

EXHIBIT B-2

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no)
 If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5
 <111> year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please 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.

<112> 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 company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

391647sd112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 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.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Not Applicable

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
SAC 391647
PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority ("C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier located in the central part of the state of South Dakota. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's study area consists of five exchanges and serves 4,676 square miles and has [REDACTED] working loops as of December 31, 2015. The five exchanges are Dupree, Eagle Butte, Isabel, LaPlant and South Dupree. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in its final phase of completing a fiber-to-the-home network throughout its entire study area which is and will be funded by borrowings in excess of \$ [REDACTED] million from the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS"). The fiber-to-the-home network covers 100% of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's study area and allows all subscribers the capability of broadband speeds in excess of the 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload standard established in FCC 47 CFR 54.313 (f)(1)(i).

In 2016, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority main focus will be installing fiber drops and connecting customers to the fiber-to-the-home network throughout their serving area, though predominately in the Isabel exchange.

Exhibit A reflects C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's Universal Service Fund ("USF") support amounts that will be received and C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's plant investment additions and expenses for January 1 to December 31, 2015. Exhibit B sets out C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's initial proposed plant additions for 2015 compared to actual plant additions for January 1 to December 31, 2015.

The USF support funds received also assists C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority in repaying the RUS debt incurred in past years including significant plant investment acquired for the fiber-to-the-home network project. The RUS debt balance as of December 31, 2015 was approximately \$ [REDACTED] million with interest paid at various rates between [REDACTED]% to [REDACTED]%. Approximately \$ [REDACTED] million of this debt is associated with the fiber-to-the-home project.

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority sells DSL to its Internet Service Provider ("ISP"), a division of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority, and provides the transport to the exchange boundary for the ISP as well. See Section 700 of the FCC Form 481 displaying the retail pricing of broadband services. As of December 31, 2015, the company had [REDACTED] broadband customers, which is a penetration rate of approximately [REDACTED]% of its voice customers. A wire center map of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's exchanges showing broadband speed capabilities is reflected in Exhibit C.

As they are known to C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority at the date of this report, other than the projects described on Exhibit B, the planned investment and expenses for the period presented in Exhibit A, that C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's expects to use as basis to request federal high-cost support, are expected to be approximately the same as initially proposed, taking in account normal fluctuations in investments and expense levels. For 2016, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2015, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and depreciation on investment placed in service. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for 2016.

Through the expenditure of the USF support received, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority will be able to continue to provide services at a level that C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C. 254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is designated as an ETC. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. Those expenditures and investments generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority within its designated ETC service area. By expanding its network over the past several years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is capable of providing access to broadband services to 100% of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's designated ETC service area. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority offers services that are comparable to services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to rates for such services in urban areas.

EXHIBIT A
 CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
 SAC 391647
 PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015
 ESTIMATED SEMI-ANNUAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT, PLANT INVESTMENT AND EXPENDITURES

Description	Initial 2015 Filing	Progress Report January 1 to December 31, 2015
<u>Estimated Federal Universal Service Support</u>		
High Cost Loop Support	\$	\$
Safety Net Additive		
Connect America Fund Support		
Interstate Common Line Support		
Total Estimated Support to be Received	\$	\$
<u>Estimated Expenditures for Provision, Maintenance and Upgrading of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:</u>		
Plant Specific and Non-Specific Operations Expenses		
Network support	\$	\$
General support		
Central office		
Cable and wire facilities		
Network operations		
Depreciation and amortization		
Customer Operations Expenses		
Customer services		
Corporate Operations Expenses		
Executive and planning		
General and administrative		
RUS Debt Repayment		
Principal payments		
Interest payments		
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment		
Plant Additions (see Exhibit B for detail)		
General support assets		
Central office switching equipment		
Central office transmission equipment		
Buried fiber cable		
Total Plant Additions		
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$	\$

EXHIBIT B
CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
SAC 391647
PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015
COMPARE INITIAL 2015 FILING VERSUS ANNUAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2015

Exchange	Population	Description of Improvement	Year	Initial 2015 Filing of Planned Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 2015
Dupree	340	Building Improvements	2015	\$	
Eagle Butte	1750	Computers, Firewall, Server	2015		
Eagle Butte	1750	Furniture/Office Equipment	2015		\$
All	All	COE Electronics - Infinera Core	2015		
Eagle Butte	All	COE Electronics/Ethernet equipment	2015		
Dupree	1	COE Ethernet equipment	2015		
LaPlant	285	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Dupree	340	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Isabel	200	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Isabel	200	FTTH Power	2015		
Isabel	200	OSP - FTTH	2015		
LaPlant	285	OSP - FTTH	2015		
Dupree	340	OSP - FTTH	2015		
Eagle Butte	1750	OSP - FTTH	2015		
South Dupree	200	OSP - FTTH	2015		
All	All	Vehicles	2015		
All	All	Heavy Equipment Trencher	2015		
All	All	Locating, GPS & Test Equipment, Fusion Splicier	2015		
All	All	Plant mapping system	2015		
Totals				\$	\$

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice) 2

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) 391647sd310.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband) 2

391647sd330.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Line 310 & 330
Unfulfilled Voice and Broadband Service Request Attempt Details
Per FCC Form 481 Instructions

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the "C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") has been in the process of a fiber-to-the-home project for over six years and continues to install fiber drops and hook up customers off the main fiber routes. At yearend December 31, 2015, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority had 2 unfulfilled voice and broadband requests for service. These 2 unfulfilled requests are new locations in C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority serving area with no copper facilities available. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has construction plans for 2016 to continue to install fiber drops throughout their study area, including these 2 unfulfilled requests.

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	391647ad510.pdf

Line 510
Processes and Procedures to Ensure Compliance with Service Quality Standards
and Consumer Protection Rules
Per FCC Form 481 Instructions

This document details the processes and procedures that Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the "C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") follows to ensure compliance with service quality standards and consumer protection rules as laid out in FCC Form 481 Instructions.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority provides voice grade access to the public switched telephone networks (PSTN) at a flat rate, thereby 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority engineers and installs its plant and other facilities in such a way as to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority, it does affect customers of the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority and, therefore, deserves the attention of the C.R.S. T. Telephone Authority employees.

The C.R.S.T Telephone Authority 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 disciplinary processes for improper use of consumer information. If concerns arise that cannot be handled by the compliance officer, legal counsel is sought to assist with a resolution.

If complaints are filed with the C.R.S. T. Telephone Authority 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	391647ed610.pdf

LINE 610
STATEMENT DEMONSTRATING FUNCTIONALITY
IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

At line 600 of FCC Form 481, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (“C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority”) 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has 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 C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is prepared to ensure continued service in an emergency situation.

Back-Up Power

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority 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

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority 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, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority maintains sufficient staff and other resources to be able to put customers back in service in a very short amount of time. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's emergency service equipment is located within its exchange and requires very little time to dispatch.

Traffic Spikes

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority'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. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority 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 handle such emergency situations in the future.

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

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

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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Name of Attached Document

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
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes

LINE 920
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT OBLIGATION
PER FCC FORM 481 INSTRUCTIONS

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the “C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority”) is 100% wholly – owned by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (the “Tribe”) and actively engages in dialogue with the Tribe on a monthly and sometimes daily basis. Those discussions include the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority’s ongoing fiber project, loan requirements, service offerings and concerns on continued revenue support payments at the Federal and State levels.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in the final year of its fiber to the home/premise construction project that will provide the increased capability of broadband services and continued voice services to residential and commercial subscribers on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation, covering Dewey and Ziebach counties in Central South Dakota.

Tribal community anchor institutions include:

- US DHHS - Indian Health Service Health Care – Eagle Butte
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Field Health - Cherry Creek, Red Scaffold, White Horse & Swiftbird Clinics
- US DOI – Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education
 - Cheyenne Eagle Butte School
 - Takini School
 - Tiospaye Topa School
- Cheyenne River College Center – Oglala Lakota College

These community anchor institutions are in direct and indirect contact with the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority to order both telephone and broadband services. As the fiber project continues, the Tribal community anchor institution customers not currently served by fiber facilities, will have available to them faster broadband speeds as the fiber project is completed.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is very sensitive to the Tribe’s culture and the marketing of the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority’s services. Service offerings and packages are discussed at all staff levels and are reviewed by Tribal attorneys, ensuring cultural sensitivity.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in compliance with land use permitting requirements, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes with the Tribe.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority retains all the required business and licensing requirements which include certificates of public convenience and necessity, business license, master license and any other related forms expected by the Tribe.

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) 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).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 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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Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
TRIBAL LIFELINE/LINKUP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2016

Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority

Address: PO Box 810
100 Main Street
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Telephone Number: (605) 964-2600

Company Contact: Jo Beth Dupris

Study Area Code: 391647

Tribal Lifeline/Linkup Advertising/Outreach Activities:

Advertise in media of general distribution. *(See attached advertisement(s).)

Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Tribal Lifeline/Linkup. * (See attached letter.)

Company's Tribal Lifeline/Linkup information in directory.

Company's Tribal Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Tribal Lifeline/Linkup Brochure

*Required

OBITUARIES

Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg



entered the spirit world on October 6, 2015. Lee's family included brothers, Terry, Jason, and Les, and sister, Joy Logg.

Lee married MaShawn White Wolf and his children were Traden, Trevor, Jason, Layken Logg and Chantel Shepard. His nieces and nephews are Jaxson, Ryker, Aftan, Brooklyn, Rian, Kiana Logg of Eagle Butte, and Alexandria, Caleb, Lawson Sadowski of St. Paul, MN. Lee had a little dog named "Peanut" who meant the world to him.

Lee graduated from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte in 1994 and participated in all sports with all-state honors in basketball. After his military service Lee played college basketball at the United Tribes in Bismarck, ND, and Huron University in South Dakota. He fondly talked about playing with his brother, Jason as they were an inside/outside combination.

In the US Army, Lee was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and was proud of his service.

Lee's jobs were in physical fitness area and was a certified personal trainer.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jason Logg, maternal grandparents, Raymond and Pearl White Eagle, and paternal grandmother, Rachel Logg.

Funeral services for Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg age 39 of Eagle Butte, WEREe at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Old Agency Building in Eagle Butte. A meal will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the congregation cemetery in LaPlante under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Moberg. An all-night wake will start at 7 PM Monday at the Old Agency Building. Lee was found Saturday, October 31, 2015 near Eagle Butte, SD.

Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg "Wambli Hoksila" was born on August 1, 1976 at Ft. Carson, CO, to Leland and Robyn Logg. Lee

Rochelle Ducheneaux

Rochelle Ducheneaux, 70, of rural Gettysburg, passed away, Sunday, November 8, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. Funeral services are currently pending.

Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte has been entrusted with Rochelle's arrangements.

David "Butch" Thompson

Funeral services for David "Butch" Thompson, 71, of Timber Lake, SD, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Timber Lake Community Center.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery in Promise under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Moberg.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 from 4PM to 7PM at the funeral home.

Butch passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at the Moberg Regional Hospital of Moberg, SD.

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Your Questions & Answers

Social Security Administration
Howard I. Kossover, Public Affairs Specialist

Q: Will the amount I can earn before my Social Security retirement is reduced change in 2016?
A: The 2016 amounts will be the same as for 2015. They are not changing.

The annual retirement earnings test concerns how your own employment in a year affects your Social Security retirement or survivors benefits in that year. It includes only your personal gross wages or net self-employment for the full calendar year. Your other income or income of a spouse is not applicable.

As of when I wrote this, the Retirement Planner section of the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/, shows only 2015, but this same information will apply for 2016. Since there is not a 2016 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) change, the earnings test amounts will not change either.

COLA information on the SSA website has the 2016 earnings test amounts and states that "The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will remain \$15,720. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$15,720.)"

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2016 will stay at \$41,880. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$41,880 until the month the worker turns age 66.) There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year.

The earnings test does not apply to people receiving benefits due to their own disability. If receiving disability, contact Social Security before working.

Q: Can I use the Social Security online retirement application even if already on Medicare?

A: Yes, you can. Complete your retirement application about 3 months before you want benefits to begin. You can file online for Social Security retirement, just for Medicare or for both retirement and Medicare.

If already receiving Social Security benefits when reaching age 65, you cannot file online for Medicare because Medicare information is automatically sent to you.

Online SSA applications are available to apply for benefits as a spouse or for disability. More Social Security online services are at www.ssa.gov/onlineservices/.

Based in Grand Forks, Howard I. Kossover is the Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for North Dakota and western Minnesota. Send general interest questions to him at howard.kossover@ssa.gov. Read his online articles at <http://socialsecurityinfo.areavoice.com/>.

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UCC Church, Eagle Butte Pastor Pauline Webb
Sundays - September - December 9:00 a.m. Sundays
UCC Church, Dunbar
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Evangelical Lutheran Church, AFLC Rev. Mark Richardson
Sundays - 9:30 a.m. • Wednesdays - 10th Bible School (14 years - 6th grade) 4:30-5:30
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7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship • 7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service • 6 p.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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St. Peter's, Thunder Butte, 3rd Sunday, 1pm • St. James's, Bear Creek, 3rd Sunday, 4pm
Ascension, Black Foot, 4th Sunday, 11am (CT)
St. Mary's, Promise, 4th Sunday, 2pm (CT)

Eagle Wing Baptist Church, Dunbar • Pastor Sam Cwon
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Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Dunbar
Pastor Choc Garreau Sunday Serv. - 10 a.m.

La Plant Baptist Church - Pastor Matthew Dickerson
12:30 p.m. CST Sunday Family Worship • 7 p.m. CST Wednesday Children's Outreach
Whitehorse Community Center

Warriors for Christ Baptist Church - Pastor Matthew Dickerson
10 a.m. CST Sunday Family Worship at Bob's Retreat Lot #743
4 p.m. CST Sunday Children's Outreach, Swiftland Community Center

Cherry Creek Memorial Church - Pastor Merle Beady (538-4318)
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Bohning

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Gugliotta discovered just how highly esteemed Bohning was in the eyes of Caribbean politicians one morning when George Price, the eccentric but charming prime minister of Belize, popped in without warning at the old Herald building on Biscayne Boulevard, having flown to Miami and then taking a bus to see Bohning for an impromptu chat. Minutes later, two harried Secret Service agents burst into the Herald lobby, frantic that their charge had wandered away. Bohning was nonplussed neither by the arrival of Price nor that of the distraught agents. His patience and tranquility in the face of maddog detractors and penurious publishers were

legendary. He stayed calm even in the face of the serial catastrophes that marked his attempt to cover the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983.

The U.S. military was barring reporters from the scene, but Bohning and five other reporters hired a smuggler with a speedboat in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to slip them in. Making its final run to shore through bombing and artillery fire, the boat capsized, destroying all Bohning's notes and recordings.

Reaching shore, in a surreal landscape of bombed damage strewn with corpses and a chorus of barking madmen who escaped from a nearby asylum when it was mistakenly bombed, Bohning and the rest of the

group were arrested first by a left-wing children's militia and then by the U.S. military, which held them incommunicado on a naval vehicle, unable to file their stories.

"Everybody else was furious and screaming at each other, but Don just stayed calm, figuring it would all get sorted out sooner or later," recalled Diederich, who was part of the group. "He was always like that. The only time I ever saw him a little flustered, maybe, was in Nicaragua in 1979, when the Somoza government was falling to rebels, and one of Somoza's mercenaries came to Don's hotel room and robbed him."

What left permanent scars on Bohning's soul, though, was not the robbery in Managua but covering the 1978 mass suicide of the Peoples Temple cult in Guyana. It left him quiet and depressed for months.

"Don was at the airport in Georgetown, the capital, where aircraft after aircraft was landing, bringing back the bodies from the jungle," remembers former Herald photographer Tim Chapman, who also covered the story. "So he saw every single one of those 912 bodies or exactly however many it was come in. And remember, a third of them were children; the People Temple members weren't just killing themselves, they were murdering their own children, too."

"We talked about it many times — that's an exclusive club, those of us who saw it, and it never leaves you, and there's no way of really describing it to anyone else — and he never really got over it. 'At least in a revolution, you can figure out why people are killing each other,' he would say. 'But this never made any sense.' Don, when he covered a story, always wanted to know why, and Guyana didn't have a why."

Bohning is survived by his son, Leo, of Colorado, and daughter, Lori, of central Florida; and by his wife of 60 years, former Barry University education professor Gerry Bohning. He was holding her hand when he died.

A friendship gathering will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fred Hunter Funeral Home at 2401 S. University Dr. in Davie. A brief service will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by a procession to the cemetery.

Parade of Trees

The Dupree School's Math/Art Committee is once again hosting their "Parade of Trees" in conjunction with the Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 1:30 p.m. We encourage any community group to bring decorated trees to the school before Dec. 9. Interested

groups may contact any committee member. Please call 365-5140.

Committee members are: Pamela Ross, Susie De La Rosa, Tether Lundberg Tracie Henderson, Corrina Thompson, Eunice Moudy.

Stray Thoughts

What Kids Should Learn

By Mark Peacock

Kids should learn to listen, not to make the teacher smile but to pave the way for what they have to say when their own words are on trial.

Kids should learn to figure, both in groups and all alone if they can figure it out it will give them clout when they're out there on their own.

Kids should learn to think, and not just from their own side to see truth and lies through their neighbor's eyes, with a mind that's open wide.

Kids should learn to do, on their own, from start to stop if they learn to climb on their own time, they can make it to the top.

Kids should learn to create, through music, art and dance through their own hands they'll understand, why the creative take that chance.

Kids should learn to contemplate, to anticipate what will come to pass to wait their turn will help them learn to be patient and to have class.

Kids should learn about the old, how they succeeded and what it took what their elders know will help them grow, and you can't learn this from a book.

Kids should learn to speak, what's on their mind, what's in their soul and try leadership on and not be a pawn, so they don't have to fill that role.

Kids should learn to cooperate, to help as members of a team to set ego aside, along with their pride, and help others with a shared dream.

Kids should learn to tire, from working hard for what they need if their time is lost for the price it cost, they will learn this well, indeed.

Kids should learn of value, what money is and what it's not what it can't buy no matter how you try, some things take more than you've got.

Kids should learn to sweat, to work out by their own direction not for their team, but for self-esteem, and for their own health and protection.

For kids to learn what they should know, they need to focus while they're in school they must learn to try, and not just get by, or they will end up the fool.

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Answering your questions....

Since announcing that the *Timber Lake Topic* and *Isabel Dakotan* will be combined as of January 1, 2016, we have had many positive and encouraging comments and messages. **Thank you!**

We have also had a few questions, which we will try to answer in the coming weeks.

QUESTION: Will the paper still have the same news and other things in it?

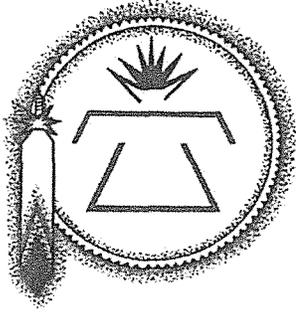
ANSWER: We plan to continue to provide good news coverage of the area we serve. The content of the paper will be driven by the news that is happening. We will try to attend as many meetings and events as possible. We will have court reports, police reports, property transfers, weather and other "On the Record" information. We think readers will expect to see feature stories, an editorial page, sports and lots of photos. We ask readers to send in baby announcements, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and obituaries. (*We do not charge for obituaries.*) We will also print a calendar of events each week

and each month and continue popular features such as the stories from past issues of both the *Topic* and the *Dakotan*. The crossword puzzle will be new to *Topic* readers and a bonus for *Dakotan* subscribers will be Jack Bickel's "Sparks from Firesteel" column and Karen Holzer's feature stories. We are open to suggestions for changes and additions and we ask you to please let us know what you expect from your newspaper.

Have questions?

Call Kathy or Bob at 605-865-3546,
605-466-2258 or 605-760-9182,
or 1-800-664-3546

Timber Lake
TOPIC
CONTINUING THE *ISABEL DAKOTAN*



C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

March 1, 2016

Dear C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority Customer,

Please read this letter carefully.

Individuals who reside on tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for discounts [on the telephone bill] through **Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs**. Tribal lands are defined as any federally-recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony; Indian Allotments; and areas that fall outside the boundaries of existing Tribal lands but have been designated by the Federal Communications Commission as Tribal lands for the purpose of receiving Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support.

Tribal Lifeline helps eligible residents of tribal lands save up to \$34.25 on their monthly phone bill. The discount applies to wireline or wireless residential telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household. **Tribal Link Up** provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for new telephone service at the applicant's primary residence. The discount is a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge to initiate telecommunications service. Link Up also allows you to pay any remaining amount owed on initiation of service (up to \$200) on a deferred schedule, interest free.

Eligible consumers may also be able to sign up for free toll blocking or toll limitation service that either blocks or limits long-distance calls from your phone.

Both programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
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- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines (*see table below*).

2016 Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines			
Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,038	5	\$38,394
2	\$21,627	6	\$43,983
3	\$27,216	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,805	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037
(Applicable to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia only.)

To apply for **Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up on Tribal Lands**, contact Solix at 1-888-587-7035 for a Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up Assistance Application, complete the form, and then return it to **Lifeline Administrator, 30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685**. A representative from Solix will contact you to verify your eligibility and complete the application process. You will be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility.

Important Information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as a credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Telephone Assistance Programs Proof of Eligibility

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you may be asked to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

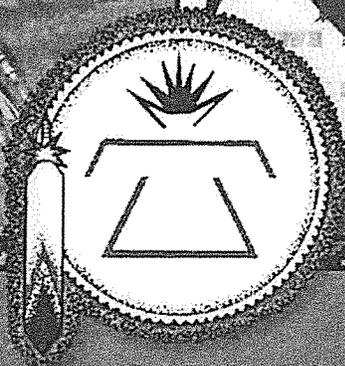
If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on **program-based eligibility**, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating that the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents, or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

Sincerely,

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

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 Dewey County Courthouse 1-800-894-3501
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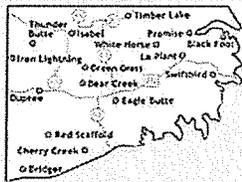
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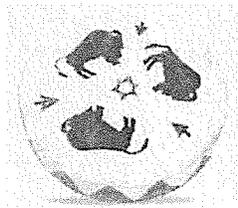
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Qualifying customers who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This program can decrease your local monthly telephone service by as much as \$22.75 per month.



On January 01, 1998, the basic Lifeline and Linkup program was implemented. This program was designed to assist low-income consumers with the cost of basic telephone service. On October 01, 2001, the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-up rules were implemented. This "enhanced" program applies to low income consumers living on tribal lands.

Eligibility Requirements:

This low income federal telephone assistance program is available to eligible subscribers that are participating in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
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- Household Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
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2015 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

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Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Wireless
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Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Home Phone
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LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD WITH C.R.S.T. TELEPHONE AUTHORITY

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority began its formal organizational history in 1958 when the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe purchased a privately owned telephone company from the Harding family. Chairman Frank Ducheneaux Sr. led the effort and \$105,000.00 later, the first tribal telephone company in the United States became reality. As a role model during the past 60 years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has inspired eight other tribes to start their own telecommunication companies.

In recent years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has been working diligently on getting customers cut over to the new fiber optic service from the old copper cable service in order to enhance services. As this project nears completion, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority will be evaluating additional services such as Over the Top Television, Home Security Systems, and Prepaid Wi-Fi.

C.R.S.T. Telephone will celebrate 60 years of business in 2018, and we look forward to continuing our success into the next 60 years.

For more information about Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up, just give us a call or stop by our office.

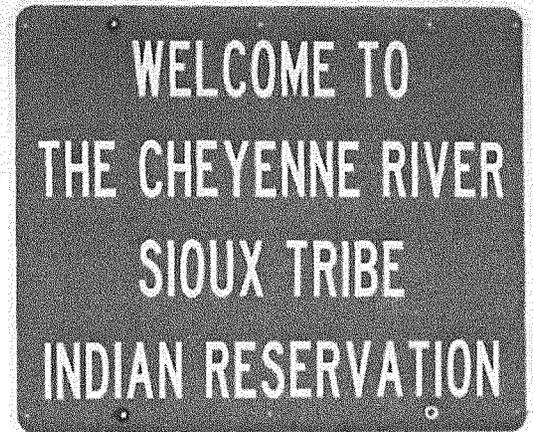


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TRIBAL LIFELINE AND TRIBAL LINK UP

PHONE DISCOUNTS FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF TRIBAL LANDS



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Both the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines (see table below).

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up on Tribal Lands, contact Solix at 1-888-587-7035 for a Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up Assistance Application, complete the form, and then return it to **Lifeline Administrator, 30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685**. A representative from Solix will contact you to verify your eligibility and complete the application process. You will be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility.

Important Information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as a credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you may be asked to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on program-based eligibility, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating that the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents, or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program

2016 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,038	5	\$38,394
2	\$21,627	6	\$43,983
3	\$27,216	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,805	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037 (Applicable to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia only.)

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
391647

Line 1222 Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority only provides its lifeline customers a flat rate local service. There is no measured local service provided, so the number of minutes provided is not necessary.

Line 1223 Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority provides access to toll service providers for its lifeline customers. The lifeline customer has to choose its own toll service provider, so no additional charges are noted or required by the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010>	Study Area Code	391647
<015>	Study Area Name	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Mona Thompson
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6059642600 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	monat@lakotanetwork.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental 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)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information <input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information <input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	

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)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii) Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

<010> Study Area Code 391647
 <015> Study Area Name CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
 <020> Program Year 2017
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Mona Thompson
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
 Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Yes - Attach Certification

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or
 (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.
 If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

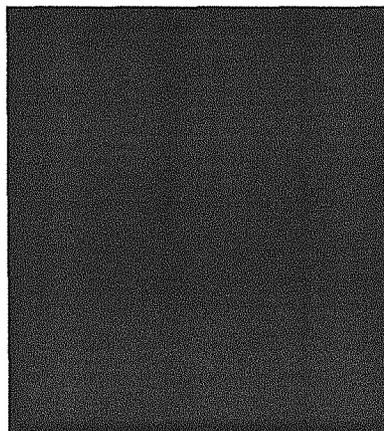
(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

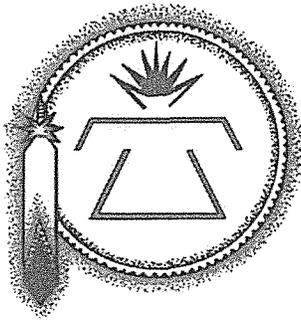
(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
		July 2013

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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends





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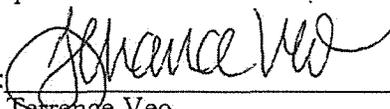
July 1, 2016

To: Commission Secretary, Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Form 481
47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i)
Milestone Certification
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Eagle Butte, South Dakota
Study Area Code 391647

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority, SAC 391647, ("Authority") hereby certifies as required by 47 CFR 54.313 (f)(1)(i) for the FCC Form 481 program year 2017 that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such services are met within a reasonable amount of time, if requested.

No such request has been received. The Authority is in its final stages of implementation of their fiber-to-the-home project for their whole serving area. The last exchange, Isabel is to be completed in 2016.

By: 

Ferrance Veo
Board President

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
NEW COMMUNITY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS IN STUDY AREA 391647
LINE 3012b

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1	BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	24343 US HIGHWAY 212	EAGLE BUTTE	SD	57625
2	MEDICINE WHEEL VILLAGE (ELDERLY NURSING HOME)	24266 E AIRPORT RD	EAGLE BUTTE	SD	57625
3	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	323 MAIN STREET	DUPREE	SD	57623
4	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	18 SOUTH 2ND AVE	WHITE HORSE	SD	57661
5	THREE RIVERS MENTAL HEALTH	404 S SPIEL CT	EAGLE BUTTE	SD	57625

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USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	<i>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.</i> BORROWER NAME Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
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<i>INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.</i>	PERIOD ENDING December, 2015	BORROWER DESIGNATION SD0533
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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

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable	395,788	83,457
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	64,946	70,138
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	2,349,207	2,490,359
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	20,626	30,956
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities	57,146	54,588
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	2,887,713	2,729,498
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	27,650,100	29,243,654
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	34,255	
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			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		182,145
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	27,684,355	29,425,799
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
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)	0	0
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
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	5,644,766	7,338,370
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	5,644,766	7,338,370
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	36,216,834	39,493,667

Total Equity = 18.58% % of Total Assets

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

BORROWER DESIGNATION

SD0533

PERIOD ENDING

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		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
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		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
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		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
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		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
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		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
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 C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Dupree							
Eagle Butte							
Isabel							
LaPlant							
South Dupree							
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

4. BROADBAND SERVICE

Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service

EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Dupree								
Eagle Butte								
Isabel								
LaPlant								
South Dupree								
Total								

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	BORROWER DESIGNATION SD0533 <hr/> PERIOD ENDING December, 2015
<i>INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</i>	

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
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PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 391647 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width:20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td style="width:40%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>	Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	Intrastate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
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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 <i>(a)</i>	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year <i>(b)</i>	Income/Loss This Year <i>(c)</i>	Cumulative Investment To Date <i>(d)</i>	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date <i>(e)</i>	Current Balance <i>(f)</i>
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	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
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	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2. Net Income			
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>			
3. Add: Depreciation			
4. Add: Amortization			
5. Other (Explain) Reclassify non-regulated plant depreciation from investing activities			
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>			
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable			
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory			
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges			
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets			
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable			
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments			
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities			
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable			
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable			
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits			
17. 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 Certificates & 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 ACTIVITIES			
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)			
25. Other Long-Term Investments			
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences			
27. Other (Explain) Reclassifying non-regulated depreciation to operating activities and non-regulated plant adjustment			
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities			
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash			
30. Ending Cash			

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Part C. 4. Broadband column e, inputted 1,500 Kbps for upload speed. However actual upload speed is 1,000 Kbps, this option was not available on the drop down list.	

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(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	391647
<015>	Study Area Name	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Moua Thompson
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6059642600 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	mouata@akotaznetwork.com

4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	monat@lakotanetwork.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I 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:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<015> Study Area Name	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

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) <u>Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.</u> 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:	Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Mona Thompson
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	General Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6059642600 ext. 252
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	391647 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
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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:	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Jenifer Wasnock
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	2535667070 ext. 278
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