

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

**Exhibit F
Form 481**

State: SD

OMB Control #: 3060-0986 (High Cost) &

Sac: 399005

3060-0819 (Low Income), December 2020

498 ID: 143001179

Program Year: 2025

Filing Type and Contact Info

Filing Type

This information has been preselected based on High Cost and Lifeline program support paid out in the previous calendar year. If you think the filing type is incorrect, [please contact USAC](#).



High Cost (Section 54.313)



Lifeline (Section 54.422)

Contact Information

Include contact information for the person best able to answer questions about this form.

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Ext. (optional)

Contact Email Address (039)

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Functionality in Emergency Situations (600)

Certify

Functionality in Emergency Situations Certification (600)

Is the carrier able to function in emergency situations?



Yes



No

Descriptive Document for Functionality in Emergency Situations (610)



610 Emergency Functionality.pdf (41 KB) 

PDF only

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Operating Companies (800)

Carrier Names

Reporting Carrier (810)

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Holding Company (811)



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Validate the information listed above (811) by selecting one of the following:

- Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is correct. (811A)
- Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is NOT correct. (811B)
- This study area does not have a Holding Company/Affiliate name. (811D)

Operating Company

Operating Company (812)

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Upload Operating Company Data (813A, 813B, 813C) (Optional)

[Operating Company Data Template](#)

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Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Land Services

Does the filing entity offer Tribal land services? (900)



Yes



No

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Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability (1000)

Certify Voice

Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification (1000)

Is the carrier's pricing of fixed voice services no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service? If you answer No to line 1000, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.



Yes



No



Not Applicable

Attach Detailed Description for Voice Services Rate Comparability Compliance (1010)



Voice Comparability.pdf (69 KB)

PDF, XLS, XLSX only

Certify Broadband

Broadband Comparability Certification (1020)

Does the carrier's broadband services pricing meet one of the following criteria? If you answer No to line 1020, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.



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



Yes - Pricing is no more than the non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states or U.S. Territories where the eligible telecommunications carrier receives support.



No - Unable to certify broadband rate comparability



Not Applicable.

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Attach Detailed Description for Broadband Rate Comparability Compliance (1030)

 **Broadband Comparability.pdf** (84 KB) 

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Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

Certify

Terrestrial Backhaul Certification (1100)

Do terrestrial backhaul options exist?



Yes



No

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Lifeline Terms and Conditions (1200)

Upload Document or Link Website

Upload a descriptive document(s) AND/OR reference a specific link to your company's website.

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans (1210)

 1210 Terms Conditions.pdf (42 KB) 

PDF only

AND/OR

Link to Public Website(1220)

Confirm Information

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

Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers (1221)

Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan (1222)

Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan (1223)

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Phase II Auction Reporting (6005)

Certify

Enter the total amount of Phase II Auction Support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures. (6010)

\$x.xx

New York Funds Certification (6011)

Certify regarding whether the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support.

Yes No

Community Anchor Institutions (6012a)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchor No - No New Community Anchor

FCC Form 470 Postings (6013)

For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer this certification request.

Yes No Not Applicable

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Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (6014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify that the Phase II-funded network that the Phase II auction recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.



Yes



No



Not Applicable

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Reporting (10005)

Certify RDOF

Capital Expenditures (10010)

Starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the July 1 after the recipient's support term has ended, recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must submit the total amount of support, if any, the recipient used for capital expenditures in the previous calendar year. This is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(B).

29639.28

\$x.xx

Available Funds Certification (10011)

Please provide a response (either yes or no) to this certification request for any recipient of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support that the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(ii).



Yes



No

Community Anchor Institutions (10012A)

Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the eligible telecommunications carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A).



Yes - Attach New Community Anchors



No - No New Community Anchors

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FCC Form 470 Postings (10013)

For the filing due July 1st following full implementation of this requirement, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) to this certification request. Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund must respond affirmatively that they 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 (as described in Section 54.501) located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, and that such bids were at rates reasonable comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income) November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(C). This certification will not be required until the July 1st following the E-Rate program year that this obligation has been fully implemented. Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries et al., WC Docket. Nos. 13-184, 10-90, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, 15566-67, para. 72 (2014).

Yes No Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (10014)

Starting the first July 1st after a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund recipient meets its final service milestone until the July 1st after the support recipient's support term has ended, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) that the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund-funded network that the support recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(iii).

Yes No Not Applicable

Certifications

Supply Chain Certifications

Section 54.9: Prohibition on the Use of Funds

I certify under penalty of perjury that no universal service support has been or will be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company designated by the Federal Communications Commission as posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain since the effective date of the designations.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes No

Section 54.10: Prohibition on the Use of Certain Federal Subsidies

I certify that no federal subsidy made available through a program administered by the Commission that provides funds to be used for the capital expenditures necessary for the provision of advanced communications services has been or will be used to purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain, any covered communications equipment or service, or maintain any covered communications equipment or service previously purchased, rented, leased, otherwise obtained, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.10.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes No

Section 54.11: Requirements to Remove and Replace

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Prior to answering, review section 54.11 of the Commission’s rules (47 CFR Section 54.11). Answer Yes if either (1) you comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do not use covered communications equipment or services, or (2) section 54.11(d) applies to you, meaning you are not yet subject to section 54.11(a) because you are a Reimbursement Program recipient with an unexpired removal, replacement, and disposal term per section 1.50004(h) of the Commission’s rules (47 CFR Section 1.50004(h)). Answer No if you do not comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do use covered communications equipment or services.



Yes



No

Accuracy Certifications

Certify



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.



I understand that making willful false statements in any part of this report and/or in these certifications is punishable by fine or imprisonment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections 416(c), 503(b)(1)(B), and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

Signature

Officer Name

Char Hay

Title

VP of Billing and Regulatory Finance



I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name with a pen.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Midco certifies that it complies with the requirements to be able to remain functional in emergency situations as set in 47 § 54.202(a)(2). Midco utilizes power supplies within its network which converts commercial power to network nodes, amplifiers and customer premise equipment. Each power supply unit shall have battery backup in order to continue to provide network power in the event of a commercial power failure. Portable generators shall be deployed to provide continuous uninterrupted power augmenting the battery power life cycle. Midco is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities and is capable of managing traffic spikes.

Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification

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Local Residential Service Rate	Primary Residential Line Federal Access Charge	Total	FCC Reasonable Comparability Benchmark
\$20.00	\$6.50	\$26.50	\$55.13

Broadband Comparability Certification

Midcontinent Communications

Delivery Method	Download Bandwidth (Mbps)	Upload Bandwidth (Mbps)	Capacity Allowance (GB)	Local Residential Service Rate	FCC Reasonable Comparability Benchmark
Tier 0 (Basic)					
Fixed Wireless	25	3	Unlimited	\$30.00	\$89.41
HFC	100	10	Unlimited	\$30.00	\$91.35
FOTP	100	100	Unlimited	\$30.00	\$92.17
Tier 1					
Fixed Wireless	100	20	Unlimited	\$49.00	\$92.24
Tier 2					
HFC	250	20	Unlimited	\$64.95	\$104.63
HFC	250	100	Unlimited	\$64.95	\$104.55
FOTP	250	250	Unlimited	\$64.95	\$104.55
Tier 3					
HFC	500	30	Unlimited	\$74.95	\$119.79
HFC	500	250	Unlimited	\$74.95	\$119.73
FOTP	500	500	Unlimited	\$74.95	\$119.73
Tier 4					
HFC	750	40	Unlimited	\$84.95	\$120.10
HFC	750	250	Unlimited	\$84.95	\$120.10
FOTP	750	750	Unlimited	\$84.95	\$120.10
Tier 5					
HFC	GIG	50	Unlimited	\$99.95	\$134.29
HFC	GIG	250	Unlimited	\$99.95	\$134.28
FOTP	GIG	GIG	Unlimited	\$99.95	\$134.35

Terms & Conditions of Lifeline Plans

Lifeline provides discounts on Midco residential service plans that include voice and data services. Lifeline discounts provided to qualified recipients include the \$9.25 per month federal Lifeline discount for broadband and \$5.25 for voice plus state discounts, if applicable.

Midco's flat-rated residential voice service plans provide unlimited local calling. Lifeline discounts may be applied to bundled service packages that include voice services, internet service and/or video service. Lifeline discounts may also apply to voice service plans that include optional calling features such as caller ID, call waiting, and voicemail.

Toll service is available to customers receiving Lifeline discounts in the same manner that it is available to non-Lifeline customers. Toll limitation service is available to Lifeline customers at no charge.

Information concerning Midco's Lifeline program can be found on our Lifeline web page at www.midco.com/internet-assistance/