due and payable; and whenever called upon to do so, the Mortgagor will furnish to the Mortgagees or to any Noteholder adequate proof of such payment or discharge.

### SECTION 2.6 Payment of Notes and Secured Obligations

The Mortgagor will duly and punctually pay the principal and interest on the Notes, at the time, place, and manner provided therein, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, as well as all other sums becoming due hereunder.

### SECTION 2.7 Prepayment of Co-Lender Notes and RUS Notes

The Mortgagor may at any time make prepayments on account of all or part of the principal of the Notes to the extent and in the manner therein provided and as set forth in the applicable Loan Agreement; provided that any such prepayment shall be applied pro rata to the RUS Notes and the Co-Lender Notes, according to the proportions that the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the RUS Notes and the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Co-Lender Notes, respectively, bear to the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the RUS Notes and the Co-Lender Notes, collectively, on the date of prepayment and shall be applied to such notes and installments thereof as may be designated by the respective noteholders at the time of any such prepayment. For purposes of this section, delivery by the Mortgagor of any note which renews or is in substitution for an outstanding note shall not be considered a prepayment hereunder and delivery of a refinancing note shall not be considered a prepayment provided that the refinancing note will result in (1) an economic benefit defined as a present value savings when comparing the cash flows of the refinancing note with the cash flows of the note being refinanced; (2) will not cause the TIER as of the most recent December 31 RUS Form 479, when recalculated by substituting the actual interest expense of the note to be refinanced with the projected interest expense of the refinancing note, to be less than the greater of the TIER before such recalculation or 1.5; and (3) will not cause the DSC as of the most recent December 31 RUS Form 479, when recalculated by substituting the scheduled principal payments of the note to be refunded with the scheduled principal repayments of the refinancing note, to be less than 1.25. Additionally, the Majority RUS Noteholders and the Majority Co-Lender Noteholders may agree that such noteholder shall not be paid the pro rata prepayment to which such noteholder may be entitled hereunder.

### SECTION 2.8 Restrictions on Transfers of Property

Except as provided in Section 2.9 below, the Mortgagor shall not sell, lease or transfer any Mortgaged Property to any other person or entity (including any subsidiary or affiliate of the Mortgagor) without the prior written consent of the Mortgagees.

### SECTION 2.9 Disposal of Obsolete or Damaged Mortgaged Property

So long as the Mortgagor is not in default hereunder, the Mortgagor may, without obtaining the consent of the Mortgagees or Noteholders, sell or otherwise dispose of, free from the lien hereof, any of its property which is neither necessary to, nor useful for, the operation of the Mortgagor's business, or which has become obsolete, worn out, damaged, or otherwise unsuitable for the purposes of the Mortgagor; provided, however, that the Mortgagor shall to the extent necessary: (1) replace the same with other property of the same kind and nature, or substitute thereof, which shall be subject to the lien hereof, free and clear of all prior liens, and apply the proceeds, if any, derived from the sale or disposition of such property, which are not needed for the replacement thereof, to the prepayment of the outstanding indebtedness on the RUS Notes and Co-Lender notes in the proportions which the aggregate principal balances then owing on the RUS Notes and the aggregate principal balances then owing on the Co-Lender Notes, respectively, bear to the aggregate principal balances than owing on the RUS Notes and the Co-Lender Notes, collectively, and shall be applied to such notes and installments thereof as may be designated by the respective Noteholders at the time of any such receipt; (2) immediately upon the receipt of the proceeds of any sale or disposition of said property, apply the entire amount of such proceeds to the prepayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes in proportion and manner as provided for in (1) above; or (3) deposit all or such part of the proceeds derived from the sale or disposition of said property into such bank accounts as the Mortgagees shall specify, and shall use the same only for such additions to, or improvements in, the Mortgaged Property, on such terms and conditions as the Mortgagees shall specify.

# SECTION 2.10 Maintenance, Preservation and Operation of Mortgaged Property

- (a) At all times the Mortgagor will maintain and preserve the Mortgaged Property in good repair, working order, and condition, and will, subject to contingencies beyond its reasonable control, keep its plant and properties in continuous operation, and from time to time make all needed and proper repairs, renewals, replacements, useful and proper alterations, additions, betterments and improvements, and use all reasonable diligence to furnish the subscribers served by it through the Mortgaged Property with adequate telecommunications and broadband telephone service.
- (b) If in the sole judgment of either Mortgagee, the Mortgaged Property is not being maintained and repaired in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, either Mortgagee may send the Mortgagor a written report of needed improvements, upon receipt of which the Mortgagor will promptly undertake to accomplish such improvements.

# SECTION 2.11 Mortgaged Property to be Purchased Free of Encumbrances

Except as specifically authorized in writing in advance by the Mortgagees, the Mortgagor will purchase all materials, equipment, supplies, and replacements to be incorporated in, or used in connection with, the Mortgaged Property outright, and not subject to any conditional sales agreement, chattel mortgage, bailment lease, or other agreement reserving to the seller any right, title, or lien.

# SECTION 2.12 Insurance Requirements: Application of Insurance Proceeds

- (a) The Mortgagor shall take out and maintain insurance on the property acquired with the Loan in accordance with 7 C.F.R. Part 1788.
- (b) Sums recovered under any policy or fidelity bond by the Mortgagor or any Noteholder for a loss of funds advanced under the Notes or for any loss under such policy or bond shall, unless applied

as provided in 7 C.F.R. Part 1788, be used to finance construction of utility plant secured or to be secured by this Restated Mortgage, or, unless otherwise directed by the Mortgagees, be applied to the prepayment of the Outstanding Notes, and shall be applied to such Notes and installments thereof as may be designated by the respective Noteholders at the time of receipt. At the request of either Mortgagee, the Mortgagor shall exercise such rights and remedies under such policy or fidelity bond as designated by such Mortgagee, and the Mortgagor hereby irrevocably appoints each Mortgagee as its agent to exercise such rights and remedies under such policy or bond as each Mortgagee may choose, and the Mortgagor shall pay all costs and reasonable expenses incurred by the Mortgagee(s) in connection with such exercise.

# SECTION 2.13 When Mortgage Lien Attaches to Vehicles, Ships, Etc.

In the event the Mortgagor has or suffers a deficit in Net Income or Net Margins, during any fiscal year while any of the Notes are outstanding, the Mortgagor will at any time, upon written demand of either Mortgagee, make, execute, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be made, executed, acknowledged, and delivered all such further and supplemental indentures of mortgages, security agreements, financing statements, instruments, and conveyances, and take or cause to be taken all such further action, as may be requested by the Mortgagee, in order to attach to this Restated Mortgage, as Mortgaged Property, and to subject to all the terms and conditions of this Restated Mortgage, all right, title, and interest of the Mortgagor in and to, all or in part, the automobiles, trucks, tractors, trailers, aircraft, ships, boats and other vehicles then or thereafter owned or acquired by the Mortgagor. From the moments of such written demand by the Mortgagee, such vehicles shall be deemed part of the Mortgaged Property for all purposes hereof.

#### SECTION 2.14 Application of Proceeds from Eminent Domain

In the event the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, shall be taken under the power of eminent domain, all proceeds and avails therefrom, except to the extent that all Noteholders shall consent to other use and application thereof, shall forthwith be applied by the Mortgagor: First, to the ratable payment of any indebtedness by this Restated Mortgage secured other than principal or interest on the Notes; Second, to the ratable payment of interest which shall have accrued on the Notes and be unpaid; Third, to the ratable payment of, or on account of, the unpaid principal of the Notes and to such installments thereof as may be designated by the respective Noteholders at the time of any such payment; and if any, the balance shall be paid to whosoever shall be entitled thereto.

#### SECTION 2.15 Compliance with Loan Agreements

The Mortgagor will well and truly observe and perform all applicable covenants, agreements, terms, and conditions contained in the Loan Agreements.

# SECTION 2.16 Covenants for Limited Liability Companies and Similar Mortgagors

Mortgagors which are limited liability companies or similar organizations agree that:

- (a) The death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, termination, bankruptcy, or dissolution of any member or the occurrence of any other event that terminates the continued membership of any member shall not cause the Mortgagor to be dissolved or its affairs to be wound up;
- (b) Prior to the date on which any and all Notes are discharged in full, the Mortgagor shall not be dissolved or terminated;
- (c) The organizational documents of the Mortgagor shall contain provisions reflecting the obligations of the Mortgagor in paragraphs (a) and (b) immediately above and such provisions shall not be amended without the prior written consent of the Mortgagees.

### SECTION 2.17 Government to be Noteholder

At all times when any Note is held by the Government, or in the event the Government shall assign an Additional Note without having insured the payment of such Note, this Restated Mortgage shall secure payment of such Note for the benefit of the Government or such uninsured holder thereof, as the case may be. Whenever any Additional Note may be sold to an insured purchaser, it shall continue to be considered a "Note" as defined herein, but as to any such insured Note, the Government, and not such insured purchaser, shall be considered and shall have the rights of the Noteholder for purposes of this Restated Mortgage. Notice of the rights of the Government under the parceeding sentence shall be set forth in all such insured Notes. As to any Note which evidences a loan made by a third party lender to the Mortgagor and guaranteed by the Government, acting through the Administrator, pursuant to the Act, the Government and not such third party lender shall be considered to be and shall have the rights of the Noteholder for purposes of this Restated Mortgage.

#### SECTION 2.18 Mortgagees Right to Expend Money to Protect Mortgaged Property

If in any respect the Mortgagor fails to comply with the covenants and conditions herein contained regarding the procuring of insurance, the payment of taxes, assessments, and other charges, the keeping of the Mortgaged Property in repair and free of liens and other claims, or to comply with any other covenant contained in this Restated Mortgage or the Loan Agreement, the Mortgagees shall have the right, without prejudice to any other remedies arising by reason of such default: (1) to advance or expend moneys for the purpose of procuring such insurance, or for the payment of insurance premiums, taxes, assessments or other charges; (2) to save the Mortgaged Property from sale or forfeiture for any unpaid tax, assessment, or otherwise; (3) to redeem the same from any tax or other sale; (4) to purchase any tax title thereon; (5) to remove or purchase any mechanics' liens or other encumbrance thereon; (6) to make repairs thereon; (7) to comply with any other covenant herein contained; (8) to prosecute and defend any suit in relation to the Mortgaged Property; or (9) in any manner, to protect the Mortgaged Property and the title thereto. All sums so advanced for any of the aforesaid purposes with interest thereon at the highest legal rate, but not in excess of twelve percent (12%) per annum, shall be deemed a charge upon the Mortgaged Property in the same manner as the Notes at the time outstanding are secured and shall be forthwith paid to the Mortgagees upon demand. It shall not be obligatory for the Mortgagees in making any such advances or expenditures to inquire into the validity of any such title, tax, assessment, sale, mechanics' lien, or other encumbrance thereof.

# **ARTICLE III - REMEDIES OF THE MORTGAGEES AND NOTEHOLDERS**

### SECTION 3.1 Events of Default:

Each of the following shall be an "Event of Default" under this Restated Mortgage:

- (a) <u>Non-Payment</u>. The nonpayment of any required and due installment of interest on, or principal of, any Note, whether by acceleration or otherwise, which continues for five (5) consecutive Business Days;
- (b) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Any representation or warranty made by the Mortgagor herein or in the Loan Agreements or any certificate furnished to RUS or the Co-Lender hereunder or under the Loan Agreements shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect at the time made and shall at the time in question be untrue or incorrect in any material respect and remain uncured;
- (c) <u>Limited Liability Company</u>. Default by the Mortgagor or its members in the observance or performance of Section 2.16 hereof;
- (d) <u>Other Covenants</u>. Default by the Mortgagor in the observance or performance of any other covenant or agreement contained herein or in the Loan Agreements, which shall remain

unremedied for thirty (30) calendar days, after written notice thereof had been given to the Mortgagor by RUS or the Co-Lender;

- (e) <u>Adverse Effects</u>. The Mortgagor shall forfeit or otherwise be deprived of its charter, articles of organization, franchises, permits, easements, consents, or licenses required to carry on any material portion of its business, or the Mortgagor files for, or an event occurs, which can reasonably be expected to result in its dissolution or termination;
- (f) <u>Other Obligations</u>. Default by the Mortgagor in the payment of any obligation, whether direct or contingent, for borrowed money in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or in the performance or observance of the terms of any instrument pursuant to which such obligation was created or securing such obligation which default shall have resulted in such obligation becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise be due and payable;
- (g) <u>Bankruptcy</u>. A court having jurisdiction in the premises shall enter a decree or order for relief with respect to the Mortgagor in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or other similar law now or hereafter in effect: (1) appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator, or similar official, or (2) ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs; or the Mortgagor shall commence a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or under any such law, or consent to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian or trustee, of a substantial part of its property, or make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- (h) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. Other than as provided in the immediately preceding subsection, the dissolution or liquidation of the Mortgagor, or the filing of such by the Mortgagor;
- (i) <u>Impaired Business</u>. The failure by the Mortgagor to promptly forestall or remove any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as shall impair its ability to continue its business or fulfill its obligations and such execution, garnishment or attachment shall not be vacated within thirty (30) days; and
- (j) <u>Payment of Final Judgment</u>. A final judgment in an amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more shall be entered against the Mortgagor and shall remain unsatisfied or without a stay in respect thereof for a period of thirty (30) days.

### SECTION 3.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Annulment of Acceleration

- (a) If any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Mortgagees and/or any other Noteholder may, by notice in writing to the Mortgagor and delivery of a copy thereof to the other Noteholders, if any, declare all unpaid principal and accrued interest on any or all of their respective Notes to be due and payable immediately; and upon any such declaration, all such unpaid principal and accrued interest shall immediately become due and payable, notwithstanding anything contained herein or in any Note to the contrary.
- (b) If after the unpaid principal and accrued interest on any of the Notes shall have been so declared to be due and payable, all payments in respect of principal and interest which have become due and payable by the terms of such Note(s) shall be paid to the respective Noteholders, and all other defaults hereunder and under the Notes shall have been made good or secured to the satisfaction of all of the Noteholders, the Noteholder(s) which have declared the principal and interest on Notes held by such Noteholder(s) to be due and payable may, by written notice to the Mortgagor and delivery of a copy thereof to the other Noteholders, annul such declaration or declarations and waive such default(s) and consequences thereof, with such waiver not extending to or affecting any subsequent default or impairing any right consequent thereon.

### SECTION 3.3 Remedies of Majority Noteholders

If any Events of Default has occurred and is continuing, the holder or holders of not less than a majority of the total amount of principal outstanding on the notes, (hereinafter called the "Majority Noteholders,") for itself or themselves, and as the agent or agents of the other Noteholders, personally or by attorney, in its or their discretion, may, insofar as not prohibited by law:

- (a) (i) take immediate possession of the Mortgaged Property, (ii) collect and receive all credits, outstanding accounts, bills, receivables, rents, income, revenues, and profits of the Mortgagor, pertaining to or arising from the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, and issue binding receipts therefor; and (iii) manage, control, and/or operate the Mortgaged Property as fully as the Mortgagor might do if in possession thereof, including, without limitation, the making of all repairs or replacements deemed necessary or advisable;
- Majority Noteholders, or any employee or agent of it, is hereby constituted and appointed as true **(b)** and lawful attorney-in-fact of the Mortgagor with full power to (i) notify or require the Mortgagor to notify any and all customers that the Mortgaged Property has been assigned to Mortgagees and/or that Mortgagees have a security interest in the Mortgaged Property; (ii) sign and endorse the name of the Mortgagor upon any notes, checks, acceptances, drafts, money orders, or other instruments of payment (including payments made under any policy of insurance) that may come into possession of Majority Noteholders or Mortgagees, or upon any invoice, freight or express bill, bill of lading, storage or warehouse receipt, assignment, verification, or notice in connection with receivables, all in full or part payment of any amount owing to any Noteholder; (iii) send requests for verifications of Mortgaged Property to customers or account debtors; (iv) sell, assign, sue for, collect, or compromise payment of all or any part of the Mortgaged Property in the name of the Mortgagor or in its own name, or make any other disposition of Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, for cash, credit, or any combination thereof; granting to the Majority Noteholders, as the attorney-in-fact of the Mortgagor, full power of substitution and full power to do any and all things necessary to be done in and about the premises fully and effectually as the Mortgagor might or could do but for this appointment, and hereby ratifying all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The Majority Noteholders, Mortgagees, their employees, or agents shall not be liable for any act, omission, error of judgment, or mistake of fact or law in its capacity as attorney-in-fact. This power of attorney is coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable during the term of this Restated Mortgage so long as any Notes shall remain outstanding;
- (c) proceed to protect and enforce the rights of the Mortgagees and the rights of the Noteholder(s) under this Restated Mortgage by suits or actions in equity or at law in any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for specific performance of any covenant or any agreement contained herein, for aid of execution of any power herein granted, for foreclosure hereunder, for sale of the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, for collection of debts hereby secured, or for enforcement of other appropriate legal or equitable remedies as may be deemed most effectual to protect and enforce the rights and remedies herein granted or conferred; and in the event any such action or suit is instituted, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to have appointed a receiver of the Mortgaged Property and of all rents, income, revenues, and profits pertaining thereto, or arising, derived, received, or had therefrom, from the commencement of such suit or action. Such receiver shall have all the usual powers and duties of receivers, in like and similar cases, to the fullest extent permitted by law; and if application shall be made for the appointment of a receiver, the Mortgagor hereby expressly consents that the court to which such application shall be made may make said appointment;
- (d)

sell or cause to be sold the Mortgaged Property, all or in part, and all right, title, interest, claim, and demand of the Mortgagor therein or thereto, at public auction in any county in which the property to be sold is located, at such time, place, and manner as may be specified in the notice of

sale, containing a brief general description of the property to be sold, giving a copy thereof to the Mortgagor by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for such sale, and publishing the same once in each week for two successive calendar weeks prior to the date of such sale in a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, or if no such newspaper is published in such county, in a newspaper of general circulation in such county, the first such publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for such sale. Any sale made under this subparagraph may be adjourned from time to time by announcement, at the time and place appointed for such sale or adjourned sale(s); and without further notice or publication the sale may be had at the time and place to which the same shall be adjourned; provided, however, that in the event another or different notice of sale or another or different manner of conducting the same shall be required by law, the notice of sale shall be given or the sale shall be conducted, as the case may be, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law. The expenses incurred by the Mortgagee(s), including but not limited to receiver's fees, attorneys' fees, cost of advertisement, and agents' compensation, in the exercise of any of the remedies provided in this Restated Mortgage shall be secured by this Restated Mortgage; and

(e) enter and/or remain upon the premises of the Mortgagor without any obligation to pay rent to the Mortgagor or others, or any other place(s) where any of the Mortgaged Property is located and kept, and: (i) remove the Mortgaged Property therefrom in order to maintain, collect, sell, and/or liquidate the Mortgaged Property or, (ii) use such premises, together with materials, supplies, books, and records of the Mortgagor, to maintain possession and/or the condition of the Mortgaged Property, and to prepare the Mortgaged Property for sale, liquidation, or collection. Mortgagees may require the Mortgagor to assemble the Mortgaged Property and make it available to Mortgagees at a place to be designated by Mortgagees.

### SECTION 3.4 Rights and Remedies of Noteholders

If, within thirty (30) days after the Majority Noteholders shall have had knowledge of the happening of an Event or Events of Default, the Majority Noteholders shall not have proceeded to exercise the rights and enforce each of the remedies herein or by law conferred upon or reserved to the Mortgagees or to said Majority Noteholders, then, and only then, any Noteholders, including the Majority Noteholders, and/or any Mortgagee may proceed to exercise any such right or rights and remedy or remedies not being enforced by the Majority Noteholders. Nothing contained in this Mortgage shall affect or impair the right, which is absolute and unconditional, of any holder of any note which may be secured hereby to enforce the payment of the principal of or interest on such note on the date or dates any such interest or principal shall become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such note.

### SECTION 3.5 Right to Purchase Mortgaged Property

At any sale hereunder any Noteholder or Mortgagee shall have the right to bid for and purchase the Mortgaged Property, or such part thereof as shall be offered for sale, and any Noteholder or Mortgagee may in lieu of actual payment of the purchase price, set off against the purchase price the amount owing to said Noteholder or Mortgagee secured hereunder and such set off amount shall be credited as a payment on account of principal and interest on the Note(s) held by such Noteholder.

#### SECTION 3.6 Right of Set-Off and Recoupment

Any Noteholder or Mortgagee shall have the right, without prior notice to the Mortgagor, to exercise rights of setoff, recoupment, or any counterclaim and apply any and all amounts held or hereafter held by such Noteholder or Mortgagee, owed to the Mortgagor, or for the credit of the Mortgagor, against any and all of the Notes. Noteholders and Mortgagees agree to notify the Mortgagor promptly after any such setoff or recoupment and the application thereof; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff, recoupment or application. Mortgagor waives all rights of setoff, deduction, recoupment, or counterclaim.

# SECTION 3.7 Application of Proceeds from Remedial Actions

Any proceeds or funds arising from the exercise of any rights or the enforcement of any remedies herein provided after the payment, or provision for the payment, of any and all costs and expenses in connection with the exercise of such rights or the enforcement of such remedies shall be applied: First, to the payment of indebtedness hereby secured other than the principal or interest on the Notes; Second, to the ratable payment of interest which shall have accrued on the Notes and which shall be unpaid; Third, to the ratable payment of, or on account of, the unpaid principal of the Notes, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to whomsoever shall be entitled thereto.

## SECTION 3.6 Notice of Default

The Mortgagor covenants that it will give immediate written notice to the Mortgagees and to all Noteholders of the occurrence of an Event of Default, or in the event that any right or remedy described in Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 or 3.6 of this Article III is exercised or enforced, or of any action taken to exercise or enforce any such right or remedy.

### SECTION 3.7 Remedies Cumulative, No Election

Every right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Mortgagee(s) or to the Noteholder(s) shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder, or now or hereafter existing at law, in equity, or by statute. The pursuit of any right or remedy shall not be construed as an election.

### SECTION 3.8 Waiver of Appraisement Rights, Marshaling of Assets Not Required

The Mortgagor, for itself and for all who may claim through or under it, covenants that it will not at any time insist upon or plead, or in any manner whatsoever, claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any appraisal, valuation, stay, extension, or redemption laws, now or hereafter in force in any locality where any of the Mortgaged Property may be situated, in order to prevent, delay or hinder the enforcement or foreclosure of this Restated Mortgage, or the absolute sale of the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, or the final and absolute putting into possession thereof, immediately after such sale, of the purchaser(s) thereat, and the Mortgagor, for itself and for all who may claim through or under it, hereby waives the benefit of all such laws, unless such waiver shall be forbidden by law. Under no circumstance shall there be any marshalling of assets upon any foreclosure or other enforcement of this Restated Mortgage.

### SECTION 3.9 Rights as Secured Party

Mortgagees shall have, in addition to any other rights and remedies contained in this Restated Mortgage, and in any other agreements, guarantees, notes, mortgages, instruments, and documents heretofore, now, or at any time hereafter executed by the Mortgagor and delivered to Mortgagee(s), all of the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC in force in the state of the Mortgagor's organization and all jurisdictions where the Mortgaged property is located, all of which rights and remedies shall be cumulative, and nonexclusive.

# Section 3.10 Federal Communications Commission Matters.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Restated Mortgage, the following provisions shall be applicable in the event that the Mortgaged Property includes (to the extent such property can be included under the applicable law) licenses, permits, or similar rights granted by the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "FCC") to the Mortgagor (such licenses, permits or similar rights hereinafter referred to as "FCC Licenses:")

(a) Any loss, revocation, foreclosure on, sale, transfer, or other disposition of FCC Licenses by the Mortgagee(s) shall be pursuant to Section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and applicable rules and regulations thereunder, and, if and to the extent required thereby, subject to the prior approval or notice to and non-opposition of the FCC.

- (b) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Mortgagor shall take any action which the Mortgagees may request in order to transfer and assign to the Mortgagees, or to such one or more third parties as the Mortgagees may designate, or to a combination of the foregoing, each FCC License held by the Mortgagor. The Mortgagees are empowered, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to request the appointment of a receiver from any court of competent jurisdiction. Such receiver may be instructed by the Mortgagees to seek from the FCC an involuntary transfer of control of each such FCC License for the purpose of seeking a bona fide purchaser to whom control will ultimately be transferred. The Mortgagor hereby agrees to authorize such an involuntary transfer of control upon the request of the receiver so appointed and. if the Mortgagor shall refuse to authorize the transfer, its approval may be required by the court. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Mortgagor shall further use its best efforts to assist in obtaining approval of the FCC and any state regulatory bodies, if required, for any action contemplated by this Restated Mortgage, including, without limitation, the preparation, execution and filing with the FCC and any state regulatory bodies of the assignor's or transferor's portion of any application or applications for consent to the assignment of any FCC license or transfer of control necessary or appropriate under the rules and regulations of the FCC or any state regulatory body for approval or non-opposition of the transfer or assignment of any portion of the Mortgaged Property, including, without limitation any FCC License.
- The Mortgagor acknowledges that the assignment, transfer, loss, or revocation of any FCC (c) License is integral to the Mortgagees' realization of the value of the Mortgaged Property, that there is no adequate remedy at law for failure by the Mortgagor to comply with the provisions of this Section and that such failure would not be adequately compensable in damages, and therefore agrees, without limiting the rights of the Mortgagees to seek and obtain specific performance of other obligations of the Mortgagor contained in this Restated Mortgage, that the agreements contained in this Section may be specifically enforced.
- In accordance with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section 22.937, or any successor provision (d) thereto, the Mortgagees shall notify the Mortgagor and the FCC in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the Mortgagees intend to exercise their rights under this Restated Mortgage or any other document or instrument relating to the Notes, by foreclosing on, or otherwise disposing of any Mortgaged Property in connection with which such notice is required pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 22.937 or any successor provision thereto.

#### **ARTICLE IV - POSSESSION UNTIL DEFAULT-DEFEASANCE CLAUSE**

#### SECTION 4.1 Possession until Default

Until one or more of the Events of Default has happened, the Mortgagor shall be permitted to retain actual possession of the Mortgaged Property, and to manage, operate and use the same and any part thereof, with the rights and franchises appertaining thereto, and to collect, receive, take, use and enjoy the rents, revenues, issues, earnings, income, products, and profits thereof or therefrom, subject to the provisions of this Restated Mortgage.

## SECTION 4.2 Defeasance

If the Mortgagor shall pay or cause to be paid the whole amount of the principal and interest on the Notes at the time and manner therein provided, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Mortgagor and shall well and truly keep and perform according to the true intent and meaning of this Restated Mortgage, all covenants herein required to be kept and performed by it, then and in that case, all property, rights, and interests hereby conveyed, assigned, or pledged shall revert to the Mortgagor, and the estate, right, title and interest of the Mortgagees and the Noteholders shall thereupon cease, determine, and become void and the Mortgagees and the Noteholders, in such case, on written demand of the

Mortgagor, but at the Mortgagor's cost and expense, shall enter satisfaction of this Restated Mortgage upon the record. In any event, each Noteholder, upon payment in full to him by the Mortgagor of all principal and interest on any Note held by him, and the payment and discharge by the Mortgagor of all charges due such Noteholder hereunder, shall execute and deliver to the Mortgagor such instrument of satisfaction, discharge, or release as shall be required by law in the circumstances.

### ARTICLE V - MISCELLANEOUS

#### SECTION 5.1 Mortgage to Bind and Benefit Successors and Assigns

All of the covenants, stipulations, promises, undertakings, and agreements herein contained by, or on behalf of, the Mortgagor shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so specified or not, and all titles, rights, and remedies hereby granted to, or conferred upon, the Mortgagees shall pass to and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Mortgagees and shall be deemed to be granted or conferred for the ratable benefit and security of all who shall from time to time be the holders of Notes executed and delivered as herein provided.

### SECTION 5.2 Headings

The descriptive headings of the various articles of this Restated Mortgage were formulated and inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision hereof.

### SECTION 5.3 Notices

All demands, notices, reports, approvals, designations, or directions required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be given or made in writing (including, without limitation, by telecopy) and delivered to the intended recipient at the "Address for Notices" specified in Schedule A; or, as to any party, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a notice to each other party. All such communications shall be deemed to have been duly given when transmitted by telecopier or personally delivered or, in the case of a mailed notice, upon receipt, in each case given or addressed as provided for herein. The Addresses for Notice of the respective parties are set forth in Schedule "A."

#### SECTION 5.4 Mortgage Deemed Security Agreement

To the extent that any of the property described or referred to in this Restated Mortgage is governed by the provisions of the UCC, this Restated Mortgage is hereby deemed a "security agreement" under the UCC. The mailing addresses of the Mortgagor, as debtor, and of the Mortgagees as secured parties, are as set forth in Schedule "A."

### SECTION 5.5 Mortgagees Right to File Financing Statements

Mortgagees shall have the right to file such financing statements and continuation statements on behalf of itself, as secured party, and Mortgagor, as Debtor, as Mortgagees deem necessary to perfect a first lien on the Mortgaged Property and to maintain and preserve such perfected first lien as long as any Note remains outstanding. Mortgagor shall reimburse the Mortgagees for any expenses incurred in the exercise of this right.

### SECTION 5.6 Severability Cause

If any provision of this Restated Mortgage shall for any reason be found or held invalid or unenforceable by any governmental agency or court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remainder of such provision, nor any other provision thereof and this Restated Mortgage shall survive and be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained therein. Any invalidity or unenforceability as to any Mortgagee hereunder shall not affect or impair the rights hereunder of any other Mortgagec.

# SECTION 5.7 Indemnification by Mortgagor of Mortgagees

The Mortgagor agrees to indemnify the Mortgagees against any liability or damages which it may incur or sustain in the exercise and performance of its rightful powers and duties hereunder. For such reimbursement and indemnity, the Mortgagees shall be secured under this Restated Mortgage in the same manner as the Notes and all such reimbursements for expense or damage shall be paid to the Mortgagees incurring or suffering the same with interest at the rate specified in Section 2.18 hereof. The Mortgagor's obligation to indemnify the Mortgagees under this section shall survive the satisfaction of the Notes, the reconveyance or foreclosure of this Restated Mortgage, the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, or any transfer or abandonment of the Mortgaged Property.

## SECTION 5.8 Counterparts

This Restated Mortgage may be simultaneously executed and delivered in two or more counterparts, each . of which so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, and shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC., as Mortgagor, has caused this Restated Mortgage to be signed in its name and its seal, if any, to be hereunto affixed and attested by its duly authorized officer, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, as Mortgagee and secured party, has caused this Restated Mortgage to be duly executed on its behalf, and Co-Lender, as Mortgagee and secured party, has caused this Restated Mortgage to be duly executed on its behalf all as of the day and year first above written.

MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC.

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Executed by the Mortgagor in the presence of:

Name: 4 Name:

UNITED STATES OF AMERIC by Name: Jacqueline M. Ponti-Lazaruk Title: Assistant Administrator

Executed by the Mortgagee in the presence of:

Name:

RURAL TELEPHONE FINANCE COOPERATIVE by & Name: Barry Carroll

Title: Assistant Secretary - Treasurer

Executed by the Mortgagee in the presence of:

Name

Name:

State of Idaho

County of <u>Washington</u>

On this  $30^{-1}$  day of 0 to be \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lane Williams, known or identified to me to be President of the corporation that executed the instrument or the person who executed the instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Hennics K. Sonner Notary Public for Idaho Residing at Midwale My Commission expires 4/

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on <u>September</u> 11, 20<u>7</u>, by Jacqueline M. Ponti-Lazaruk, Assistant Administrator of the Renal Utilities Service of the United States of America.

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(Notarial Seal)

8/31/2012 My commission expires:

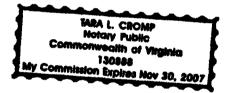
RURAL TELEPHONE FINANCE COOPERATIVE by Name: Barry Carrolf

Title: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTY OF FAIRFAX ) )SS

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this <u>4</u> day of <u>Colobes</u>, 2008,? before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, aforesaid, came Barry Carroll, signing as an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the RURAL TELEPHONE FINANCE COOPERATIVE, a District of Columbia corporation, who is personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument of writing on behalf of such corporation and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same as the act and deed of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year above written.



(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires: 1/-30-07

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# SCHEDULE A

1. A. The Outstanding RUS Notes referred to in the Recitals are:

Note	Note	Stated Principal	Maturity	Interest
Designation	Date	Amount	Date	<u>Rate</u>
A8	08-07-1980	\$1,068,000	08-07-2015	2%
C8#1	12-19-1985	\$ 367,000	12-19-2020	5%
C8#2	12-19-1985	\$1,295,000	12-19-2020	5%
E8	06-01-1992	\$ 276,000	06-01- <b>201</b> 6	5%
F11	09-29-1994	\$3,403,000	09-29-2014	5%
GII	02-01-2002	\$5,695,000	02-01-2016	5%

B. The Outstanding Co-Lender Notes referred to in the Recitals are:

Note	Note	Stated Principal	Maturity	Interest
Designation	Date	Amount	Date	Rate
ID 514-9003	02-01-2002	\$2,103,981	10-15-2011	Variable
ID 514-9004	02-01-2002	\$ 378,947	07-17-2013	Variable

2. The Prior Mortgages referred to in the Recitals are: Restated Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement dated February 1, 2002. made by and among the Mortgagor and the Mortgagees.

- A. The Co-Lender Loan Agreement referred to in Section 1.1 is: Amended Loan Agreement by and between the Corporation and RTFC dated February 1, 2002.
  - B. The RUS Loan Agreement referred to in Section 1.1 is the Loan Agreement, dated the same day as this Restated Mortgage between the Mortgagor and the Mortgagees.
- 4. A. The Current RUS Note(s), made by the Mortgagor to the Government, dated the same day as this Restated Mortgage and referred to in the Recitals are:

RUS Designation: ID 514-H11 Stated Principal Amount: \$12,145,000 Interest Rate: 5% Maturity Date: September 4, 2026

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5. The "Mortgage Debt Limit" referred to in Section 1.2(c) is \$50,000,000

6. The following addresses are for purposes of providing notice pursuant to Section 5.4:

Mortgagees:	Rural Utilities Service United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C.20250-1500 Attention: Administrator Fax: (202) 720-1725
With a copy to:	Rural Utilities Service United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Stop 1595, Room No. 2839-S Washington, D.C. 20250-1599 Attention: Mr. Jerry H. Brent Fax: (202) 690-4654
Mortgagee:	Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative 2201 Cooperative Way Herndon, Virginia 20171 Attention: Mr. Robert Parrett Fax: (703) 709-6780
Mortgagor:	Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. 2205 Keithley Creek Road Midvale, Idaho 83645 Attention: Mr. Lane R. Williams Fax: (208) 355-2222
With a copy to:	Givens Pursley, LLP 601 W. Bannock Street P.O. Box 2720 Bolse Idaho (208) 388-1200 Fax <sup>-</sup> (208) 388-1300