

## Attachments







Venture Communications Cooperative – Western  
(SAC 391688)

**Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and  
Consumer Protection Rules**

This document details the processes and procedures that Western Telephone Company (the “Company”) follows to ensure compliance with service quality standards and consumer protection rules as laid out in FCC Form 481 Instructions.

The Company provides voice grade access to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) at a flat rate, enabling access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations such as 911.

For service quality standards that are affected by plant issues, the Company engineers and installs its plant and other facilities in such a way as to ensure safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.

In addition, employees are periodically trained on service quality standards and consumer protection issues. In particular, if any set of issues appear to be prevalent, employees are given briefings on how to handle such issues beyond the normal guidelines in place for resolution of customer complaints. A recent example is the call completion problems that have arisen and the customer calls that are generated as a result. Although this is not a service quality problem caused by the Company, it does affect customers of the Company and, therefore, deserves the attention of the Company employees.

The Company also periodically reviews its operating procedures to be sure that those operating procedures are in compliance with service quality standards and that the operating procedures are not in violation of consumer protection rules. Internally a compliance officer ensures annual employee training and dictates the disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information. If concerns arise beyond the compliance officer, legal counsel is sought to assist with a resolution.

If complaints are filed with the Company related to service quality standards or 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. It should be noted that the Company has received no customer complaints in the past five years regarding service quality standards or consumer protection rules as they relate to the service offered by the Company.

The Company advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.

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**Statement Demonstrating Functionality in Emergency Situations**

At line 600 of FCC Form 481, Western Telephone Company (the "Company") certified that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.202(a)(1)(ii). This means that the Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. This statement will detail how the Company is prepared to ensure continued service in an emergency situation.

**Back-Up Power**

The Company has a back-up generator available with a minimum of a four hour power supply for its central office. In addition, it has portable generators available for remote sites.

**Rerouting of Traffic Around Damaged Facilities**

The Company has route redundancy for long distance service, E-911 trunking and SS7 signaling trunking.

In the case of isolated groups of customers that may suffer damage due to a cable cut, the Company maintains sufficient staff and other resources to be able to put customers back in service in a very short amount of time. The Company's emergency service equipment is located within its exchange and requires very little time to dispatch.

**Traffic Spikes**

The Company's outside plant is designed, engineered and built with sufficient capacity to handle traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has been able to do so in the past. The Company is in an area where severe weather strikes periodically and has been able to handle communication needs at those times and has the experience from those situations to be able to handle such emergency situations in the future.

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**Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

Western Telephone Company ("Western") 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.

2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

| Household Size                  | 48 Contiguous States and D.C. | Alaska   | Hawaii   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1                               | \$16,038                      | \$20,034 | \$18,455 |
| 2                               | \$21,627                      | \$27,027 | \$24,881 |
| 3                               | \$27,216                      | \$34,020 | \$31,307 |
| 4                               | \$32,805                      | \$41,013 | \$37,733 |
| 5                               | \$38,394                      | \$48,006 | \$44,159 |
| 6                               | \$43,983                      | \$54,972 | \$50,585 |
| 7                               | \$49,586                      | \$61,992 | \$57,010 |
| 8                               | \$55,202                      | \$69,012 | \$63,464 |
| For each additional person, add | \$5,616                       | \$7,020  | \$6,453  |

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.

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

Western's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Western'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.

**Rates**

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Western. 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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**Progress Report of 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification**

To be in compliance with the Milestone Certification of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream:

- Western Telephone Company certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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

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**Year 2015 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

|                                   |    |   |
|-----------------------------------|----|---|
| Interstate Access Support         | \$ |  |
| Interstate Common Line Support    | \$ |  |
| Connect America Fund Support      | \$ |  |
| High Cost Loop Support            | \$ |  |
| Safety Net Additive Support       | \$ |  |
| Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment | \$ |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | \$ |  |

**Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:**

|  | <u>Actual</u>  |
|--|--|
|  | 2015   |
| <b>Plant Specific Operations Expenses</b>                          |  |
| Network support (Accts 6110-16)                                    | \$  |
| General support (Accts 6120-24)                                    | \$  |
| Central office (Accts 6210-6232)                                   | \$  |
| Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)                          | \$  |
| Network operations (Accts 6530-35)                                 | \$  |
| Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)                      | \$  |
| <b>Customer Operations Expenses</b>                                |  |
| Customer services (Accts 6611-23)                                  | \$  |
| <b>Corporate Operations Expenses</b>                               |  |
| Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)                             | \$  |
| General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)                         | \$  |
| <b>Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment</b> | \$  |
| <b>Additions/Capx</b>  |  |
| Switching (Acct 2210)  | \$   |
| Transmission Equipment (Acct 2230)                                 | \$  |
| Cable and wire (Acct 2410)   | \$  |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$  |
| <b>Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment</b>   | \$  |

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It is estimated that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2016.

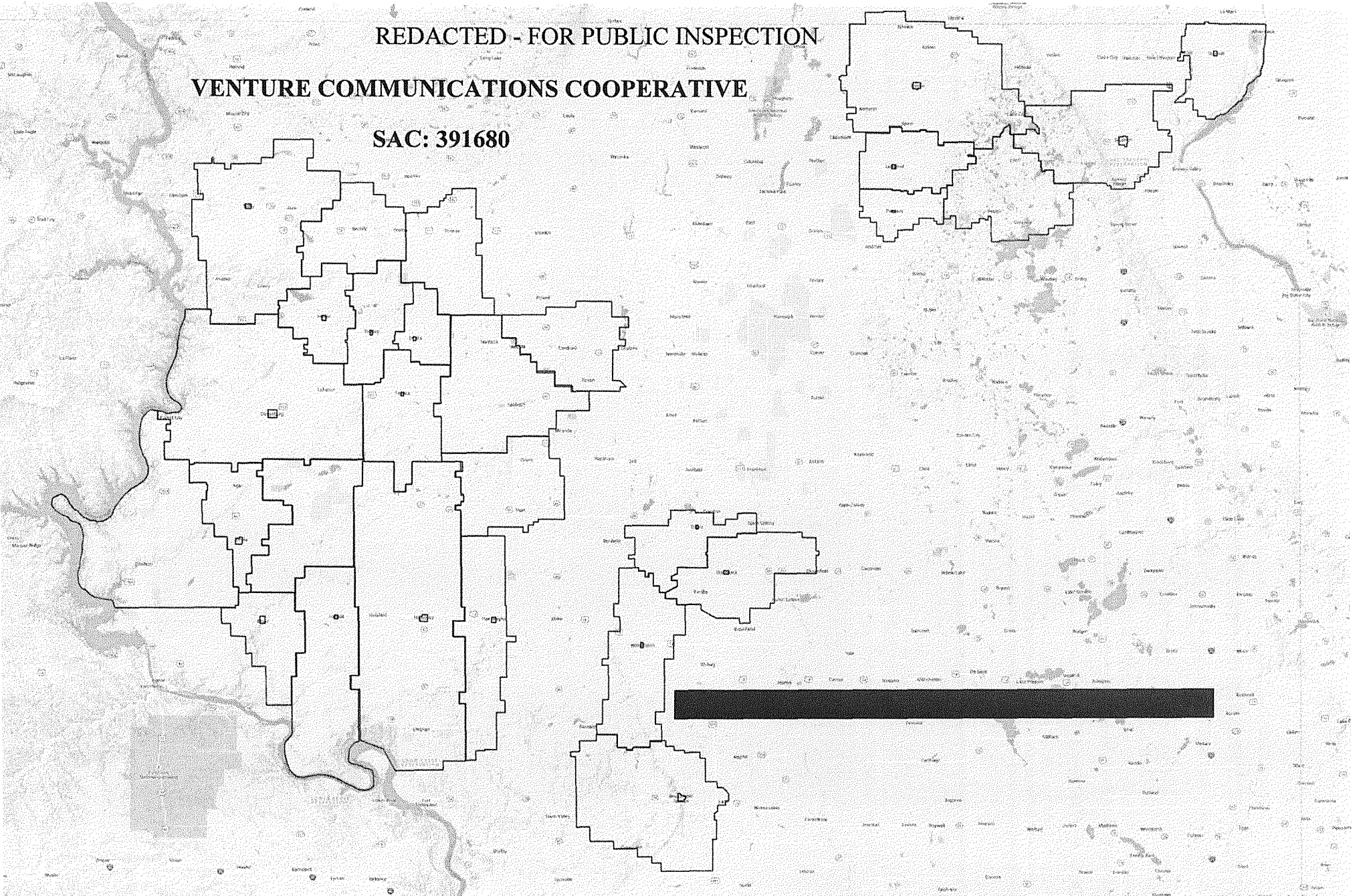
It is estimated that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used improve *service coverage* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, [REDACTED] of households in our service area currently have access to our broadband capable network. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to improve service coverage in 2016.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2015 was used improve *service capacity* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, [REDACTED] of households in our service area have access to our broadband capable network at speeds that meet or exceed 10Mbps/1Mbps. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to improve service capacity in 2016.

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| USDA-RUS   | This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential. |  |
| <b>OPERATING REPORT FOR<br/>TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b> | BORROWER NAME<br>Venture Communications Cooperative   |  |

|  |                                 |                                |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.<br>For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only. | PERIOD ENDING<br>December, 2015 | BORROWER DESIGNATION<br>SD0522 |
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**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.**

**DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII**  
(Check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

\_\_\_\_\_ randy houdek \_\_\_\_\_ 4/14/2016 \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

| PART A. BALANCE SHEET                    |                       |                          |   |                       |                          |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS                                   | BALANCE<br>PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE<br>END OF PERIOD | LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                          | BALANCE<br>PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE<br>END OF PERIOD |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |                       |                          | <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                                    |                       |                          |
| 1. Cash and Equivalents                  |                       |                          | 25. Accounts Payable  |                       |                          |
| 2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund            |                       |                          | 26. Notes Payable   |                       |                          |
| 3. Affiliates:                           |                       |                          | 27. Advance Billings and Payments                             |                       |                          |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable          |                       |                          | 28. Customer Deposits   |                       |                          |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable             |                       |                          | 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt                                     |                       |                          |
| c. Notes Receivable                      |                       |                          | 30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.                           |                       |                          |
| 4. Non-Affiliates:                       |                       |                          | 31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases                               |                       |                          |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable          |                       |                          | 32. Income Taxes Accrued                                      |                       |                          |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable             |                       |                          | 33. Other Taxes Accrued                                       |                       |                          |
| c. Notes Receivable                      |                       |                          | 34. Other Current Liabilities                                 |                       |                          |
| 5. Interest and Dividends Receivable     |                       |                          | 35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)                    |                       |                          |
| 6. Material-Regulated                    |                       |                          | <b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>   |                       |                          |
| 7. Material-Nonregulated                 |                       |                          | 36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes                                     |                       |                          |
| 8. Prepayments                           |                       |                          | 37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes                                     |                       |                          |
| 9. Other Current Assets                  |                       |                          | 38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes                                     |                       |                          |
| 10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)      |                       |                          | 39. Funded Debt-Other   |                       |                          |
| <b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>                 |                       |                          | 40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan                           |                       |                          |
| 11. Investment in Affiliated Companies   |                       |                          | 41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt                            |                       |                          |
| a. Rural Development                     |                       |                          | 42. Reacquired Debt   |                       |                          |
| b. Nonrural Development                  |                       |                          | 43. Obligations Under Capital Lease                           |                       |                          |
| 12. Other Investments                    |                       |                          | 44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies                            |                       |                          |
| a. Rural Development                     |                       |                          | 45. Other Long-Term Debt                                      |                       |                          |
| b. Nonrural Development                  |                       |                          | 46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)                         |                       |                          |
| 13. Nonregulated Investments             |                       |                          | <b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>                         |                       |                          |
| 14. Other Noncurrent Assets              |                       |                          | 47. Other Long-Term Liabilities                               |                       |                          |
| 15. Deferred Charges                     |                       |                          | 48. Other Deferred Credits                                    |                       |                          |
| 16. Jurisdictional Differences           |                       |                          | 49. Other Jurisdictional Differences                          |                       |                          |
| 17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16) |                       |                          | 50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49) |                       |                          |
| <b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>    |                       |                          | <b>EQUITY</b>   |                       |                          |
| 18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service            |                       |                          | 51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed                         |                       |                          |
| 19. Property Held for Future Use         |                       |                          | 52. Additional Paid-in-Capital                                |                       |                          |
| 20. Plant Under Construction             |                       |                          | 53. Treasury Stock  |                       |                          |
| 21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill  |                       |                          | 54. Membership and Cap. Certificates                          |                       |                          |
| 22. Less Accumulated Depreciation        |                       |                          | 55. Other Capital   |                       |                          |
| 23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)       |                       |                          | 56. Patronage Capital Credits                                 |                       |                          |
| 24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)              |                       |                          | 57. Retained Earnings or Margins                              |                       |                          |
|  |                       |                          | 58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)                                 |                       |                          |
|  |                       |                          | 59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)                |                       |                          |

Total Equity = \_\_\_\_\_ % of Total Assets



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|  | PERIOD ENDING<br><br>December, 2015 |

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

**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  |            |           |
| <b>7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)</b>                                 |            |           |
| 8. Plant Specific Operations Expense   |            |           |
| 9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)    |            |           |
| 10. Depreciation Expense   |            |           |
| 11. Amortization Expense   |            |           |
| 12. Customer Operations Expense  |            |           |
| 13. Corporate Operations Expense   |            |           |
| <b>14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)</b>                                    |            |           |
| 15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)  |            |           |
| 16. Other Operating Income and Expenses  |            |           |
| 17. State and Local Taxes  |            |           |
| 18. Federal Income Taxes   |            |           |
| 19. Other Taxes  |            |           |
| <b>20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)</b>  |            |           |
| 21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)                                     |            |           |
| 22. Interest on Funded Debt  |            |           |
| 23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases  |            |           |
| 24. Other Interest Expense   |            |           |
| 25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction                                   |            |           |
| <b>26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)</b>                                       |            |           |
| 27. Nonoperating Net Income  |            |           |
| 28. Extraordinary Items  |            |           |
| 29. Jurisdictional Differences   |            |           |
| 30. Nonregulated Net Income  |            |           |
| <b>31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)</b>                         |            |           |
| 32. Total Taxes Based on Income  |            |           |
| 33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year                                 |            |           |
| 34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date   |            |           |
| 35. Dividends Declared (Common)  |            |           |
| 36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)   |            |           |
| 37. Other Debits Year-to-Date  |            |           |
| 38. Transfers to Patronage Capital   |            |           |
| <b>39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]</b> |            |           |
| 40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year  |            |           |
| 41. Transfers to Patronage Capital   |            |           |
| 42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired  |            |           |
| <b>43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)</b>                                |            |           |
| 44. Annual Debt Service Payments   |            |           |
| 45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]   |            |           |
| 46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]                                       |            |           |
| 47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]  |            |           |
| 48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]  |            |           |





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| PART D. SYSTEM DATA    |                        |                        |                                 |                               |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. No. Plant Employees | 2. No. Other Employees | 3. Square Miles Served | 4. Access Lines per Square Mile | 5. Subscribers per Route Mile |

| PART E. TOLL DATA  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Study Area ID Code(s)<br>a. _____<br>b. _____<br>c. _____<br>d. _____<br>e. _____<br>f. _____<br>g. _____<br>h. _____<br>i. _____<br>j. _____ | 2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)<br>Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis<br>Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis |

| PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR     |   |
|---|---|
| 1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended          | █ |
| 2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended          | █ |
| 3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval    | █ |
| 4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended         | █ |
| 5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)  | █ |
| 6. Salvaged Materials                           | █ |
| 7. Contribution in Aid to Construction          | █ |
| 8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7) | █ |

| PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES                  |                                |                                 |  |   |                           |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| INVESTMENTS<br><br>(a)                                       | CURRENT YEAR DATA              |                                 | CUMULATIVE DATA                            |   |                           |
|  | Investment<br>This Year<br>(b) | Income/Loss<br>This Year<br>(c) | Cumulative<br>Investment<br>To Date<br>(d) | Cumulative<br>Income/Loss<br>To Date<br>(e) | Current<br>Balance<br>(f) |
|  |                                |                                 |  |   |                           |
| 1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development    | █                              | █                               | █  | █   | █                         |
| 2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development | █                              | █                               | █  | █   | █                         |

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**PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES**

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES     NO

| EQUIPMENT CATEGORY  | DEPRECIATION RATE |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles                                   | [REDACTED]        |
| 2. Land and support assets - Aircraft   |                   |
| 3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles                         | [REDACTED]        |
| 4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment                  | [REDACTED]        |
| 5. Land and support assets - Buildings  | [REDACTED]        |
| 6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment                   | [REDACTED]        |
| 7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers                        | [REDACTED]        |
| 8. Central Office Switching - Digital   | [REDACTED]        |
| 9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical                     | [REDACTED]        |
| 10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems                               |                   |
| 11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems                               | [REDACTED]        |
| 12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment                           | [REDACTED]        |
| 13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus                   | [REDACTED]        |
| 14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring            | [REDACTED]        |
| 15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges      |                   |
| 16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment |                   |
| 17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment            | [REDACTED]        |
| 18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles   | [REDACTED]        |
| 19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal                          | [REDACTED]        |
| 20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber                          |                   |
| 21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal                     |                   |
| 22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber                     |                   |
| 23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal                          | [REDACTED]        |
| 24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber                          | [REDACTED]        |
| 25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems                               | [REDACTED]        |
| 26. Cable and wire facilities - Other   |                   |

|  |  |                                |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
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| OPERATING REPORT FOR<br>TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS   |  | SD0522                         |  |
|  |  | PERIOD ENDED<br>December, 2015 |  |
| INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.   |  |                                |  |
| <b>PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 2. Net Income  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| <i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>                        |  |                                |  |
| 3. Add: Depreciation   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 4. Add: Amortization   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 5. Other (Explain)   |  |                                |  |
| <i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>   |  |                                |  |
| 6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)                                   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 20. Less: Payment of Dividends   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 22. Other (Explain)  |  |                                |  |
| 23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |  |                                |  |
| 24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 25. Other Long-Term Investments  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 27. Other (Explain)  |  |                                |  |
| [REDACTED]   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities   |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |
| 30. Ending Cash  |  | [REDACTED]                     |  |

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| <p><b>NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b></p>  |   |
| <p>The plant assets of Western Telephone Company (a former subsidiary to Venture Communications) were merged into the parent company (Venture) on 1/1/15. This affected some of the cash flow statement automatic entries, particularly in regards to plant assets.</p> |   |

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