# EXHIBIT C

Attached is a copy of Midstate Communications, Inc.'s FCC Form 481 as required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and 54.422.

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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	kathy@midstaff.net				
ANNUA	L REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS				54.313 54.42 Completion Required Require (check box when complete)	tion
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting		(complete attached works	heet)	(check box when complete)	
	Outage Reporting (voice)		(complete attached works	heet)	$\checkmark$ $\checkmark$	
<210>		outages to report				<i></i>
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)					
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<420>	Mobile 0.0					
<430> <440>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broads Fixed 0.0					
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<510>			(attached descriptive a	ocument)		
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kathy@midst	aff.net	
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(ye:	s/no) 🔿 💽	
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(ye	s/no) 0 0	
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a	391670sd112.pdf	
	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), on li 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.			Name of Attached Document
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets			
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received			
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality			
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage			
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity			
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Ē		

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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Void	<b>(e</b> )	FCC Form 481
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

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<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

<a2> <a3> <b1> <b2> <b3> <b3> <703> <a1> **Residential Local** Mandatory Extended Area Exchange (ILEC) SAC (CETC) Service Rate State Subscriber Line Charge State Universal Service Fee Service Charge Total per line Rates and Fees State Rate Type See attached worksheet

(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form July 2013

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<a>> <711> **Broadband Service -**Usage Allowance State Regulated Download Speed **Broadband Service -**Usage Allowance Action Taken When Exchange (ILEC) **Residential Rate** Total Rate and Fees (Mbps) Upload Speed (Mbps) (GB) Limit Reached {select } Fees State See attached worksheet-

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Midstate Communications, Inc.	
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Crow Creek Indian Reservation

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

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<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
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- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

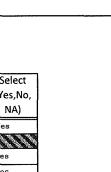
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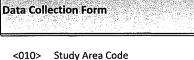
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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting

#### (1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

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	Study Area Name Program Year Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

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Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul

<1120> options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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Lifeline Data Coll	ection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	
"Please c	neck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210,	
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	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	
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annually i	eport.	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	
12211	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers

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# (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

#### Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313{b}(1)}		
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	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}		
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification		
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	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}		
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband		
	Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	<del></del>	
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification		
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certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: MIDSTATE COMM., INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/26/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mark Benton	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 6057786221 ext.	
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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I certify that (Name of Agent)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.

Name of Authorized Agent:

 Name of Reporting Carrier:
 Date:

 Signature of Authorized Officer:
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 Printed name of Authorized Officer:
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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

 Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

 I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.

 Name of Reporting Carrier:
 Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:

 Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:
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Attachments

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#### Midstate Communications, Inc.

## Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

#### Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
  - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
  - o Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
  - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
  - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports
  required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

#### **Consumer Protection Rules**

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

Midstate Communications, Inc.

# **Functionality in Emergency Situations**

## Back-Up Power

With our current infrastructure there are three locations within our network, where backup battery is a concern; central offices, remote cabinets and ONT's locations at the customer premise. Each are addressed below:

# CO

Midstate Communications has 10 central offices which serve 100% of our customer base. The switching and transport systems inside these CO's are powered by DC power with current draws ranging from approx 20 amps to 250 amps. The runtime of each battery system is slightly different based on current draw and geographical location but they range from approx. 12 hours to 40 hours. Each central office is equipped with an on-site generator and an automatic transfer switch; thus we expect the **required** run time of these battery systems to be only a few seconds but have designed them to support our network for significantly longer runtimes in case of a generator failure. We also possess a 60 KW portable generator for deployment ensuring Central Office operation throughout an on-site generator failure.

# **REMOTE CABINETS**

Approximately 5% of our current customer base is served by these remote cabinets located in the field within 3 miles of the subscriber premises served. Each DC system inside these cabinets is designed to support 8 hours of runtime in case of a power failure. We possess 22 portable generators in all, with several of them being staged in strategic geographical locations for easy deployment in the event of a power failure.

# ONT

The ONT's are located at the customer premise in our Fiber-To-The-Home network configurations. We have approximately 2700 deployed ONT's delivering service to 35-40% of our subscribers. Any ONT located within the city limits are equipped with a 7.2 amp-hour batteries and provide an expected runtime of 8 hours. Knowing the power failure outside the city limits can be longer, we deploy

a larger battery providing additional run time. These batteries are 20AH and deliver an expected runtime of greater than 16 hours.

# **RE-ROUTING OF TRAFFIC AROUND DAMAGED FACILITIES**

ALL core network connections are ring protected and any established traffic is automatically re-routed without impact to these customers. Any call not yet established or in a "setup" state during a reroute situation (fiber cut, central office failure, etc.) would fail and these callers would need to reacquire dial tone and replace the call. The time the routes would be unavailable is less than one second, thus any subsequent call attempts would be successful.

Our connection to the outside world is via our centralized equal access provider: South Dakota Network. The Kimball office is positioned in the logical center of our network and houses a node on the above mentioned statewide DWDM MPLS network. This network utilized alternate fiber routes throughout the state of South Dakota functioning in a mesh environment to deliver our traffic to the SDN location in Sioux Falls, SD. As for our intra-company Interexchange facilities; they include 3- EPS Rings (Calix), 1 - OC-48 ring (Fujitsu), and 1 MPLS ring (Brocade) functioning in a mesh environment.

# **TRAFFIC SPIKES**

Currently Midstate provides dial tone to approximately 4150 subscribers. The soft-switch we utilize is manufactured by Meta Switch and can support 250,000 subscribers before any expansion or upgrade is required. Our customer connections to this switch are either GR303 or MGCP and in this configuration the switch can support 1.3 M Busy Hour Call Attempts. As for the trunking, we have toll and 911 routes to South Dakota Network and CenturyLink. These routes are actively monitored for overflow and near overflow states. Any near overflow or overflow situations are addressed immediately after receiving any alarm.

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Five-Year Plan Midstate Communications, Inc. (391670)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(1)(ii), Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) submits a fiveyear plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to its network throughout its proposed service area. Midstate also provides estimates regarding the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements. This plan is based on Midstate's current business and financial conditions and is subject to change as a result of changes in those conditions.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313, in each subsequent year, Midstate will file a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year.

As of January 1, 2014, or residential subscribers in the exchanges of

and **matrix and have access to broadband Internet service through Midstate's fiber optic** facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard. No capital improvements are required for those subscribers meeting the 4/1 Mbps standard other than maintenance of facilities and as such, no capital investment to these subscribers is outlined in this plan.

Although no capital improvements are required in the exchanges of

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to bring subscribers to the 4/1 Mbps standard, Midstate incurred approximately **standard** in depreciation expense and **standard** in on-going maintenance and operating expenses in calendar year 2013. It is reasonable to expect depreciation, maintenance, and operating expenses for the 2015 through 2019 calendar years will be of similar amounts.

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## **Midstate Communications**

# Description of Tribal Engagement For Form 481 Line 920 thru Line 929

The Company provides services in two tribal areas, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. On October 10, 2013, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, Company requested a meeting with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Crow Creek Tribal Chairman has not yet responded to these requests to allow for the scheduling of an "engagement" meeting.

On October 10, 2013, by letter sent via certified mail to the Lower Brule Tribal Chairman, Company requested a meeting with the Lower Brule Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Lower Brule Tribal Chairman has not yet responded to these requests to allow for the scheduling of an "engagement" meeting.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), at the meetings with the Tribal Authorities, the Company will, with tribal input, develop a needs assessment to assist with future service deployments on Tribal lands. In particular, the Company and the Tribal Authority discussions relating to needs and service deployment will be focused on community anchor institutions. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on tribal lands will be discussed and the Company will, with assistance from the Tribal Authorities, attempt to identify additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal Authorities will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate or partner to ensure that services are marketed on tribal lands in a manner that will relate to the community and resonate with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption. At such meetings, the Company will also be prepared to discuss the relevant rights-of-way and other permitting and review processes, as well as any challenges associated with these processes. And finally, the Company will come to any such meetings prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authorities on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.

#### Midstate Communications, Inc.

#### **Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

Midstate Communications, Inc. offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

#### Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

#### Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Medicaid National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

#### Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,755	\$19,683	\$18,117
2	\$21,236	\$26,541	\$24,422
3	\$26,717	\$33,399	\$30,726
4	\$32,198	\$40,257	\$37,031
5	\$37,679	\$47,115	\$43,335
6	\$43,160	\$53,973	\$49,640
7	\$48,641	\$60,831	\$55,944
8	\$54,122	\$67,689	\$62,249
For each additional person, add	\$5,481	\$6,858	\$6,305

2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines - 135%

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

#### **Tribal Eligibility**

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

#### Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

Midstate Communications, Inc. Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Midstate's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

#### <u>Rates</u>

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Midstate Communications, Inc. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

#### **Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility**

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

#### Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

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Total Equity = % of Total Assets

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS					
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR			
1. Local Network Services Revenues					
2. Network Access Services Revenues					
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues					
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues					
5. Miscellaneous Revenues					
6. Uncollectible Revenues					
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)					
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense					
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)					
0. Depreciation Expense					
1. Amortization Expense		····			
2. Customer Operations Expense					
3. Corporate Operations Expense					
4. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)					
5. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)					
6. Other Operating Income and Expenses					
7. State and Local Taxes					
8. Federal Income Taxes					
9. Other Taxes					
0. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)					
1. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)					
2. Interest on Funded Debt					
3. Interest Expense - Capital Leases					
4. Other Interest Expense					
5. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction					
6. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)					
7. Nonoperating Net Income					
8. Extraordinary Items					
9. Jurisdictional Differences					
0. Nonregulated Net Income					
1. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)					
2. Total Taxes Based on Income					
3. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year					
4. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date					
5. Dividends Declared (Common)					
6. Dividends Declared (Preferred)					
7. Other Debits Year-to-Date					
8. Transfers to Patronage Capital					
9. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]					
0. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year					
1. Transfers to Patronage Capital					
2. Patronage Capital Credits Retired					
3. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)					
4. Annual Debt Service Payments					
5. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]					
6. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]					
7. TIER [(31+26) / 26]					
8. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]					

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			CESS LINE), ROUTE			ATION		
	1. RA1		2. SUBS	CRIBERS (ACCESS LIN	5	3. ROUTE MILES		
EXCHANGE	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	<u>(a)</u>	(b)	
MobileWireless			·	•				
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area								
Total								
No. Exchanges								

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	Part C	C. SUBSCRIBER (				DATA INFORM	TION	
	4. BROADBAND SERVICE Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service							
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available	No Of Broadband Subscribers	Number Of Subscribers	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps)	Price Per Month	Standalone/Pckg	Type Of Technology
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(g)
Total								

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		PART D. SYSTEM	I DATA				
I. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served		4. Access Lines per Squar	e Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile	
		PART E. TOLL	DATA				
1. Study Area ID Code(s)	2. Types of Toll S	ettlements (Check on	a)				
	a		Interstate:	Average Schedul	e	X Cost Basis	
	b.				•		
	c.		Intrastate:	Average Schedul	е	X Cost Basis	
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	PART F. FL	JNDS INVESTED IN I	PLANT DURING YE	AR			
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Fur	nds Expended			- <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>			
2. Other Long-Term Loan Fun				<u> </u>			
3. Funds Expended Under RU							
4. Other Short-Term Loan Fun							
5. General Funds Expended (							
6. Salvaged Materials							
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction							
	B. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)						
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	PART G. IN	VESTMENTS IN AFF	ILIATED COMPANI	ES	<u></u>		
1		CURRENT	EAR DATA		CUMULATIVE D	ATA	
				Cumulative	Cumulative		
	INVESTMENTS	Investment	Income/Loss	Investment	Income/Loss	Current	
		This Year	This Year	To Date	To Date	Balance	
	(a)	в	(c)	(d)	(e)	0	
1. Investment in Affiliated Com	npanies - Rural Development						
2. Investment in Affiliated Corr	npanies - Nonrural Development					1	

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26. Cable and wire facilities - Other

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	PART I - STATEMENT OF C	L CASH FLOWS				
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)					
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVIT	IES				
2.	Net Income					
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by	Operating Activities				
3.	Add: Depreciation					
4.	Add: Amortization					
5.	Other (Explain)					
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	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	<u> </u>				
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable					
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory					
8.						
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10.						
11.						
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities					
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITI	<b>FN</b>				
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	ES				
14.	Increase/(Increase) in Notes Payable					
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable					
10.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)					
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits					
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certif	icates & Other Capital				
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends					
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired					
22.	Other (Explain)					
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities					
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITI	ES				
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)					
25.						
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences					
27.	Other (Explain)					
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28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	······				
29. 30.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash					
	Ending Cash					

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