Attachments

#### **RT Communications, Inc.** Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

### 54.313(a)(5) Satisfactions of Consumer Protection and Service Quality Standards

#### Consumer Protection

#### Voice and Broadband

**RT Communications, Inc.** complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

#### Service Quality Standards

Voice

**RT Communications, Inc.** complies with the service quality standard rules of the Federal Communications Commission and with the State of Wyoming as promulgated in the Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules 501 and 503. New employees are trained on the internal processes designed to meet those standards as required by their job functions. RT Communications, Inc. is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers.

#### Broadband

**RT Communications, Inc**. complies with the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers.

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Annual Certification

Gail Rainey Printed Name of Officer

<u>Chief Financial Officer</u> Title of Officer

<u>RT Communications, Inc.</u> Company Name

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of the Company. I hereby certify that the Company is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

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### I. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the RT Communications, Inc. (RT) Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Plan is to protect RT and its employees from serious injury, property loss, or loss of life in the event of a major disaster. The secondary purpose of the RT Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Plan is to assure the continuation of communications service to RT customers in the event of a Disaster or emergency. A Disaster or emergency constitutes any one of the following: fire, severe weather such as tornado, flood, earthquake, blizzard conditions as set forth by community leader, bomb threat, pandemic or hazardous chemical spill.

In the event of any Disaster or emergency listed, this plan describes the responsibilities and actions to be taken to protect all employees and property.

### **II. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

A Disaster or emergency warning may come from any one of the following sources: commercial radio or television, civil defense radio, office alarm system, messenger, General Manager or police.

#### A. Notification of Emergency Warning

A person receiving notification of a possible Disaster or emergency should immediately notify their immediate supervisor. The type of Disaster or emergency situation should then be conveyed to all employees with the use of the office emergency alarm and/or paging system.

### **B.** Emergency Control Committee (ECC)

The following personnel will constitute the Emergency Control Committee (ECC). In the event of a Disaster or emergency, they are to report to a designated Emergency Control Center unless the prevailing situation dictates otherwise.

#### VICE PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER

Phone: 307-347-7000 Direct: 307-347-7003 Mobile: 307-431-9070

### **OPERATIONS MANAGER/ENGINEERING MANAGER**

Phone:	307-347-7000
Direct:	307-347-7009
Mobile:	307-431-7497

### PLANT MANAGER

Phone:	307-347-7000
Direct:	307-347-7008
Mobile:	307-431-9055
Home:	307-347-2000

### PLANT SUPERVISOR

Phone:	307-347-7000
Direct:	307-347-7062
Mobile:	307-629-0740

#### CONTROLLER

Phone:	307-347-7000
Direct:	307-347-7005
Mobile:	307-431-9076

### C. Safety Supervisor

The **PLANT Manager** has been designated as the Safety Supervisor and serves as the coordinator for all safety and safety training issues.

### **D. Emergency Control Committee (ECC) Responsibilities**

Following is a list of responsibilities assigned to the Emergency Control Committee (ECC):

- 1. Assess the nature and extent of all emergencies
- 2. Assume control of all emergency actions.
  - a. Notify and coordinate with Emergency Response, Public Safety Answering (PSAP), Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT)-County Notification
  - b. Wyoming PSC if necessary 307-777-5722
  - c. Montana PSC if necessary 406-444-6199
- 3. Communicate emergency to employees
- 4. Assign tasks to personnel to carry out specific actions
- 5. Order evacuation if deemed necessary a. Account for all employees
- 6. Take any other action necessary to protect life
- 7. Annually review this plan and revise as necessary
- 8. Plan training exercises to test the evacuation plan
- 9. Instruct personnel of their duties under this plan

In any Disaster or emergency situation, the ranking member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) present shall have final authority to coordinate procedures, and amend, modify or supersede any provisions of this plan in order to ensure employee safety.

#### E. Emergency Control Center

Emergency actions should be coordinated at the Emergency Control Center, which will be designated as the General Manager's office at 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Worland, WY.

If the emergency situation warrants the committee members to meet at the RT Network Operations Center located at 415 Lawson Street, Worland, Wyoming; it will be the General Manager's responsibility or ranking manager to notify, and give the location where members are needed.

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### F. First Aid Services

Any member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) will administer first aid as needed. He/She will be available to administer first aid in the office, or in the event of a complete evacuation, at a safe assembly area outside the office. In addition, several other RT employees have also successfully completed Basic First Aid and CPR training, and may be called upon by a member of the Emergency Control Committee if the situation warrants. – Notify EMS immediately if First Aid or CPR warranted.

### **G. Utility Controls**

The Émergency Control Committee (ECC) members will notify Gas and/or Electric Utility to have the power and/or gas shut off.

#### H. News Information

Information to any source of the news media will only be released at the discretion of the General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Technical Officer or Director of Marketing.

#### **III. EMERGENCY ALARMS**

#### A. Fire Alarm System

In the event of a fire, the alarm system will be activated. In addition, a member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) will make an announcement over the paging system stating an emergency exists. Upon hearing the alarm or announcement, employees should, immediately proceed to the designated evacuation site located at the Warehouse Building next to the premises. A roll call using the Fire/Evacuation Plans and Current Employee Roster will be called to ensure employees are safe. In addition, all visitors in the building must be accounted for.

#### B. Action

When the alarm is activated or an announcement is made, at least one (1) member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) shall report to the designated evacuation site outside the office complex. That Committee member should ensure that

outside employees do not re-enter the building. The remaining members of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) other members should take any necessary actions to ensure safety of the employees and visitors and notify proper agencies for needed services.

### C. Office-Wide Evacuation Alarm

With the exception of a fire alarm, employees should not evacuate the building unless authorized by the Emergency Control Committee (ECC). The signal alarm for an office wide evacuation will be a continuous alarm and/or an announcement by a member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) over the paging system stating an evacuation is ordered.

### D. Segmented Area Evacuation

The signal/alarm for a segmented area evacuation will also be a continuous alarm and/or an announcement over the paging system by a member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC), stating a segmented evacuation is ordered. A member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) will have the authority to activate this alarm and give appropriate instructions to employees to ensure safety. It is the responsibility of this person to alert all employees as to what type of emergency is occurring and the location of the emergency.

Once at the assembly site, an employee roll call will be conducted and reported to an Emergency Control Committee (ECC) member. In addition, all visitors in the building must be accounted for.

#### E. Phone Listings

Listings of all emergency telephone numbers are located at the receptionist desk and in the offices of all Emergency Control Committee (ECC) members.

If the emergency occurs during other than normal working hours, the General Manager or Plant Manager will notify the other emergency control team with an announcement of where the control committee will meet. If the business office has not been affected then the conference rooms at the business office, if the office building has been affected then meet at the Warehouse Building location.

#### **IV. EVACUATION SITES**

A map of all evacuation sites will be displayed in the **conference room** and throughout the departments. Each map will show the route and exit to take depending on where employees are located in the office. It will be the responsibility of the Safety Supervisor to inform employees of these evacuation routes.

#### V. EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE FOR DISASTERS

An emergency shutdown will only be ordered from the highest-ranking member of the Emergency Control Committee. No employee should risk any type of injury to accomplish this task. However, if time permits, the following duties should be performed:

- 1. All aisles and exit ways should be free of obstructions.
- 2. The Plant Manager should call Utility to shut off gas lines and the electrical supply. In the event that the Safety Supervisor is unavailable, a member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) shall take such action.
- 3. In the event of a disaster or emergency, the following procedures should be put in effect by the Safety Supervisor or other members of the **Emergency Control Committee (ECC)**:

### V.1 TORNADO

- 1. Listen for the latest advisories on the radio.
- 2. Utilize exterior cameras for outside observation.
- 3. If necessary, initiate applicable emergency shutdown procedure.
- 4. Make an announcement over the paging system stating "A tornado emergency exits please proceed to the basement."
- 5. Move personnel into the designated tornado safe assembly area within the building in the basement by the caged area behind the break room. Once all are assembled, a roll call will be taken.
- 6. Account for all visitors.
- 7. After the tornado passes, restore calm and check for injuries.

### V.2 SEVERE WEATHER/BLIZZARD

- 1. Listen; or watch for weather advisories on the radio, television or Internet.
- 2. Depending on weather severity, e.g., (Mayor shuts down the town for safety reasons etc.), the General Manager will make the determination on whether to initiate emergency office closure.
  - a. Management staff and key office personnel may be required to work remotely (telecommute) if they are equipped to do so. Key employees are defined as those in management and customer contact individuals such as Customer Service Specialists and Plant Technicians including IT. The phones will need to be routed to reach key employees by landline or cell phone.
  - b. For service outages, network personnel will respond when city officials or the Emergency Control committee has deemed it safe to do so.
- 3. Managers will notify their staff immediately of office closure once the decisions have been made. Each manager should have a copy of all contact names and numbers along with the employee roster.
- 4. In the event of Department of Transportation (DOT) road closures where the office remains open, staff that are unable to make it to the office will be required to take vacation. In the event that employees do not have accrued vacation they will go negative on the books and future accrual will be used to back fill unavailable vacation balance.

### V.3 EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake will usually occur without warning. Due to the suddenness, all personnel should:

- 1. Drop to the ground
- 2. Take Cover
- 3. Hold On Until the shaking stops
- 4. Additional information
  - a. If there isn't a table or desk near you, drop to the ground in an inside corner of the building and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not try to run to another room just to get under a table.
  - b. Studies of injuries and deaths caused by earthquakes in the U.S. over the last several decades indicate you are much more likely to be injured by falling or flying objects (TVs, lamps. glass, bookcases, etc.) than to die in a collapsed building. "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" offers the best overall level of protection in most situations.
  - c. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EXIT THE BUILDING NO ONE SHOULD GO OUTSIDE THE BUILDING.
- 5. After an earthquake has stopped, the following procedure should be initiated:
  - a. All employees should help restore calm to fellow employees.
  - b. Emergency Control Committee (ECC) members should check for injuries and provide first aid as needed.
  - c. Evacuate the building immediately following the earthquake. Damage to the structure may have resulted. Proceed to the designated assembly area.
  - d. The Safety Supervisor should check for fires and shut off all
  - gas, electricity, and water at main controls.
     e. The building should be inspected by a member of the Emergency Control Committee for damage.
  - f. The Emergency Control Committee should then notify proper utility companies or other services as needed.

#### V.4 FIRE/BOMB THREAT

In the event of a fire, appropriate actions as defined under Section III. A-C. "Office-Wide Evacuation Alarms" shall be taken.

### V.5 PANDEMIC

A pandemic is an epidemic disease that spreads to other communities usually beyond national borders. In the event of a pandemic such as Bird Flu or H1N1 the following procedure should be initiated.

- 1. Listen, or watch for advisories on the radio, television or Internet of an upcoming Pandemic.
- 2. Once identified the General Manager and/or Control Committee will initiate office closure procedures.
- 3. The following key employees will have and maintain internet access and phone service so they can telecommute if necessary.
  - a. General Manager
  - b. Operation Manager

- c. Plant Manager
- d. Finance & Administration Manager
- e. Controller
- f. IT Supervisor
- g. Central Office Manager
- h. Customer Service Specialists
- i. Network Technicians
- 4. In case of pandemic, all calls will be dispatched to the Plant Manager for call out to the technicians.
- 5. If quarantine goes into effect, technicians will not go beyond the demarcation point at any residence or business.
- 6. Technicians will wear masks to cover their nose and mouth and can walk away from any trouble where they may be exposed to the virus.
- 7. Employees who are sick with the virus or other ailment must report their illness to their department head immediately and take leave.
- 8. Once the pandemic is lessened or the quarantine is removed, all employees will be notified to report back to the office.

### VI. HOUSEKEEPING

Good housekeeping will be the responsibility of all RT employees and includes the following:

- A. Waste materials are to be discarded in their proper places.
- B. All aisles and exits will be kept clear.
- C. All areas to fire extinguishers will be kept clear for access.
- D. All employees will be instructed and receive and electronic copy on the "RT Communications Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Plan."
- E. Emergency telephone numbers will be posted at the front desk and in the lower level break room.
- F. The Safety Supervisor will be responsible for instructing employees on how to handle, store, and maintain hazardous materials properly.

### SECTION 1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### I. PURPOSE

This Section 1 provides an Emergency Response Plan for restoring communications services following an outage resulting from a disaster or emergency. It also identifies critical communications services requiring immediate restoration to support disaster recovery efforts.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

In the event of a Disaster or emergency, the warning may come from any one of the following sources: commercial radio or television, civil defense radio, office alarm system, messenger, or police.

- A. Disaster or Emergency A significant event resulting in the partial or entire loss of communications capability within an exchange serving area. A significant event can include any major natural occurrence such as a flood, earthquake, fire, tornado or other severe weather, or an unnatural occurrence such as a bombing, arson, or other terrorist related threat. Other events can include, but not be limited to, an intentional or unintentional fiber or copper cable cut.
- **B. Emergency Control Committee (ECC)** The RT Emergency Response Team is a group of employees designated and assembled to respond to a Disaster or emergency. The RT Emergency Response Team consists of the following employees:
  - 1. General Manager
  - 2. Operation Manager
  - 3. Plant Manager
  - 4. Plant Supervisor
  - 5. IT Supervisor
  - 6 Controller

### III. DISASTER /EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A member of the Emergency Control Committee (ECC) shall be contacted immediately upon the report of a Disaster or emergency and the following actions shall be taken:

- A. The Committee shall immediately establish the Emergency Control Center and reroute communications as appropriate to this location.
- B. Contact Federal, State of Montana, and/or Wyoming PSC, City and County authorities

- C. In the event of land-line failure, mobile communications shall be arranged at the Emergency Control Center.
- D. The Committee shall use Email and/or mobile text messaging capability (as available) in the event that voice communications are unavailable.
- E. As soon as it is safe to do so, the Committee shall arrange and dispatch the appropriate resources for restoration of any damaged facilities.
- F. Restoration of essential communication services shall be completed in the following order:
  - 1. "Emergency Services" to include 911 service and local law enforcement, fire department and search and rescue departments.
  - 2. "Essential Services" to include hospitals, doctors offices, medical centers, etc., TOLL trunks and trunk circuits to include mobile phone service trunking.
  - 3. "Public Customer Services" to include city, county, state and federal facilities including schools.
  - 4. "Business Customer Services" to include large and small business customers
  - 5. "Residential Customer Services" to include all remaining communication services

### SECTION 2 SERVICE RESTORATION RESPONSE

### I. PURPOSE

Section 2 provides a Service Restoration Response in the event of a major outage. A major outage is defined as any event resulting in a simultaneous disruption of service to ten (10) or more communications customers in an exchange area.

### II. PERSONNEL

RT personnel within the following departments will be assigned duties as described in Section 2, and are responsible for assuring completion of the Service Restoration Response Process.

ALL	Includes all Personnel
ADMINISTRATION	Includes all Management Personnel
PLANT	Includes all Plant & Engineering Personnel
IT/IS	Includes all Information Technology, Information
	Services and Internet Personnel
COMMERCIAL	Includes all Finance & Customer Service Personnel

### III. RESTORATION RESPONSE AND RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL

- A. Switch Disaster (Voice Switching) In the event of a loss of circuit switching capabilities due to a disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately inform ADMINISTRATION and COMMERCIAL and proceed to contact the Switch Administrator at RT noted on the supplies and contractors list here to attached as Exhibit A, the cause of the outage and coordinate restoration efforts. Both ADMINISTRATION and COMMERCIAL shall be informed upon successful restoration of the Circuit Switch.
- **B.** Trunking and Interconnection Disaster (Transmission Systems) In the event of a loss of trunking and interconnection services related to a SONET Systems failure caused by a Disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately inform COMMERCIAL and proceed to coordinate efforts with the Affiliated Companies listed in attached Exhibit B, to determine the cause of the outage, and take actions as outlined in the "Fiber Optic Network Affiliate Agreement, Attachment B – Operations and Maintenance". COMMERCIAL shall be informed upon successful restoration of the SONET System.

- **C. Trunking and Interconnection Disaster (Cable Systems)** In the event of a loss of trunking and interconnection services related to a cable systems failure caused by a disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately inform COMMERCIAL and proceed to coordinate efforts with the affiliated companies listed in Exhibit C, hereto attached, as defined in the Fiber Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement to determine the cause and location of the outage, and take subsequent restoration actions as defined in the Fiber Facilities Restoration Plan. COMMERCIAL shall be informed upon successful restoration of the cable system.
- D. Commercial AC Power Disaster In the event of a loss of Commercial Alternating Current (AC) power caused by a disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately confirm the functionality of emergency standby generator systems and then inform ADMINISTRATION of the situation, proceeding to contact the appropriate utility company as identified in the Suppliers & Contractors list, as attached as Exhibit B, to determine the cause of the outage. If Commercial power cannot be restored within a reasonable time, emergency standby generator systems shall be monitored regularly to assure continued power to the DC power systems and backup batteries.
- E. DC Power Systems and Backup Battery Disaster In the event of a loss of Direct Current (DC) power systems caused by a disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately coordinate efforts to determine the cause of the outage. If DC power cannot be restored due to rectifier failure or destruction, PLANT shall contact Thermobond Buildings as noted in the Suppliers & Contractors List attached as Exhibit B to coordinate restoration, repair or replacement with the power equipment vendor.
- F. Off-Net Private Line and Special Circuits Disaster In the event of a loss of Private Line and Special Circuits provided by an off-net carrier due to a disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately contact the off-net carrier to determine the cause of the outage. Upon determining the cause of the outage and the estimated restoral time, PLANT shall inform COMMERCIAL of the circumstances. COMMERCIAL will relay the appropriate information to the customer or end user.
- **G. Long Distance Service Disaster** In the event of a loss of Long Distance service as a result of a disaster or emergency, RT shall immediately contact ACT, Vision Net, and/or Centurylink as noted in the attached Suppliers & Contractors List to report such outage and to coordinate restoration or repair.

- H. Internet Service Disaster In the event of a loss of Email or web service access due to a disaster or emergency, RT shall immediately contact ACT and/or Vision Net as noted on the Supplies & Contractors List as Exhibit B, to assist in identifying the cause of the loss of Email or Web service and inform COMMERCIAL of the outage and approximate time to restore service. COMMERCIAL will relay the appropriate information to the customer or end user.
- I. Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) and Digital Loop Carrier Systems (DLC) Disaster – In the event of a loss of DSL and/or voice services relating to a DSLAM or DLC Disaster or emergency, PLANT shall immediately work to determine the cause of the outage. If determined necessary PLANT shall contact the appropriate vendor as noted on the Supplies & Contractors List, Exhibit B, to repair or replace the damaged equipment, and inform COMMERCIAL of the outage and approximate time to repair. COMMERCIAL will notify the customer or end user.
- J. Operations Support Systems (OSS) In the event of a loss of Operations Support Systems relating to a disaster or emergency, IT shall be immediately contacted to determine the cause of the outage. COMMERCIAL and ADMINISTRATION shall be informed of the outage and coordinate with the IT Coordinator to determine how long it will take to repair or replace the damaged OSS equipment or Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity.

### SECTION 3 COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION

### I. PURPOSE

Section 3 provides general guidelines for inter-departmental communications and coordination in the event of an disaster or emergency. These guidelines are intended to complement, not supersede, RT's existing work procedures. All actions outlined in this section are intended to expedite the repair and restoration of communications services to the community affected by the disaster or emergency.

### II. COORDINATION AND STAFFING

Emergency staffing needs and employee scheduling will be determined by the Emergency Control Committee who shall coordinate all restorations and repair oversight from the Emergency Control Center.

### **Emergency Control Committee responsibilities include the following:**

- 1. Establish a temporary 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), if necessary
- 2. Coordinate all communications between restoration and repair personnel
- 3. Direct and dispatch restoration and repair personnel and all other resources as necessary
- 4. Provide continued updates to RT management personnel and affiliated company management personnel if emergency impacts services delivered in affiliated company areas.
- 5. Accumulate, evaluate and direct customer trouble reports as necessary to appropriate restoration personnel
- 6. Inform and update local authorities of communication restoration status.
- 7. Advise answering service of the nature and estimated duration of the service disruption.
- 8. Coordinate the availability of mobile communications as required
- 9. Coordinate the availability of network records as required

### A. ADMINISTRATION responsibilities include the following:

- 1. Assist the Emergency Control Committee as requested
- 2. Control media and coordinate the delivery of General Manager press releases
- 3. Notify regulatory agencies as required (Public Service Commission)

### **B.** PLANT responsibilities include the following:

- 1. Establish communications between the nearest location to the disaster or emergency and the Emergency Control Center
- 2. The first responding PLANT employee shall serve as the Field Coordinator and shall be the single point of communications between the location of the disaster or emergency and the Emergency Control Center until a supervisor or manager can be dispatched to the location
- 3. Perform all restoration and repair work in the affected area(s)

### C. IT/IS responsibilities include the following:

- 1. Establish communications between the nearest location to the disaster or emergency
- 2. The first responding IT employee shall serve as the Field Coordinator and shall be the single point of communications between the location of the disaster or emergency and the Emergency Control Center until a supervisor or manager can be dispatched to the location
- 3. Initiate immediate action to restore affected Internet hardware including routers and switches
- 4. Perform all restoration and repair work in the affected area(s)

### D. COMMERCIAL responsibilities include the following:

- 1. Establish communications between the contract answering service as noted on the Supplies & Contractors List, attached as Exhibit B, and the Emergency Control Center
- 2. Communicate the status of the disaster or emergency to the contract answering service
- 3. Communicate the status of the disaster or emergency to customers reporting service outage
- 4. Record all customer reports on service outage and forward to the Emergency Control Committee for the appropriate action
- 5. Assist the Emergency Control Committee with customer calls to confirm restoration of service
- 6. Provide assistance as requested by the Emergency Control Committee

### EXHIBIT A SUPPLIERS & CONTRACTORS

### I. PURPOSE

Exhibit A provides contact information for those Suppliers & Contractors providing support services to RT.

### **Internet Wholesale Suppliers & Contractors**

Advanced Communications Technology, Inc. Operations Manager Office: 307.675.0922 Mobile: 307.431.9064 Emerg: 307.675.0998

### Switching Network Support - Metaswitch

Customer Support Engineer	510.217.5181
Support Manage	510.217.4474
Reston, VA NOC	703.480.0500
Alameda, CA NOC	510.748.8230
Emergency	800.308.8772
Sales Manager	510.748.1829

### Supply Chain Management & Contractors

Graybar Electric	800.876.5667
Border States Electric	800.736.6266
Sprint North Supply	800.755.1950
Alamon Telco	800.252.8838
Enterprise Cabling	406.661.4945

### **Power Suppliers & Contractors**

High Plains Power	307.455.2475
Montana Dakota Utilities	800.638.3278
Black Hills Power & Light, Newcastle, WY	307.746.2726
Black Hills Power & Light, Upton, WY	307.468.2409
Black Hills Power & Light After-Hours	800.843.8849
Powder River Energy Corp., Sundance, WY	800.442.3630
Rocky Mountain Power	888.221.7070
Rocky Mountain Power Emergency	800.638.3278
Action Battery Wholesalers, Inc.	715.247.5512
Thermobond (Marconi Power Systems)	800.356.2686
TW Enterprises (Generator Maintenance)	800.995.3795
TW Enterprises Emergency	406.671.5457
Wyoming Electric	307.674.6846

Wholesale Long Distance Suppliers & Cor	ntractors
Envoy Communications/Inteliquent Envoy Communications Emergency	217.698.1581 866.287.4835
Emergency Pager	877.294.4985
Back Office Internet Support	
Vision Net (TAC) Vision Net (Office)	866.624.6462 406.467.4700
Tier One ISP Connectivity (Transport)	
Northeast Route:	866.624.6462
Vision Net (NOC) Vision Net (Office)	406.467.4700
South Route:	
Great Plains Communications	888.343.8015
East Route:	
SDN Communications (NOC)	800.609.1025
SDN Communications (Office)	800.247.1442
ISP/CDN Tier One Peering	
Hurricane Electric IP Transit (Chicago NAP)	510.580.4100
(noc@he.net)	502 200 6071
ZAYO IP Transit (Denver NAP) TeliaSonera IP Transit (Chicago NAP)	503.309.6071 406.216.4501 (Indatel)
INDATEL Services CDN Peer (Chicago NAP)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CISCO Routers, Switches and Firewalls	
CISCO (TAC)	800.553.2447
CISCO (Office)	425.572.064
Broadband Loop Carrier/Digital Loop Ca	
Calix (TAC) Calix Escalation	777.766.3500 612.360.1426
Adtran (TAC)	256.963.8716
Adtran (Office)	888.4ADTRAN
SONET / DWDM Network Support	
Fujitsu (TAC)	800.873.3822
Fujitsu Escalation	303.889.9494
Carrier Ethernet Network Support	
Ciena/Cyan (TAC)	800.873.3822
Ciena/Cyan Escalation	303.889.9494

### **IT & Computer Supplies**

Tiger Direct (Scott Cannon)

877.998.8534

### **Billing Support System/Operations Support System (BSS/OSS)**

Jim Klein, IT Supervisor (Office) Jim Klein, IT Supervisor (Mobile) 406.347.2226 406.351.1944

# Alarm Monitoring and After-Hours Customer SupportVision Net (TAC)866.624.6462Vision Net (TAC Manager Mobile)406.590.4690

### EXHIBIT B AFFILIATED COMPANIES

### I. PURPOSE

Exhibit B provides contact information for those companies affiliated with RT Communications, Inc.

### Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

2325 E. Front Street Forsyth, Montana 59327 Office: Office: Fax: Emergency:	406.347.2226 800.927.2643 406.347.2401 406.347.2226
Advanced Communications Technology, Inc. 290 N. Brooks Street Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 Office: Office: Fax: After Hours	307.673.0910 888.304.8889 307.675.0974 307.675.0900
RT Communications, Inc. 130 S. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Worland, Wyoming 82801 Office: Office: Fax: After Hours:	307.347.7000 800.647.9841 307.347.9200 307.347.7666
Dubois Telephone Exchange 12 S. First Street Dubois, Wyoming 82513 Office: Office: Fax: After Hours:	307.455.2341 800.877.7699 307.455.3399 307.455.2341

### EXHIBIT C OTHER CONTACTS

### I. PURPOSE

Exhibit C provides contact information for entities that should be or may need to be contacted should an emergency situation arise at RT, CALL 911!

Police Department (non-emergency) Chief of Police- Gabe R. Elliott Sergeant - Brad Horath Sergeant - Shawn Duffy Officer Kent Lombard Officer John Core Ordinance Officer George Andy Williams	347-4253 347-8563 347-8180 431-1837 347-2368 347-2644 347-2576
Sheriff Department (non-emergency) Sheriff – Steve Rakness	347-8323
Fire (non-emergency) Fire Marshall – Chris Koch	347-4253 347-6379
Ambulance 3 (non-emergency)	347-4253
Washakie Memorial Hospital	347-3221
Physicians Red Rock Family Practice Vernon Miller, M.D. John Thurston, M.D. Neil Treece, M.D. Mark Flinner, M.D Administrator -	347-2449 347-8115 347-2525 347-2525 347-2555 347-7835
Pharmacy Ricker's Pharmacy Shopko Pharmacy	347-2281 347-2851
Schools School Administration Building High School Middle School East Side School South Side School	347-9286 347-2412 347-3233 347-4662 347-3306

West Side School	347-4298
Wrecker Services Washakie Garage – Robert Perry	347-4156
Funeral Homes Bryant Funeral Home Veile Mortuary	347-9890 347-4028
Media Northern Wyoming Daily News Radio station KWOR (AM)	347-3241 347-3271
Ambulance Mike Bryant	347-9227
Mayor Jim Gill	347-2486 (Ext. 105)
City City Hall	347-2486
City Council Members WARD 1 Lisa Fernandez	
Keith Gentzler WARD 2	347-8429
Dennis Koch Mandy Horath Bud Callaham	347-2659 347-8180 347-3075
WARD 3 Michele Rideout	347-8953
Loresa Brinkerhoff Mike Neufer	431-8613
School Superintendent David Nicholas	347-9286
After-Hours Answering Service and Alarm Netw TAC TAC Mgr TAC Mgr TAC Mgr	ork NOCVision Net 406.216.4618 406.216.4698 (Office) 406.590.4690 (Mobile)
Public Service Commission Phone: FAX:	307-777-5722 307-777-5700

#### **RT Communications, Inc.**

Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(a)(10) RT Communications, Inc., (RT) is in compliance with the requirement that residential voice service is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$49.51 as specified in Public Notice DA 17-167 issued on February 14, 2017. RT's current total local end-user rates<sup>1</sup> are not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) "The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average."

#### **RT** Communications, Inc.

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#### Broadband Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(a)(12) RT Communications, Inc., (RT) is in compliance with the requirement that the price of broadband services are no more than the most recent applicable benchmarks as specified in Public Notice DA 17-167 issued on February 14, 2017. RT's current pricing for each speed option compared with the applicable speed is as follows:

Download	<b>Upload Speed</b>	Usage	Benchmark	RT
Speed (Mbps)	(Mbps)	Allowance		Price
10	1	Unlimited	\$77.98	\$45.00
30	10	Unlimited	\$93.49	\$55.00
50	20	Unlimited	\$100.52	\$85.00

#### **RT Communications, Inc.** Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

RT Communications, Inc. (RT) offers Lifeline discounts on its residential phone service to qualifying subscribers. Subscribers qualifying for Lifeline discounts receive the same residential service as regular subscribers. This service includes unlimited local minutes. Toll charges are assessed by the long-distance provider selected by the subscriber. RT provides toll blocking service to Lifeline eligible subscribers at no charge. Lifeline eligible subscribers that choose toll blocking service are not required to pay a deposit for their service.





June 8, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2018 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipients 54.313(f)(1) "Certification of Public Interest Obligations"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with and attached to Form 481, I hereby advise the Commission that RT Communications, Inc. provides high speed Internet service to its customers and:

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

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 406-347-2226.

Sincerely,

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Mike Dolezal CEO

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OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		and subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential BORROWER NAME RT Communications, Inc.			
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30	days after close of the J	period.	PERIOD ENDING	BORROWER DESIGNATI	ON
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		December, 2016	WY0519		
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All of the obligations under the RUS loan of have been fulfilled in all material respects.	documents		There has been a default in the fulfillment of the oblig under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/ar specifically described in the Telecom Operating Repo	e	
		DATE	5A		
		PART	A. BALANCE SHEET		T TOTAL CONTRACT
	BALANCE	BALANCE		BALANCE	BALANCE
ASSETS	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			ÇURRENT LIABILITIES	and the second second second	
1. Cash and Equivalents	2,681,877	3,387,906	25. Accounts Payable	1,746,436	206,421
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	527,208	528,000
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	48,086	38,801
b. Other Accounts Receivable	726,432	28,691	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	5,153,354	4,980,381
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	956,083	901,189	32. Income Taxes Accrued	(54,391)	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	230,242		33. Other Taxes Accrued	127	234
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities	204,460	243,064
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	7,625,280	5,996,901
6. Material-Regulated	822,662	876,177	LONG-TERM DEBT	1,025,200	
7. Material-Nonregulated	8,958		36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	970,987	1,488,756
8. Prepayments	123,708	<b>DO 051</b>	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	683,583	158,905
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	16,676,724	15,336,762
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	5,549,962	6,162,925	39. Funded Debt-Other	2,844,167	3,124,258
NONCURRENT ASSETS		A State of the second se	40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	2,011,107	5,124,250
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies	Second Contraction		41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	-		and the second		
12. Other Investments			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease     44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			44. Adv. From Annialed Companies 45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	2,057,612	1,946 108	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	21,175,461	20,108,681
3. Nonregulated Investments		1,510,100	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	21,1/0,401	20,100,001
4. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	2,101,378	77,154
5. Deferred Charges	-		48. Other Deferred Credits	5,396,306	5,823,688
6. Jurisdictional Differences	1		49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	2,220,200	2, 525, 666
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	2,057,612		50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	7,497,684	5,900,842
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT		and a second state of the second state of	EQUITY	.,,	
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	153.815.849		51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	100	100
9. Property Held for Future Use	1.2-51015		52. Additional Paid-in-Capital	11,099,900	11,099,900
0. Plant Under Construction	1,149,496	1,153,136	53. Treasury Stock	11,055,500	11,000,000
1. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	21,135,751		54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
2. Less Accumulated Depreciation		137,388,210			
3. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	42,309,201		56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	2,518,350	3,158,992
		1	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
	1 1	1	59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	13,018,350	14,258,992

Total Equity = 30.82% % of Total Assets

USDA-RUS	BORROWER DESIGNATION
OPERATING REPORT FOR	WY0519
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	PERIOD ENDING

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

December, 2016

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues	4,761,972	4,881,43	
2. Network Access Services Revenues	10,983,692	11,124,91	
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	85,438	71,55	
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	381,684	391,5	
5. Uncollectible Revenues	(383)	(1,34	
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	16,213,169	16,470,9	
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	4,289,839	4,156,5	
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	1,471,186	1,277,6	
0. Depreciation Expense	5,812,775	7,438,4	
1. Amortization Expense			
2. Customer Operations Expense	985,034	1,068,9	
3. Corporate Operations Expense	1,707,855	1,821,8	
4. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	14,266,689	15,763,4	
5. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	1,946,480	707,4	
<ol><li>Other Operating Income and Expenses</li></ol>			
7. State and Local Taxes	104,853	99,8	
3. Federal Income Taxes	742,925	493,2	
9. Other Taxes			
D. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	847,778	593,1	
1. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	1,098,702	114,3	
2. Interest on Funded Debt	828,388	836,8	
3. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
4. Other Interest Expense	758	7	
5. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	37,302	9,1	
5. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	791,844	828,5	
7. Nonoperating Net Income	17,958	14,13	
3. Extraordinary Items			
9. Jurisdictional Differences		pt did	
). Nonregulated Net Income	1,107,635	1,661,0	
I. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	1,432,451	961,0	
2. Total Taxes Based on Income	1,439,352	625,9	
<ol> <li>Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year</li> </ol>	1,397,143	2,518,3	
Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
5. Dividends Declared (Common)			
B. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
7. Other Debits Year-to-Date	311,244	320,3	
3. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	2,518,350	3,158,9	
). Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
2. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
B. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0		
Annual Debt Service Payments	4,779,964	5,361,82	
5. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.5737	0.54	
6. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	0.9811	1.043	
7. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	2.8090	2.159	
B. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	1.6814	1.72	

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR		BORROWER DESIGNATION WY0519	
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	PERIOD ENDED December, 2016	
INST	RUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	December, 2010	
	PART I – STATEMEN	T OF CASH FLOWS	
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	2,68	31,87
-	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AC	CTIVITIES	
2.	Net Income		51,014
2	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provi	ded by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation	7,43	38,47
4. 5.	Add: Amortization Other (Explain)		(
	Changes in Operating Assets and Lie	abilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	10	5,755
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		,436)
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	4	4,747
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		C
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(1,540	,015)
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		792
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	9	3,102
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		6,435
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING AC	TIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		C
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	(9)	,285)
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(1,239)	,753)
18. 19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	(1,596)	,842)
20.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital	Certificates & Other Capital	0
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		0
22.	Other (Explain) Change in Pension Liability	(311,	,244)
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	(3,157,	.124)
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACT	TIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	litures (Property, Plant & Equipment) 556, s	
25.			1,504
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		
27.	Other (Explain) Additional Capital Expense	(3,851,	,289)
	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		0001
28.	Net Cash Fronded/(Used) by investing Activities	(2 1 2 2	2821
28. 29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(3,183,	5,029

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