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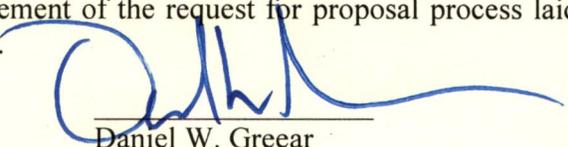
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The Office of the West Virginia Attorney General is in need of legal assistance to assist staff with pending litigation involving violations of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act stemming from alleged unfair and deceptive practices relating to the sale of telecommunications services. More specifically, the Office is seeking assistance in the case of *State of West Virginia v. Clear Rate Communications, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 13-C-2357, which is currently pending in Kanawha County Circuit Court.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- There is a particular desire for legal representation with additional litigation background and experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- The matter at issue requires particular and specialized expertise in complex issues relating to consumer protection and unfair and deceptive acts and practices that would benefit from the assistance of outside counsel.
- Kanawha County is the geographic area where the legal services will be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.


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Date Signed: March 31, 2014