PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2008-249-C

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. d//b/a High Tech Communications ("High Tech" or the "Applicant") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) and Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules. High Tech seeks to serve as an ETC throughout the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina service territory for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. According to the Application, High Tech is seeking only low income support and is not requesting high cost support from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

A copy of the Company's entire Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket Number 2008-249-C. A copy of the Application is also available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2008,** before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 4, 2008,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-249-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1441 Main St., Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Scott Elliott, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **August 4, 2008,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-249-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **August 4, 2008**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-249-C.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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