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Burnsville, MN 55306

January 31, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building – 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-50570

Re: Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc., hereby provides a copy of its Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form in compliance with 47 CFR 54.416 as adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11, released February 6, 2012.

Section 54.416(b) requires eligible telecommunication carriers (ETCs) to annually provide the results of their recertification efforts performed pursuant to Section 54.410 (f) to the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). ETCs are also required to provide the results of their recertification efforts to state commissions for subscribers residing in those states where the state designated the ETC.

The attached certification form includes counts of Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota and South Dakota customers. Iowa customers are included because Study Area Code 367123 includes, in addition to Minnesota customers, Iowa customers served from the Adams, Bigelow, Kiester, LeRoy, and Lyle Minnesota exchanges. Also, North Dakota and South Dakota customers are included because Study Area Code 361123 includes not only Minnesota customers but also the North Dakota and South Dakota customers served from the Oslo and Jasper Minnesota exchanges, respectively. There were no South Dakota Lifeline customers.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-435-1378 or Michelle.schlie@ftr.com.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Schlie

Michelle Schlie
Sr. Analyst – Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

Cc: Scott Bohler

Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections

Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

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| <u>361123</u> | | <u>143022402</u> |
| Study Area Code (SAC) | | Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) |
| <i>(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each SAC through which it provides Lifeline service).</i> | | |
| <u>2016</u> | <u>MN</u> | <u>CITIZENS TEL OF MINNESOTA</u> |
| Recertification Year | State | ETC Name |
| <u>Citizens Telecommunications Company of I</u> | | <u>Frontier Communications Corporation</u> |
| DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name | | Holding Company Name |
| <i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)</i> | | <i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)</i> |

Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs?

Yes

No

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

| Affiliated ETC's SAC | Affiliated ETC's Name |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| -- See attached worksheet -- | |

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

Section 1: Initial Certification *All ETCs must complete this section*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial jcm

Section 2: Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

| A | B | C | D | E = (A - B - C - D) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year <i>(February data month)</i> | Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers | Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were <u>initially</u> enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year <i>(These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)</i> | Number of subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC | Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year |
| 738 | 0 | 43 | 37 | 658 |

Recertification Results:

| F | G | H = (F-G) | I | J = (H+I) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation | Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact | Number of non-responding subscribers | Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible <i>(This should be a subset of Block G.)</i> | Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| K | L |
|---|--|
| Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC | Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC |
| 658 | 147 |

Note: If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

Certification:

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

A) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial _____

AND/OR

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on: USAC. (List database or name of administrator here) Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial jcm

OR

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial _____

Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

| M = (F+K) | N = (J+L) | O = ((N ÷ M) * 100) |
|---|---|--|
| Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC <i>(This should equal the number reported in Block E)</i> | Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility | Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response |
| 658 | 147 | 22.34% |

Section 4: ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box. ETCs that do not assess and collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers are subject to the non-usage requirements. ETCs subject to the non-usage requirements must indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month in Section 4. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are subject to the non-usage requirements and must also indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month.

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes No

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

| P | Q |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Month | Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage |
| January | 0 |
| February | 0 |
| March | 0 |
| April | 0 |
| May | 0 |
| June | 0 |
| July | 0 |
| August | 0 |
| September | 0 |
| October | 0 |
| November | 0 |
| December | 0 |
| Total Subscribers | 0 |

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed,

Certified Online

Signature of Officer

jessica.matushek@ftr.com

Email Address of Officer

Christine Burke

Person Completing This Certification Form

Jessica C Matushek

Printed Name and Title of Officer

01/30/2017

Date

585-777-6719

Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

| SAC | Name |
|--------|--|
| 135200 | The Southern New England Telephone Company |
| 150072 | Frontier Communications of AuSable Valley Inc. |
| 150100 | Frontier Communications of New York Inc. |
| 150110 | OGDEN TELEPHONE COMPANY |
| 150121 | Frontier Telephone of Rochester Inc. |
| 150122 | Frontier Communications of Seneca Gorham Inc. |
| 150128 | Frontier Communications of Sylvania Lake Inc. |
| 154532 | CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF N |
| 154533 | CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF N |
| 154534 | CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF N |
| 170149 | Frontier Communications of Breezewood LLC |
| 170152 | Frontier Communications of Canton LLC |
| 170161 | Commonwealth Telephone Company |
| 170168 | Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania LLC |
| 170178 | Frontier Communications of Lakewood LLC |
| 170194 | Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC |
| 200271 | CITIZENS MOUNTAIN STATE TEL |
| 204338 | Citizens Mountain State Tel |
| 204339 | Citizens Mountain State Tel |
| 205050 | Frontier West Virginia Inc. |
| 210318 | Frontier Communications of the South LLC |
| 210328 | Frontier Florida LLC |
| 220362 | Frontier Communications of Fairmount LLC |
| 220387 | Frontier Communications of Georgia LLC |
| 230479 | Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. |
| 230509 | Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. |
| 240479 | Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. |
| 240526 | Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. |
| 250301 | Frontier Communications Lamar County LLC |
| 250306 | Frontier Communications of Alabama LLC |
| 250318 | Frontier Communications of the South LLC |
| 280460 | Frontier Communications of Mississippi Inc. |
| 290580 | CITIZENS TEL OF VOLUNTEER STATE |
| 294336 | CITIZENS TEL OF TENNESSEE LLC |
| 300615 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 300682 | Frontier Communications of Michigan Inc. |
| 310682 | Frontier Communications of Michigan Inc. |
| 310695 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 313033 | Frontier Midstates Inc. |
| 320750 | Frontier Communications of Indiana Inc. |
| 320772 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 320779 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 320828 | Frontier Communications of Thorntown Inc. |
| 323034 | Frontier Midstates Inc. |
| 330870 | RHINELANDER TEL CO |
| 330886 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 330891 | Rhineland Tel Co |
| 330912 | Frontier Communications of Mondovi LLC |
| 330940 | Rhineland Tel Co |
| 330941 | Rhineland Tel Co |

Affiliated ETCs

| SAC | Name |
|--------|--|
| 330944 | Frontier Communications - St. Croix LLC |
| 330964 | Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC |
| 330967 | Frontier Communications of Viroqua LLC |
| 340998 | Frontier Communications of DePue Inc. |
| 341011 | Frontier Communications of Lakeside Inc. |
| 341015 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 341036 | Frontier North Inc. |
| 341038 | Frontier Communications of Illinois Inc. |
| 341055 | Frontier Communications - Midland Inc. |
| 341061 | Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski Inc. |
| 341067 | Frontier Communications of Orion Inc. |
| 341073 | Frontier Communications - Prairie Inc. |
| 341079 | Frontier Communications - Schuylers Inc. |
| 341183 | CITIZENS TEL OF ILLINOIS INC |
| 343035 | Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. |
| 351127 | Frontier Communications of Iowa Inc |
| 361123 | CITIZENS TEL OF MINNESOTA |
| 361367 | Frontier Communications of Minnesota Inc. |
| 367123 | CITIZENS TEL OF MINNESOTA |
| 371128 | CITIZENS TEL OF NEBRASKA |
| 442080 | Frontier Southwest Incorporated |
| 442154 | Frontier Southwest Incorporated |
| 452172 | CITIZENS UTILITIES RURAL TEL CO |
| 452302 | Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. |
| 454426 | CITIZENS UTILITIES CO |
| 454449 | NAVAJO COMM CO |
| 472416 | Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. |
| 474427 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF IDAHO |
| 484322 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF MONTANA |
| 494449 | NAVAJO COMM CO |
| 504429 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF UTAH |
| 504449 | NAVAJO COMM CO |
| 522416 | Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. |
| 522449 | Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. |
| 532416 | Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. |
| 533401 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF OREGON |
| 541863 | Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. |
| 542302 | Frontier California Inc. |
| 542308 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF CA |
| 542315 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF CA |
| 542319 | Frontier California Inc. |
| 542344 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF CA. Frontier Communica |
| 543402 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF CA |
| 544342 | CITIZENS TELECOMM CO OF CA |
| 552302 | Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. |
| 554431 | CITIZENS TEL COMPANY |
| 554432 | CITIZENS TEL COMPANY |
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