

## West River Telecommunications Cooperative

### Description of Tribal Engagement

#### For Form 481 Line 920 thru Line 929

The Company provides services in two tribal areas, to-wit: Standing Rock Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. On November 7, 2012, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, Company requested a meeting with the Standing Rock Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. Company resubmitted the letter via certified mail on December 28, 2012. Company did not receive a response to these requests.

On November 7, 2012, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, Company requested a meeting with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. Company resubmitted the letter on December 28, 2012. The Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe has not yet responded to these requests to allow for the scheduling of an “engagement” meeting.

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