

EXHIBIT E

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2026

Company: Fort Randall Telephone

Address: 722 West Highway 46

Wagner, SD 57380

Telephone number: 605-384-3993 320-847-2211

Company contact: Bruce Hanson

Study Area Code: 391660

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:



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



Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. <https://fortrandall.hcinet.net/>



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe):

*Required

EXHIBIT A
Media Advertising



Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company
Fort and Franklin, Keystone, South Dakota 57701

Phone & Broadband Discounts for Low-Income Users

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10/1/2025

Bill Message



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Hill City Prevaier : News 6/11/25 + 6/18/25
Custer County Chronicle 6/11/25 + 6/18/25

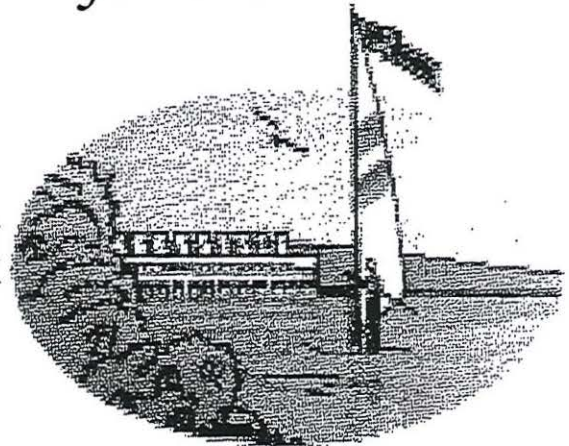
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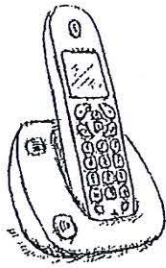
FORT RANDALL

TELEPHONE COMPANY

Helping People Communicate Since 1951



Wagner Post $\frac{1}{2}$ Lake Andes Wave 6/12/25 + 6/19/25



Phone or Internet Discounts for Low-Income Users

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SOME LIMITATIONS APPLY - Please contact our office

Fort Randall Telephone Company

Your local telephone company

Ph. 605-589-3366

Tyndall - Tabor



The NEW ERA 6/12/25 + 6/19/25



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Viborg Enterprise 6/11/25 + 6/18/25
The New Era 6/12/25 + 6/19/25

EXHIBIT B

Letter to Customers



Phone & Broadband Discounts for Low-Income Users

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Link -Up:

This national program will pay up to 50% of your local telephone service connection and installation charges, up to a maximum of \$30.

Eligibility requirements are the same as for Lifeline list above.

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2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

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Fort Randall Telephone Company

Form 481 Line 920 thru 929

Description of Tribal Engagement

Pine Ridge Reservation

Fort Randall Telephone Company (operating as Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company) operates as a wireline telephone service provider in a portion of the Northwest corner of the Pine Ridge Reservation. We provide voice and data (internet) service to customers living in the community of Red Shirt and its surrounding area.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Utility Commission (hereinafter "OSTUC") is the primary authority for regulating activities that take place within the reservation. For the covered period, we had no interaction with the OSTUC. We attempted to contact them, but never received a return call.

All of the locations in the areas controlled by the OSTUC are served by fiber. The remote in Red Shirt is fiber fed with a fiber ring making the area less vulnerable to service interruptions. In 2023, we received notice through a public meeting, the OSTUC intends to overbuild our entire network or condemn and take over our existing facilities. We received a letter on May 1st, 2023 indicating "the Oglala Sioux Tribe is moving forward with developing Tribally owned and managed telecommunications services for the reservation". To date, we have no new information regarding any activities by the OSTUC.

We continue to work with tribal members on Federal Discount programs (Including the American Connectivity Program ("ACP")) for subscribing to service from our company. In most all cases, we have not seen tribal members uninformed of the various programs.

Because the customers in the serving area individually subscribe to our services and we have direct relationship with them. As a general rule, unless there is a need to specifically request funding for services outside our normal month service charges, we don't discuss our business models or share financial information with our end users. Since the customer has choices to use service from other providers, we believe the customer is more concerned with the price, reliability and how they can use our service than whether our business is sustainable or feasible.

Yankton Sioux Treaty area and Reservation

Fort Randall Telephone Company operates as a wireline telephone service provider in Charles Mix County in South-Central South Dakota. We characterize this area as "treaty land" because much of it has been partitioned out years ago to private tribal and non-tribal individuals. There are still parcels owned and controlled by the Native American Entity, but much of it has been conveyed to individuals. We provide voice and data (internet) service to customers living in this area.

All of the tribal-owned lands and reservation properties are served with FTTH.

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Form 481 Line No. 1010 Descriptive document for Voice Services Rate Comparability

Line 1010 – Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, as required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

On December 19, 2025 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced results of the Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services as part of FCC Public Notice DA 25-1088. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

“Based on the survey results, the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$61.29.³

³ Id. at 17694, para. 84.”

As required Fort Randall Telephone Company hereby certifies that its current fixed voice services for residential subscribers as defined in the USF/ICC Transformation Order is below \$61.29.

SAC: 391660

State: SD

Fort Randall Telephone Company

Form 481 Line No. 1030 Descriptive document for Broadband Service Rate Comparability

Line 1030 – Description of Broadband Service Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of a Broadband service meeting the Commission's Public Interest Obligations is no more than the applicable benchmark, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(12).

On December 19, 2025 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced the results of the Urban Rate Survey for Broadband Service as part of FCC Public Notice DA 25-1088. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

"Based on the survey results, the reasonable comparability benchmark calculations for broadband services can be calculated at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/urban-rate-survey-data>."

As required Fort Randall Telephone Company hereby certifies that it offers a Broadband service to residential subscribers at pricing that is no more than the applicable benchmark rate.

SAC: 391660

State: SD

Fort Randall Telephone

Form 481 Line No. 1210 Lifeline Plans Terms and Conditions

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Fort Randall Telephone offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line or broadband line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone or broadband service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of monthly telephone or broadband service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Medicaid
National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$21,127.50
2	\$28,552.50
3	\$35,977.50
4	\$43,402.50
5	\$50,827.50
6	\$58,252.50
7	\$65,677.50
8	\$73,102.50
For each additional person, add	\$7,425.00

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

Fort Randall Telephone's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Fort Randall Telephone's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and disenrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

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Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Fort Randall Telephone Company hereby certifies that throughout 2025, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at 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 service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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State: SD

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Form 481 Line No. 11031 – Descriptive document for Affordable Connectivity Program Certification:

As required Fort Randall Telephone hereby certifies that it is adhering to all State and Federal broadband programs designed to assist consumers in obtaining affordable services. Currently the carrier participates in Lifeline programs that provide eligible consumers who meet requirements to obtain both monthly and installation cost savings. The carrier frequently monitors any new programs that may be implemented upon approval of government programs.

MT, RUSHMORE TEL. CO.
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OMB Control #: 3060-0986 (High Cost) &
3060-0819 (Low Income), December 2020

Program Year:2027

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.

Contact Name(030)

Mark Aaberg

Phone #(035)

(320)847-7109

Ext.(Optional)

Contact Email Address (039)

maaberg@hcinet.net

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Service Outage Reporting (Voice) (200)

Reportable Outages

For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? (210)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Upload Service Outage Data (220)

Service Outage Data Template

CSV only

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Number of Complaints per 1,000 Customers (400)

Report Voice Complaints

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. (400)

Enter complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice (410)

Enter complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice (420)

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Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules (500)

Certify

Compliance with Minimum Service Standards (515)

Does the carrier comply with applicable minimum service standards?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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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)

391660SD610.pdf

PDF only

Operating Companies (800)

Carrier Names

Reporting Carrier (810)

Fort Randle Telephone

Holding Company (811)

Hanson Communications, Inc.

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

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

The correct Holding Company/Affiliate name is (811C):

Operating Company

Operating Company (812)

Fort Randle Telephone / Mount Rushmore Telephone

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

[Operating Company Data Template](#)

391660SD800.csv

CSV only

Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Land Services

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

Ogalala Sioux & Yankton Sioux

Tribal Government Engagement Obligation (920)

391660SD900.pdf

PDF only

Confirm Statuses

Select Yes, No, or NA for each of the below to confirm the status described on the attached PDF (920) demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(5) includes:

Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions (921)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ NA

Feasibility and sustainability planning (922)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ NA

Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner (923)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ NA

Compliance with Rights of way processes (924)

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☐ Yes☐ No☒ NA**Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements (925)**☐ Yes☐ No☒ NA**Compliance with Facilities Siting rules (926)**☐ Yes☐ No☒ NA**Compliance with Environmental Review processes (927)**☐ Yes☐ No☒ NA**Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes (928)**☐ Yes☐ No☒ NA**Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements (929)**☒ Yes☐ No☐ NA

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)

391660SD1010.pdf

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.
- ☐ Yes - CETC Alaska Plan participant certifies that one plan it offers is substantially similar to a service plan offered by at least one mobile wireless service provider in the cellular market area of Anchorage, Alaska and offered for the same or a lower rate than the matching plan in the cellular market area.

Attach Detailed Description for Broadband Rate Comparability Compliance (1030)

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391660SD1030.pdf

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Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

Certify

Terrestrial Backhaul Certification (1100)

Do terrestrial backhaul options exist?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Select the appropriate response to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to Section 54.313(g) (1130)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

Alaska Plan Satellite Backhaul Certification (1140)

Is the carrier providing service consistent with its approved performance plan in the portion(s) of its study area that relies exclusively on satellite backhaul?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

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)

391660SD1210.pdf

PDF only

AND/OR

Link to Public Website(1220)

<https://fortrandall.hcinet.net/>

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)

Price Cap Data (2005)

Certify

Select the appropriate responses below to note compliance as a recipient of frozen 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(c), (d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (2015)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.312(a)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ NA

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (2016)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(d)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ NA

Connect America Phase II Reporting 47 CFR Section 54.313(e) (2017A)

Are you a Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Enter total amount of Phase II support, if any, that the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2025.
(2017C)

Price Cap Community Anchor Institutions (2018A)

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

☐ Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

☐ No - No New Community Anchors

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☐ Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (2018B)

Attach a document to this line to 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.

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Rate of Return Data (3005)

Certify

Select from the drop down menus or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure 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.

Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator? (3007)

☐ Yes☒ No**Name of Consultant (3007A)****Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party (3007B)**

Certification of Public Interest Obligations (3010A)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Sections 54.313(f)(1)(i)?

☒ Yes - Attach Explanation☐ No - Attach Explanation☐ Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (3010B)

391660SD3010.pdf

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Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions (3012A)

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

☐ Yes - Attach New Community Anchors☒ No - No New Community Anchors

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☐ Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (3012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(1)(ii), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

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As defined in 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(2), is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier? (3013)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Does your company file the RUS annual report? (3014)

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

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

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

Annual Report (3017)

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Is your company audited? (3018)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the response is yes or no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to Section 54.313(f)(2), contains:

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☒ Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS

Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers (3019)

☒ Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3020)☒ Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit (3021)☐ 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 (3022)☐ Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant (3023)☐ Underlying information subjected to an officer certification (3024)☐ Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3025)**Worksheet Listing (3026)**

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Financial Data Summary

Enter the specified financial data below which is located on your RUS Report (attached on Line 3017) or your reviewed/audited financial statements (attached on Line 3026).

Revenue (3027)

44446292

Operating Expenses (3028)

39558506

Net Income (3029)

2164463

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Telephone Plant In Service (TPIS) (3030)

200124600

Total Assets (3031)

94004085

Total Debt (3032)

44375000

Total Equity (3033)

46060879

Dividends (3034)

1327604

Rural Broadband Experiment Data (4005)

Certify

Public Interest Obligations (4001)

Per FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29 and 78), recipient certifies that it is offering broadband 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.

☐ Yes

☐ No

RBE Community Anchor Institutions (4003A)

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

☐ Yes - Attach New Community

☐ No - No New Community

☐ Not Applicable - No Attachment

Anchors

Anchors

Required

Please Provide Attachment (4003B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

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Alaska Plan Participants (5005)

Certify Terrestrial Backhaul

Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (RoR Carriers) (5011)

Indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (CETC Carriers) (5012)

If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain portion of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Upload Backhaul Technology Data (5013A - 5013C)

Backhaul Data Template

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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)

Phase II Auction and 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

Using the template, upload a document with a number, name and address for each community anchor institution. (6012b)

Community Anchor Template

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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

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.

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

Phase-Down Support Reporting (7005)

Certify

Price Cap Carrier and Fixed Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Transitional Support Requirement Certification. (7010)

This certification request applies to any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that elects to continue receiving support pursuant to Section 54.312(d) or Section 54.307(e)(2)(iii) starting July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter on July 1 for each subsequent year they receive such support. These carriers must use this support throughout specific high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they continue to have the federal high-cost ETC obligation to provide voice service pursuant to Section 54.201(d) at rates that are reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas. Per Section 54.313(m), does the carrier certify that they used all such support received in the previous year to provide voice service in compliance with the above obligation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (8005)

Certify Fixed

Capital Expenditures (8010)

Enter the total amount of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

Available Funds Certification (8011)

Certify (either yes or no) 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 (8012A)

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

☐ Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

☐ No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (8012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

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FCC Form 470 Postings (8013)

For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (8014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes or no) that the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2-funded network that the Stage 2 recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

Support Reimbursement Certification (8020)

54.313(n): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 fixed support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8030)

54.313(n): Recipients of fixed support from Stage 2 of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Certify Mobile

Support Reimbursement (8040)

54.313(n): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8050)

54.313(n): Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Mobile Disbursements Certification (8060)

54.313(o): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Transitional Support (8070)

Recipients of transitional support under Section 54.1516 shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are or will be reimbursed by other sources of support, or expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund. Transitional support recipients shall certify that they have conducted an annual review to determine that their disaster preparation and recovery documentation is up to date, as required by Section 54.1515(a) through (c) or Section 54.1524. Answer yes or no if carrier is compliant with 54.313(q).

☐ Yes

☐ No

Spending Plans for Recipients of Legacy Frozen Phase-Down Support (8080)

For annual reports due in 2024, 2025, and 2026, recipients of frozen high-cost support under Section 54.1504(b) shall certify that such support received after June 1, 2023 was used for resiliency and redundancy measures and to maintain their voice and broadband network footprint.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (9005)

Certify Fixed

Capital Expenditures (9010)

Enter the total amount of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

Available Funds Certification (9011)

Certify (either yes or no) 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 (9012A)

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

☐ Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

☐ No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (9012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

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☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (9014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes or no) that the Connect USVI Fund Stage 2-funded network that the Stage 2 recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

Support Reimbursement Certification (9020)

54.313: Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9030)

54.313: Recipients of fixed support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Certify Mobile**Support Reimbursement (9040)**

54.313: Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund

☐ Yes ☐ No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9050)

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54.313: Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by Section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

☐ Yes☐ No**Mobile Disbursements Certification (9060)**

54.313(o): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

☐ Yes☐ No**Transitional Support (9070)**

Recipients of transitional support under Section 54.1516 shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are or will be reimbursed by other sources of support, or expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund. Transitional support recipients shall certify that they have conducted an annual review to determine that their disaster preparation and recovery documentation is up to date, as required by Section 54.1515(a) through (c) or Section 54.1524. Answer yes or no if carrier is compliant with 54.313(q).

☐ Yes☐ No**Spending Plans for Recipients of Legacy Frozen Phase-Down Support (9080)**

For annual reports due in 2024, 2025, and 2026, recipients of frozen high-cost support under Section 54.1504(b) shall certify that such support received after June 1, 2023 was used for resiliency and redundancy measures and to maintain their voice and broadband network footprint.

☐ Yes☐ No

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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).

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 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

Please Provide Attachment (10012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

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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

Enhanced ACAM (E-ACAM) Certification (11005)

Certify Enhanced A-CAM

BEAD Program Challenge Processes Certification (11010)

Certify (yes or no) that, in the previous calendar year, the carrier participated in good faith in any relevant BEAD Program challenge processes or other processes conducted by states or other BEAD Program eligible entities to determine the eligibility of locations for the BEAD Program, and that they otherwise coordinated with states, Tribes, and other eligible entities to help avoid duplicative federal broadband funding.

☒ Yes

☐ No

BEAD Program Funding Certification (11020)

Certify (yes or no) that, in the previous calendar year, the carrier complied with the obligation not to receive or use BEAD Program or other future federal grant funding, unless otherwise specified by the Commission or Bureau, that supports broadband deployment for those locations for which they are receiving Enhanced A-CAM support.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Affordable Connectivity Program Certification (11030)

Certify (yes or no) that, in the previous calendar year, the carrier continued to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program or any substantially similar successor program, as required by the terms of your Enhanced A-CAM offer(s).

☒ Yes

☐ No

Descriptive document for Affordable Connectivity Program Certification (11031)

In the uploaded file, describe how the carrier continued to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program or any substantially similar successor program, as required by the terms of your Enhanced A-CAM offer(s).

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Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Plans Certification (11040)

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Recipient certifies that, in the prior year, it has maintained its cybersecurity and supply chain risk management plans pursuant to 47 CFR Section 54.308(g).

☒ Yes☐ No**Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Plans Substantive Modification (11041)**

Recipient filed a substantive modification to its cybersecurity and/or supply chain risk management plans in the prior year, pursuant to 47 CFR Section 54.308(g)(6).

☐ Yes☒ No**Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Plans Substantive Modification Date (11042)**

Report the most recent date that the recipient filed any substantive modifications to its cybersecurity and/or supply chain risk management plans.

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

Upload Waiver Document

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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

Upload Waiver Document

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Section 54.11: Requirements to Remove and Replace

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)

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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

Bruce Hanson

Title

Treasurer

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