

# Mid-Rivers

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Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota  
State Capitol – 600 E Blvd, Dept. 408  
Bismarck ND 58505 -0480



RE: Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - (SAC 482246)  
47 CFR 54.313 & 54.422 ETC Reporting Requirements

Enclosed for filing with the North Dakota PSC is an original copy of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s (SAC 482246) FCC Form 481, as filed with the FCC, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and relevant tribal governments as required by 47 CFR 54.313 & 54.422.

Feel free to contact Erin Lutts if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Bill Wade  
General Manager

Enclosures

<010> Study Area Code	482246
<015> Study Area Name	MID-RIVERS TEL COOP
<020> Program Year	2015
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<b>ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS</b>	<b>54.313</b>	<b>54.422</b>
	<b>Completion Required</b>	<b>Completion Required</b>

			<i>(check box when complete)</i>	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<510> <input type="text" value="482246mt510.pdf"/>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <input type="text" value=""/>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

482246mt112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<input type="checkbox"/>
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<input type="checkbox"/>
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality	<input type="checkbox"/>
<116>	How (USF) was used to improve service coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>









**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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

Port Peck Tribes of Assiniboine and Sioux  
Crow Nation  
Turtle Mountain Trust Lands


<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

482246mt920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes, No, NA)
Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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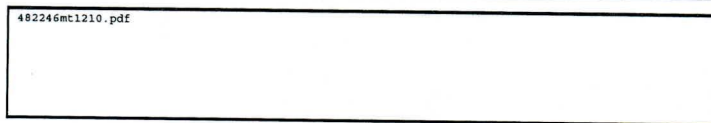
<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b> <b>Lifeline</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans



Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.midrivers.com/lifeline-and-link-up/>

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

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b> <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, 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(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))**

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))**

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation**  
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring 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.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))    
 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))    
 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (Yes/No)  Yes  No  
 (3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:  
 (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)   
 (3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation    
 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information: 482246mt3015.pdf, 482246mt3016.xlsx  
 (Yes/No)  Yes  No

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?  Yes  No  
 If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications   
 (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:  
 (3022) 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.

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant   
 (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows   
 (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information    
 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
Data Collection Form**

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**
**Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients**

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.

Name of Reporting Carrier: MID-RIVERS TEL COOP

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE

Date 06/25/2014

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Alan Sevier

Title or position of Authorized Officer: President

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4064853301 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482246

Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/DMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

**Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) to submit a five-year plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) of the Commission’s Rules by July 1, 2014, and to submit annual progress reports thereafter.<sup>1</sup> Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii) states in part that ETCs are to [s]ubmit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the [ETC’s] network throughout its proposed service area. Each [ETC] shall estimate the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements . . . .”<sup>2</sup>

In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans “should describe the carrier’s network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories.”<sup>3</sup> Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Mid-Rivers” or the “Company”) is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and hereby submits its initial five-year service quality improvement plan.

<sup>1</sup> See *Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-61 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*) at Para. 587; *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011); see also *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 12, 2012) at Para. 5 (amending Section 54.313(a)(1) to clarify this requirement); *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Third Order on Reconsideration, FCC 12-52 (rel. May 14, 2012) at Para. 10 (changing the filing deadline for the annual reports from April 1 to July 1); *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) (“*March 5, 2013 Order*”) at Para’s. 4, 6-9. Delaying Five Year Plan until July 1, 2014 see WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, DA 13-1115, Para. 8 (released May 16, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

<sup>3</sup> *March 5, 2013 Order* at Para. 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

## **I. The Challenges Faced by the Company in Providing Voice and Broadband to its Rural Service Area**

### **A. Description of the Company and its Service Area**

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and a certified Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in MT Study Area 482246. Mid-Rivers has served rural Eastern Montana since 1952. This ILEC Study Area is extremely rural, with an average population density of less than one person per square mile. Mid-Rivers is the largest land-mass telephone cooperative in the Continental U.S., serving approximately 30,000 square miles of Eastern and Central Montana and providing voice services to approximately 10,000 access lines and broadband to over 6,600 customers.

Utilizing existing support mechanisms and a variety of technologies to extend services out as far as possible, we have been able to bring some form of facilities-based broadband to nearly 80% of our customers. All incorporated communities and the vast majority of community anchor institutions do have access to broadband speeds exceeding the 4M/1M standard. We continue to gradually extend broadband services every year out to portions of the remaining 20% of the most remote, rural customers, focusing on network improvements in areas in greatest need of upgrades due to maintenance concerns.

These improvements have incorporated upgrades to Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) services as well as other types of upgrades to make the most efficient use of the existing facilities available in unserved areas. In locations where existing Remote Subscriber Terminals (RSTs) are in place but not yet capable of providing 4M/1M broadband, we

have begun upgrading these RST's with new equipment capable of providing higher data speeds utilizing existing copper facilities. We have also deployed fixed wireless technology over 700 MHz spectrum in several areas, and are in the process of upgrading some of these sites to fixed Long Term Evolution (LTE) services to provide much higher data speeds. We are also working on an FTTP design for some of our remaining unserved rural areas where options such as RST upgrades and fixed wireless may not be available or may not be a more cost-effective option due to a lack of existing facilities to be leveraged.

Providing and supporting advanced services in this very rural area continues to be very challenging due to the vast distances between customers and the high cost of construction on a per-location basis. At this time we have approximately 6,000 to 7,000 miles of outdated copper facilities, including several systems of antiquated analog carrier, to replace before we can bring FTTP services to all subscribers. At current deployment rates and available support levels, work to provide 4M/1M or higher broadband to our entire 30,000 square-mile Study Area will extend well beyond the five-year timeframe covered in this plan.

#### **B. The Exchanges Contained Within the Company's Study Area**

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. serves the following exchange areas in Study Area 482246:

Baker	Musselshell
Bloomfield	North Ryegate
Carlyle	Plevna
Circle	Richey
Custer	Rock Springs

East Carlyle	Roundup
Ekalaka	Roy
Fallon	Ryegate
Grass Range	Savage
Jordan	South Wolf Point
Lambert	Terry
Lavina	West Glendive
Lindsay	West Sidney
Melstone	Winnett

## II. The Company Has Used and Will Use Universal Service Support Only For the Intended Purposes

Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires ETCs to use Universal Service support (“USF”) “only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC’s rules, in order for state-designated ETCs to receive USF for the coming year, states must annually file certifications by October 1 stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within the state “was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”<sup>5</sup> ETCs not designated by a state must file similar certifications with the FCC.<sup>6</sup>

In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, the FCC clarified that prior to making the Section 254(e) certifications, states should conduct a “rigorous examination of the factual information” contained in the annual Section 54.313 reports, of which the five year network improvement plan and annual progress reports are a part, in determining whether they can certify that carriers’

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b).

support has been used and will be used only for the purpose for which the support was intended.<sup>7</sup> The FCC said that it would also use the reports to verify certifications filed by ETCs that are not state-designated.<sup>8</sup> In this context, the Commission stated, “[i]n light of the public interest obligations we adopt in this Order, a key component of this [Section 254(e)] certification will now be that support is being used to maintain and extend modern networks capable of providing voice and broadband service.”<sup>9</sup>

Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal USF received by the Company and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of their provision of facilities and services for which the USF is intended. Mid-Rivers depends upon its receipt and utilization of federal universal service support to provide rural telephone customers with affordable and quality voice and broadband services.

Accordingly, given the critical role the network improvement plan and the progress reports will have in the annual Section 254(e) certification process, Mid-Rivers’ plan and progress reports will demonstrate not only how Mid-Rivers has used and will use USF for improvements and upgrades as well as for the provision and maintenance of the facilities and services to which the support was intended.

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<sup>7</sup> See *USF/ICC Transformation Order* at Para. 612.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* (emphasis supplied).

### III. The Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

When the Commission adopted its five-year plan requirements for FCC-designated ETCs in its *2005 ETC Order*, it set forth the following criteria as to how the ETC is to describe with “specificity” the proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its service area:

(1) how signal quality, coverage, or capacity will improve due to the receipt of high-cost support throughout the area for which the ETC seeks designation; (2) the projected start date and completion date for each improvement and the estimated amount of investment for each project that is funded by high-cost support; (3) the specific geographic areas where the improvements will be made; and (4) the estimated population that will be served as a result of the improvements.<sup>10</sup>

In that order, the FCC clarified that service quality improvements in the five-year plan “do not necessarily require additional construction of network facilities.”<sup>11</sup> Accordingly, the improvements listed in the plan include projects related to the expansion of the network, projects related to updating technology to accommodate new services or higher bandwidth, and maintenance projects to reduce trouble reports and replace outdated equipment. Additionally, in some cases, the projects improve or upgrade the entire network rather than discrete areas within a study area or are ongoing projects that have no specific start and completion dates. Our Exchange Maintenance and Plant Additions and FTTP Exchange Upgrades, for instance, will continue well beyond 2019, though this plan covers only the period through 2019.

The instructions to the Form 481 state “[r]ecipients may describe where improvements are expected to occur by wire center or census block, as appropriate. To the extent no

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<sup>10</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

improvements are planned in specific areas, the five-year plan should so indicate.”<sup>12</sup> The instructions also require that in subsequent annual progress reports which must include the total amount of universal support received must provide this information “broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses.”<sup>13</sup> Accordingly, the Company’s five-year plan separately provides both capital expenditures and operating expenses.

#### **A. The Company’s Major Network Improvement Projects**

Based upon this framework, *Appendix A* reflects Mid-Rivers’ major network improvement projects for the five calendar years 2015 through 2019<sup>14</sup> along with the start and completion time frames, capital costs, areas and estimated population associated with the wire centers that will be impacted by those projects.

The projects included in this five-year plan represent the initial phase of what is currently a three-phase, long-term strategy to bring broadband to all subscribers in our Study Area. Phase I of this plan includes:

- Intermediate steps to increase speeds by upgrading existing facilities (i.e., dedicated copper plant that can be upgraded to provide 8M or 12M DSL using upgraded equipment) where possible, rather than making subscribers in all areas wait for FTTP.
- Fiber to the Tower in some areas for a fixed LTE solution to fill-in white spaces in broadband coverage.

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<sup>12</sup> Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481, OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost), OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income), July 2013, Line 112

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<sup>14</sup> Based upon informal discussions with the FCC, the five-year network improvement plan will start with calendar year 2015 and run through calendar year 2019.

- Continued FTTP builds in certain areas as necessary to address the highest-priority maintenance issues, with all fiber construction sized for complete FTTP build in the future.

Future phases of this strategy will then focus on completing fixed wireless LTE build-outs and possibly extending these fixed LTE services to additional remote areas, continuing to upgrade broadband facilities as necessary in the populated areas to provide adequate data speeds and capacity to residents and anchor institutions, and eventually a complete FTTP build-out as funding and resources allow.

#### **B. How These Projects Will Improve the Network**

Details regarding how the projects in our five-year plan will improve the network are included with the Project List in *Appendix A*. The projects planned will expand the network, update technology to accommodate new services and higher bandwidth, and address maintenance issues to reduce trouble reports and replace outdated equipment. The plan also indicates whether each project impacts voice, broadband, or both, the geographic areas and estimated census populations impacted by each project, and the timeframe(s) for each.

It should be noted that this plan represents an estimate of the projects, network investments, operating expenses, and timeframes anticipated over the next five (5) calendar years, based on today's regulatory and economic conditions as well as several assumptions. This plan assumes support levels consistent with recent years, as well as no change to the 4M/1M speed benchmark, and incorporates what we believe at this time to be realistic estimates of work that can be completed given current resources.

Several factors could alter these plans, including but not limited to the final structure of Connect America Fund (CAF) support for Rate of Return carriers, application of the newly announced “reasonable request” standards for Rate of Return carriers, the Expression of Interest (EOI) proceedings and any possible funding that may be available from that avenue, changes in the speed benchmarks currently being contemplated, changes in economic conditions within our service area, changes in subscriber priorities and service quality issues, technological advancements, other regulatory policy changes impacting broadband or voice services, workforce issues, increasing operational costs, and many other factors. Actual timeline and dollars spent will be dependent upon available funding and other regulatory and economic factors.

Mid-Rivers believes this plan represents a strategy that does not “gold plate” and is not a “race to the top,” and addresses the Commission’s goal of cost-effectiveness by proposing alternatives to fiber-only deployments. This plan is an attempt to provide and improve broadband services for our rural subscribers any way we can. While every company and every subscriber ultimately wants fiber to every location, and fiber technology can consistently bring all subscribers comparable broadband speeds and services to the benchmarks being contemplated by the Commission (i.e., a 10M/2M speed), we understand that such a build may not be realistic today given the limitations on available support. It should be noted that even with the conservative estimates reflected in this plan, the planned investments far exceed the estimated amounts of support that will be available to Mid-Rivers during this timeframe.

**C. Part 32 and Yearly Breakdown of Estimated Capital Expenditures Associated with the Projects and Operating Expenses**

*Appendix B* included herein specifies the projects listed in *Appendix A* in terms of the Part 32 capital expenditures categories and in terms of the years in which the costs are expected to occur along with depreciation expense associated with the capital expenditures. In a separate section, the projected operating expenses are provided.

**Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan**

APPENDIX A

Study Area Code 482246  
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 Company Contact Name Erin Lutts  
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**PART A - PROJECT LIST FOR 2015-2019**

Project	Start Date	Completion	Areas	Wire Center Population	Total Dollars	Voice, Broadband, Both, etc.
<b>Exchange Maintenance &amp; Plant Additions</b> - Outside Plant construction & Central Office equipment additions necessary for basic maintenance and accommodation of new subscribers, utilizing a variety of technologies to provide quality voice service and increase broadband coverage, capacity and speeds.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Baker, Bloomfield, Carlyle, Circle, Custer, East Carlyle, Ekalaka, Fallon, Grass Range, Jordan, Lambert, Lavina, Lindsay, Melstone, Musselshell, North Ryegate, Plevna, Richey, Rock Springs, Roundup, Roy, Ryegate, Savage, South Wolf Point, Terry, West Glendive, West Sidney, Winnett	Approx. 14,000	\$ 5,975,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Exchange Upgrades</b> - Outside Plant construction & Central Office electronics to upgrade outdated plant (including several analog carrier systems) to FTTP, expanding broadband coverage into unserved areas. Also includes fiber transport upgrades to existing tower sites for provision of fixed wireless LTE services.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Portions of Circle, Fallon, Grass Range, Jordan, Lindsay, Plevna, Richey, Rock Springs, Savage & West Sidney Exchanges	Approx. 8,700	\$ 5,504,500	Voice & Broadband
<b>Softswitch Migration</b> - Continue migration of exchanges and services from end-of-life switching equipment to new Softswitch on an exchange-by-exchange basis.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Baker, Bloomfield, Carlyle, Circle, Custer, East Carlyle, Ekalaka, Fallon, Grass Range, Jordan, Lambert, Lavina, Lindsay, Melstone, Musselshell, North Ryegate, Plevna, Richey, Rock Springs, Roundup, Roy, Ryegate, Savage, South Wolf Point, Terry, West Glendive, West Sidney, Winnett	Approx. 14,000	\$ 3,000,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Remote Serving Terminal (RST) Upgrades</b> - Upgrade existing RST locations with new equipment capable of providing broadband speeds greater than 4/1 utilizing existing copper facilities. Replace outdated narrowband DSL shelves with new shelves capable of ADSL and VDSL interfaces. Also includes line upgrades and fiber transport/backhaul upgrades to certain RST's.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Portions of Fallon, Musselshell, Roundup, & South Wolf Point Exchanges	Approx. 7,900	\$ 1,433,000	Broadband
<b>Fixed Wireless Upgrade</b> - Increase speeds & capacity for existing fixed wireless customers using 700 MHz fixed LTE.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Portions of Circle, Ekalaka, Jordan, & Lambert Exchanges	Approx. 4,500	\$ 1,250,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Battery/Power Board Upgrades</b>	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 1,200,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) Addition to Gig-E Network</b> - Equipment required to provide high-bandwidth data services to anchor institutions.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 1,000,000	Broadband
<b>Construction Equipment</b>	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 1,000,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Gigabit Ethernet Ring</b> - Capacity Additions to Fiber Backbone Network.	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 990,000	Broadband
<b>Servers, Printers &amp; PC's</b>	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 750,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Fleet Vehicles</b>	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 575,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Work &amp; Test Equipment</b>	1/1/2015	12/31/2019	Service Area Wide	Approx. 14,000	\$ 325,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Building &amp; Facility Upgrades</b> - Central Office HVAC Upgrades, Plant Storage Building.	1/1/2015	12/31/2015	Baker & Circle	Approx. 4,000	\$ 160,000	Voice & Broadband
<b>Totals</b>					\$ 23,162,500	

## Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

APPENDIX B

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### Part B: 5-Year Proposed Capital Expenditures and Operating Expenses

Regulated Capital Expenditure (CapEx) Projections							
Account	Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total Projected CapEx 2015-2019
2111 & 2121	Land & Building	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000
2112	Vehicles	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 1,900,000
2122-2124	Support Assets	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000
2210	Switching Equipment	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,000,000
2232	Circuit Equipment	\$ 2,239,900	\$ 2,076,400	\$ 2,040,400	\$ 2,023,400	\$ 2,029,400	\$ 10,409,500
2410	Cable & Wire Facilities	\$ 1,619,600	\$ 1,629,600	\$ 1,634,600	\$ 1,394,600	\$ 664,600	\$ 6,943,000
	<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,149,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,836,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,805,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,548,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,824,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,162,500</b>

Regulated Operating Expenditure (OpEx) Projections							
Account	Operating Expenses	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total Operating Expenses 2015-2019
6110-6120	General Support Maintenance	\$ 582,612	\$ 601,372	\$ 620,758	\$ 640,793	\$ 661,500	\$ 3,107,034
6210	Switching Maintenance	\$ 372,088	\$ 383,250	\$ 394,748	\$ 406,590	\$ 418,788	\$ 1,975,463
6230	COE Transmission Maintenance	\$ 894,040	\$ 920,861	\$ 948,487	\$ 976,942	\$ 1,006,250	\$ 4,746,580
6410	Cable & Wire Facilities	\$ 1,010,286	\$ 1,040,594	\$ 1,071,812	\$ 1,103,967	\$ 1,137,086	\$ 5,363,745
6530	Non-Specific (Testing, Plant Op., Engineering)	\$ 2,358,185	\$ 2,428,931	\$ 2,501,798	\$ 2,576,852	\$ 2,654,158	\$ 12,519,924
6561-2110	General Support Depreciation	\$ 623,836	\$ 734,589	\$ 839,350	\$ 944,111	\$ 1,048,871	\$ 4,190,756
6561-2210	Switching Depreciation	\$ 399,744	\$ 475,682	\$ 551,620	\$ 627,559	\$ 703,497	\$ 2,758,102
6561-2230	Circuit Equip Depreciation	\$ 2,615,461	\$ 2,989,712	\$ 3,342,404	\$ 3,690,112	\$ 4,035,832	\$ 16,673,521
6561-2410	Cable & Wire Depreciation	\$ 1,819,277	\$ 1,884,033	\$ 2,001,454	\$ 2,116,538	\$ 2,208,941	\$ 10,030,243
6610-6620	Customer Operations	\$ 982,833	\$ 1,012,318	\$ 1,042,687	\$ 1,073,968	\$ 1,106,187	\$ 5,217,991
6711-6720	Corporate Operations	\$ 1,666,283	\$ 1,716,271	\$ 1,767,759	\$ 1,820,792	\$ 1,875,416	\$ 8,846,520
7240	Ad Valorem Expense	\$ 887,345	\$ 913,965	\$ 941,384	\$ 969,626	\$ 998,715	\$ 4,711,035
	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,211,989</b>	<b>\$ 15,101,578</b>	<b>\$ 16,024,262</b>	<b>\$ 16,947,847</b>	<b>\$ 17,855,239</b>	<b>\$ 80,140,915</b>



**CERTIFICATION OF MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.****Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2013****Sec. 54.313(a)(5) & 54.422 Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients and § 54.422 for Lifeline Recipients, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Rivers), hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Mid-Rivers follows Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules and also files the annual CPNI certification with the FCC pursuant to the FCC's current CPNI rules and regulations. Attached is a copy of the annual notice sent to customers on matters related to customer privacy. Mid-Rivers has also implemented an Identity Theft Prevention Program in accordance with the federal Red Flag Rules.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 4, 2014.



Bill Wade, General Manager, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

# CPNI

## *An Important Message About the Privacy of Your Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI)*

Protecting customer privacy is of utmost importance to Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Rivers), its divisions, and its employees. Under federal law you have the right and we have the duty to protect the privacy of your confidential customer information. Your confidential customer information is referred to as "customer proprietary network information" or "CPNI." Please take a moment to read this important message about the privacy of your CPNI.

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Mid-Rivers offers various communications-related services, including local telephone, long distance, Internet, cable television and wireless services. In order to better serve your communication needs, from time to time, we would like to share your CPNI across the product lines within Mid-Rivers for our own marketing purposes. Our use of CPNI will enhance our ability to offer products and services tailored to your specific needs.

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Your decision to permit or restrict the use of CPNI will remain in effect until you decide to change it - which you can do at any time without charge. Restricting your information will not affect the provision of any products or services you currently receive from Mid-Rivers. Please note that even if you choose to restrict Mid-Rivers' use of your CPNI, you may receive marketing information that has been developed without using your confidential information.

Thanks for your business.

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**CERTIFICATION OF MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.****Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2013****Sec. 54.313(a)(6) and 54.422 Ability to Function in an Emergency Situation**

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(6) for High-cost Recipients and § 54.422 for Lifeline Recipients, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Rivers) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2). Mid-Rivers is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Mid-Rivers has backup battery or equivalent power reserve in its central offices, which enables the provision of service for a reasonable period of time if commercial/external power is lost. Mid-Rivers' network is engineered to handle reasonable excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Mid-Rivers has redundancy in its network for use in re-rerouting traffic when facilities are damaged.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 4, 2014.



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(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 482246  
 <015> Study Area Name MID-RIVERS TEL COOP  
 <020> Program Year 2015  
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Erin Lutts  
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 4063777438 ext.  
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> erin.lutts@midrivers.coop

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MT	Baker		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Bloomfield		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Carlyle		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Circle		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Custer		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	East Carlyle		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Ekalaka		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
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MT	Grass Range		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Jordan		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Lambert		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Lavina		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Lindsay		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Melstone		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Musselshell		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	9.75	23.75
MT	North Ryegate		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Plevna		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Richey		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Rock Springs		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Roundup		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
MT	Roy		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0







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Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation  
P.O. Box 1027  
Poplar, MT 59255  
*Via U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested*

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Chairman Azure:

Mid-Rivers Communications ("Mid-Rivers"), an independent telecommunications provider serving rural Eastern and Central Montana, would like to reach out to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribal government of the Fort Peck Reservation once again regarding opportunities for broadband expansion on Tribally-owned lands within our service area. Mid-Rivers has identified an area near Wolf Point that is both within our service area boundaries and part of the Fort Peck Reservation. Mid-Rivers and our subsidiary Cable & Communications Corporation continue to be interested in learning about any telecommunications and broadband needs that residents and businesses in this area may have.

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") comprehensively reformed the Universal Service Fund ("USF") which helps companies like Mid-Rivers provide state-of-the-art communications services in high-cost and rural areas. Among the reforms, the FCC adopted a rule requiring Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") who receive high-cost USF support to engage with Tribal leaders about broadband deployment on Tribally-owned lands and report annually on five specific outreach activities. In July 2012, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs Policy ("ONAP") issued specific guidance on outreach and engagement activities between telecommunications providers and Tribal governments.

Mid-Rivers is committed to providing voice, video, and broadband services to rural and remote areas in Montana, and we would value the opportunity to invite you and other leaders from the Fort Peck Reservation Tribal government to discuss ways that we can meet your telecommunications and broadband needs. Specifically, Mid-Rivers would like to discuss the following items:

- Needs assessment and deployment planning focused on Tribal community anchor institutions (such as schools, libraries and health centers);
- Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;

- Compliance with Rights of way, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental review and cultural preservation review processes;
- Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Mid-Rivers is interested in learning whether the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation have any specific broadband needs that our company may be able to meet, depending on the scope and scale of the project. For example, are there any of your members within our service area who currently do not have access to broadband? Are there any needs such as distance learning or telemedicine that Mid-Rivers could help facilitate? We also want to make sure that we respect your cultural heritage, property rights, business customs, and any other rules and procedures of your government.

Mid-Rivers is a locally-owned cooperative and has been serving rural Montana for over 60 years. We are dedicated to serving and employing members of our community and we want to ensure that the individuals and businesses of the Fort Peck Reservation are served as best as possible.

Mid-Rivers extends this invitation to set up an in-person meeting or conference call between our management staff and members of your Tribal government at your earliest convenience. Please contact Erin Lutts, our External Relations Manager, at 406-377-7438 or [erin.lutts@midrivers.coop](mailto:erin.lutts@midrivers.coop). We look forward to discussing this important issue with you.

Respectfully,



Bill Wade  
General Manager

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Floyd Azure, Chairman  
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes  
of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation  
PO Box 1027  
Poplar MT 59255

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October 17, 2013

Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman  
Crow Nation  
P.O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, MT 59022  
*Via U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested*

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Chairman Black Eagle:

Mid-Rivers Communications ("Mid-Rivers"), an independent telecommunications provider serving rural Eastern and Central Montana, would like to reach out to the Crow Nation Tribal government once again regarding telecommunications and broadband service on Tribally-owned lands within our service area. As noted in correspondence sent in October of 2012, Mid-Rivers has identified a few small areas near the town of Custer that are both within our service area boundaries and belong to the Crow Off-Reservation Trust. Mid-Rivers and our subsidiary Cable & Communications Corporation continue to be interested in learning if there are any telecommunications needs on these properties.

We have no knowledge of any individuals or businesses on these properties, and as such we do not currently provide voice or broadband service there. However, if anyone from the Crow Nation does occupy this land or if you have plans to develop this land, please feel free to reach out to us and we can discuss the needs and feasibility of providing voice and broadband service on these properties. We have included a map of the area for your reference, where Crow Off-Reservation Trust lands are indicated in yellow.

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Mid-Rivers is committed to providing voice, video, and broadband services to rural and remote areas in Montana; and we would value the opportunity to learn about your members' needs within our service area. If you wish to engage with us about expanding telecommunications and broadband services to Crow Nation lands, Mid-Rivers is available to discuss the following items:

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General Manager

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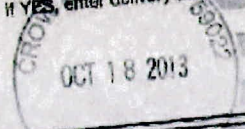
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PO Box 159  
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October 17, 2013

Merle St. Clair, Chairman  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
P.O. Box 900  
Belcourt, ND 58316-0900  
*Via U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested*

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Chairman St. Clair:

Mid-Rivers Communications ("Mid-Rivers"), an independent telecommunications provider serving rural Eastern and Central Montana, would like to reach out to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal government once again regarding telecommunications and broadband service on Tribally-owned lands within our service area. As noted in correspondence sent in October of 2012 Mid-Rivers has identified a few small areas in McCone County Montana that are both within our service area boundaries and belong to the Turtle Mountain Off-Reservation Trust. Mid-Rivers and our subsidiary Cable & Communications Corporation continue to be interested in learning if there are any telecommunications needs on these properties.

We have no knowledge of any individuals or businesses on these remote properties, and as such we do not currently provide voice or broadband service there. However, if anyone from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa does occupy this land or if you have plans to develop this land, please feel free to reach out to us and we can discuss the needs and feasibility of providing voice and broadband service on these properties. We have included a map of the area for your reference, where Turtle Mountain Off-Reservation Trust lands are indicated in yellow.

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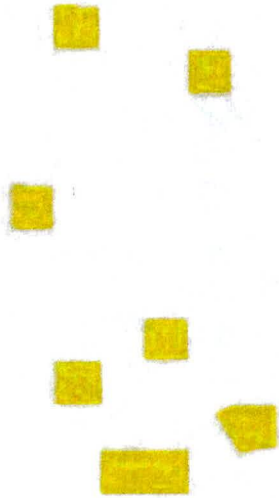
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Merle St. Clair, Chairman  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
PO BOX 900  
Belcourt ND 58316-0900

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## **Lifeline Terms & Conditions**

### ***Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.***

#### **Lifeline Program Plan**

The Mid-Rivers Lifeline plan provides voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network, local usage, touch tone, single-party service, access to emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange service, access to directory assistance, primary published directory listing, and toll limitation (toll blocking) at the eligible consumer's principal place of residence.

#### **Number of Minutes Provided**

The Mid-Rivers Lifeline plan provides unlimited local calling.

#### **Additional Charges**

Long distance (toll) calling is not included in the Lifeline plan but is available starting at \$0.20 per minute (\$0.10 per minute on weekends and holidays) or \$24.99 per month for 200 minutes. Lifeline subscribers may also choose from any other available long distance service providers.

#### **Rates**

The monthly rate for this service varies depending on the customer's location. The rate is based on the standard monthly residential local service charge in the customer's exchange less the \$9.25 per month discount for eligible Lifeline subscribers.

Additional discounts are available to qualifying individuals residing on Tribal Lands under the Enhanced Lifeline program. Enhanced Lifeline support currently offers additional Lifeline support of up to \$25.00 per month. The lowest generally available residential rate is \$0.00 for Enhanced Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS		This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.	
<b>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b>		BORROWER NAME Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  (Prepared with Audited Data)	
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2013	BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0512
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>			
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
<b>ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.</b>			
<b>DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII</b> (Check one of the following)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.		<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report	
William Wade		3/26/2014	
		DATE	

## PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents	6,354,521	4,708,829	25. Accounts Payable	1,322,072	2,082,773
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	104	104	26. Notes Payable	0	0
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	867,095	882,227
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	1,950,980	1,984,532	28. Customer Deposits	226,536	237,936
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2,566	(40,631)	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	3,701,508	3,252,063
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	50,000	33,333
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases	0	0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32. Income Taxes Accrued	(264,610)	(671,806)
b. Other Accounts Receivable	(1,047,996)	(1,992,764)	33. Other Taxes Accrued	612,292	647,455
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34. Other Current Liabilities	4,591,777	4,428,183
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	310	297	<b>35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)</b>	<b>11,106,670</b>	<b>10,892,164</b>
6. Material-Regulated	2,350,765	1,615,489	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated	0	0	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	14,769,430	13,767,875
8. Prepayments	243,319	203,914	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	11,477,828	10,350,505
9. Other Current Assets	0	0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0
<b>10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)</b>	<b>9,854,569</b>	<b>6,479,770</b>	39. Funded Debt-Other	1,666,667	555,555
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	83,333	33,333
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0
a. Rural Development	0	0	42. Reacquired Debt	0	0
b. Nonrural Development	17,151,581	18,914,722	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0
a. Rural Development	83,333	33,333	45. Other Long-Term Debt	0	0
b. Nonrural Development	2,006,752	2,141,770	<b>46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)</b>	<b>27,997,258</b>	<b>24,707,268</b>
13. Nonregulated Investments	0	0	<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	0	0	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	5,520,204	1,371,536
15. Deferred Charges	6,669	2,667	48. Other Deferred Credits	434,676	433,400
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
<b>17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)</b>	<b>19,248,335</b>	<b>21,092,492</b>	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	5,954,880	1,804,936
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			<b>EQUITY</b>		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	229,419,285	239,631,688	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	0	0
19. Property Held for Future Use	0	0	52. Additional Paid-in-Capital	0	0
20. Plant Under Construction	4,388,704	4,107,180	53. Treasury Stock	0	0
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	10,019,335	9,388,913	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	0	0
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	157,289,957	165,689,972	55. Other Capital	0	0
<b>23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)</b>	<b>86,537,367</b>	<b>87,437,809</b>	56. Patronage Capital Credits	66,257,385	73,467,461
<b>24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)</b>			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	4,324,078	4,138,242
	115,640,271	115,010,071	<b>58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)</b>	<b>70,581,463</b>	<b>77,605,703</b>
			<b>59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)</b>	<b>115,640,271</b>	<b>115,010,071</b>

Total Equity = 67.48% % of Total Assets

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<b>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b>	MT0512
	PERIOD ENDING
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	December, 2013

**PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS**

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	6,375,273	6,358,413
2. Network Access Services Revenues	17,500,870	17,138,932
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	2,453,637	2,338,661
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	187,815	186,160
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	9,174,978	9,618,374
6. Uncollectible Revenues	10,647	10,932
<b>7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)</b>	<b>35,681,926</b>	<b>35,629,608</b>
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	9,581,305	10,403,042
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	5,481,873	5,348,411
10. Depreciation Expense	9,046,454	9,607,771
11. Amortization Expense	630,422	630,422
12. Customer Operations Expense	2,186,024	2,131,685
13. Corporate Operations Expense	2,875,763	2,863,678
<b>14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)</b>	<b>29,801,841</b>	<b>30,985,009</b>
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	5,880,085	4,644,599
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses	32,216	23,237
17. State and Local Taxes	0	0
18. Federal Income Taxes	138,518	44,982
19. Other Taxes	1,224,871	1,294,513
<b>20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)</b>	<b>1,363,389</b>	<b>1,339,495</b>
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	4,548,912	3,328,341
22. Interest on Funded Debt	1,571,849	1,394,715
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases	0	0
24. Other Interest Expense	0	0
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	467,969	335,656
<b>26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)</b>	<b>1,103,880</b>	<b>1,059,059</b>
27. Nonoperating Net Income	20,768	99,840
28. Extraordinary Items	0	0
29. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
30. Nonregulated Net Income	858,278	1,769,120
<b>31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)</b>	<b>4,324,078</b>	<b>4,138,242</b>
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	0	0
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	5,299,568	4,324,076
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	149,817	118,037
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	0	0
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)	0	0
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date	183,422	(4,148,668)
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital	5,265,963	8,590,781
<b>39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]</b>	<b>4,324,078</b>	<b>4,138,242</b>
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	62,361,506	66,257,385
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital	5,265,963	8,590,781
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	1,370,084	1,380,705
<b>43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)</b>	<b>66,257,385</b>	<b>73,467,461</b>
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	5,190,487	5,154,669
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.6022	0.6199
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	0.9044	0.9370
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	4.9172	4.9075
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	2.9101	2.9945

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

BORROWER DESIGNATION

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December, 2013

**Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION**

EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Baker - 778	24.80	14.00	594	778	1,372	365.78	109.09
Bloomfield - 583	19.55	14.00	7	83	90	253.40	95.56
Carlyle / East Carlyle - 588 / 688	19.55	14.00	3	47	50	104.03	8.03
Circle - 485	19.55	14.00	217	563	780	1,220.86	310.61
Custer - 856	19.55	14.00	37	114	151	242.36	152.62
Ekalaka - 775	19.55	14.00	118	435	553	760.51	85.01
Fallon - 486	19.55	14.00	26	231	257	563.66	167.11
Grass Range - 428	19.55	14.00	57	219	276	502.77	95.21
Jordan - 557	19.55	14.00	177	488	665	1,295.53	276.26
Lambert - 774	19.55	14.00	75	221	296	369.49	112.27
Lavina - 636	24.80	14.00	19	91	110	55.27	17.14
Lindsay - 584	19.55	14.00	13	73	86	179.85	1.92
Melstone - 358	24.80	14.00	42	130	172	197.97	49.58
Musselshell - 947	19.55	14.00	30	321	351	658.62	155.08
North Ryegate - 575	19.55	14.00	10	139	149	300.84	3.99
Plevna - 772	19.55	14.00	47	190	237	417.54	83.52
Richey - 773	19.55	14.00	51	165	216	269.55	42.32
Rock Springs - 354	19.55	14.00	10	76	86	340.86	4.18
Roundup - 323	24.80	14.00	404	1,284	1,688	550.36	139.67
Roy - 464	19.55	14.00	39	108	147	281.68	40.25
Ryegate - 568	24.80	14.00	62	171	233	281.50	113.58
Savage - 776	24.80	14.00	33	153	186	62.42	14.87
South Wolf Point - 525	19.55	14.00	46	250	296	258.84	48.40
Terry - 635	19.55	14.00	125	239	364	67.21	19.64
West Glendive - 687	19.55	14.00	41	290	331	505.75	94.60
West Sidney - 798	19.55	14.00	69	274	343	428.27	70.91
Winnett - 429	19.55	14.00	63	259	322	577.50	170.65
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						0.00	0.00
Total			2,415	7,392	9,807	11,112.42	2,482.07
No. Exchanges	27						

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**Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION**

**4. BROADBAND SERVICE**

EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service					
			Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	StandAlone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Baker - 778	1,372	929	118	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Bloomfield - 583	90	64	18	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	Fiber to the Home
Carlyle / East Carlyle - 588 / 688	50	28	0	1,500	512	34.95		DSL
Circle - 485	780	529	88	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Custer - 856	151	103	16	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Ekalaka - 775	553	340	42	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Fallon - 486	257	171	15	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Grass Range - 428	276	166	20	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Jordan - 557	665	367	48	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Lambert - 774	296	221	42	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	Fiber to the Home
Lavina - 636	110	78	14	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Lindsay - 584	86	48	4	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Melstone - 358	172	91	16	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Musselshell - 947	351	218	24	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
North Ryegate - 575	149	98	18	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Plevna - 772	237	146	7	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Richey - 773	216	145	22	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Rock Springs - 354	86	33	0	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Roundup - 323	1,688	1,166	292	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Roy - 464	147	82	8	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Ryegate - 568	233	123	38	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Savage - 776	186	139	7	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
South Wolf Point - 525	296	200	21	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Terry - 635	364	259	46	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
West Glendive - 687	331	239	17	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
West Sidney - 798	343	259	14	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
Winnett - 429	322	197	26	1,500	512	34.95	StandAlone	DSL
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,807</b>	<b>6,439</b>						

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**PART D. SYSTEM DATA**

1. No. Plant Employees 94	2. No. Other Employees 75	3. Square Miles Served 26,828	4. Access Lines per Square Mile .37	5. Subscribers per Route Mile .88
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**PART E. TOLL DATA**

1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 482246 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)  Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis  Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
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**PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR**

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	0
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	0
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	0
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	0
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	11,099,498
6. Salvaged Materials	69,825
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	(77,933)
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	11,091,390

**PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES**

INVESTMENTS  (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
	1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development				
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development	0	1,763,141	1,824,830	17,089,892	18,914,722

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**PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES**

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)  YES  NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	20.00%
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	11.22%
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	2.50%
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	16.83%
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	20.00%
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	14.10%
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	9.86%
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	9.91%
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	21.38%
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	18.00%
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	10.00%
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	10.00%
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	7.00%
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	7.00%
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	5.00%
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	5.00%
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	5.00%
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	5.00%
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	5.00%
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	6.00%

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<b>PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>			
<b>1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)</b>			6,354,625
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>2. Net Income</b>			4,138,242
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>			
3. Add: Depreciation			9,607,771
4. Add: Amortization			630,422
5. Other (Explain)			
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>			
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable			954,413
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory			735,276
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges			43,407
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets			0
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable			760,701
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments			15,132
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities			(535,627)
<b>13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations</b>			16,349,737
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable			0
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable			0
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits			11,400
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)			(3,756,102)
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits			(4,149,944)
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital			0
20. Less: Payment of Dividends			0
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired			(1,380,705)
22. Other (Explain) Interest ad Dividends Receivable			(13)
<b>23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities</b>			(9,275,364)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)			(9,930,879)
25. Other Long-Term Investments			(1,848,159)
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences			0
27. Other (Explain) Subsidiary (Cable & Communications Corporation) Impacts			3,058,973
<b>28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities</b>			(8,720,065)
<b>29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>			(1,645,692)
<b>30. Ending Cash</b>			4,708,933

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3005b IncomeStatement		
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Prior Year	1103880	Value is valid.
This Year	1059059	Value is valid.

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(3005a) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers		FCC Form 481
Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986
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**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

William (Bill) Wade	3/25/2014
Signature	Date

**PART A. BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents	6354521	4708829	25. Accounts Payable	1322072	2082779
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	104	104	26. Notes Payable	0	0
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	867095	882227
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	1950980	1984532	28. Customer Deposits	226536	237936
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2566	40631	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	3701508	3252063
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	50000	33333
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32. Income Taxes Accrued	-264610	-671806
b. Other Accounts Receivable	-1047996	-1992764	33. Other Taxes Accrued	612292	647455
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34. Other Current Liabilities	4591777	4428183
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	310	297	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	11106670	10892164
6. Material-Regulated	2350765	1615489	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated	0	0	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	14769430	13767875
8. Prepayments	243319	203914	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	11477828	10350505
9. Other Current Assets	0	0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	9854569	6479770	39. Funded Debt-Other	1666667	555555
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	83333	33333
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Recquired Debt	0	0
a. Rural Development	0	0	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0
b. Nonrural Development	17151581	18914722	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt	0	0
a. Rural Development	83333	33333	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	27997258	24707268
b. Nonrural Development	2006752	2141770	<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
13. Nonregulated Investments	0	0	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	5520204	1371536
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	0	0	48. Other Deferred Credits	434676	433400
15. Deferred Charges	6669	2667	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	5954880	1804936
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	19248335	21092492	<b>EQUITY</b>		
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed	0	0
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital	0	0
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	229419285	239631688	53. Treasury Stock	0	0
19. Property Held for Future Use	0	0	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	0	0
20. Plant Under Construction	4388704	4107180	55. Other Capital	0	0
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	10019335	9388913	56. Patronage Capital Credits	66257385	73467461
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	-157289957	-165689972	57. Retained Earnings or Margins	4324078	4138242
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	86537367	87437809	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	70581463	77605703
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	115640271	115010071	59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	115640271	115010071

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	6375273	6358413
2. Network Access Services Revenues	17500870	17138992
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	2459637	2338661
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	187815	186160
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	9174978	9618374
6. Uncollectible Revenues	10647	10932
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	35681926	35629608
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	9581305	10403042
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	5481873	5348411
10. Depreciation Expense	9046454	9607771
11. Amortization Expense	890422	630422
12. Customer Operations Expense	2186024	2131685
13. Corporate Operations Expense	2875763	2863678
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	29801841	30985009
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	5880085	4644599
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses	32216	23237
17. State and Local Taxes	0	0
18. Federal Income Taxes	138518	44982
19. Other Taxes	1224871	1294513
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	1363389	1339495
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	4548912	3328341
22. Interest on Funded Debt	1571849	1394715
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases	0	0
24. Other Interest Expense	0	0
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	467969	335656
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	1103880	1059059
27. Nonoperating Net Income	20768	99840
28. Extraordinary Items	0	0
29. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
30. Nonregulated Net Income	858278	1769120
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	4324078	4138242
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	0	0
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	5299568	4324076
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	149817	118037
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	0	0
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)	0	0
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date	183422	-4148668
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital	5265963	8590781
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]	4324078	4138242
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	62361506	66257385
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital	5265963	8590781
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	1370084	1380705
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	66257385	73467461
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	5190487	5154669
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]	0.60	0.62
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]	0.90	0.94
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]	4.92	4.91
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]	2.91	2.99

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		6354625
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2. Net Income		4138242
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
3. Add: Depreciation		9607771
4. Add: Amortization		630422
5. Other (Explain)		
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		954413
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		735276
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		43407
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		0
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		760701
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		15132
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		-535627
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		16349737
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		0
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		0
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		11400
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		-3756102
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		-4149944
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		0
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		0
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		-1380705
22. Other (Explain)	Interest and Dividends Receivable	-13
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		-9275364
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		-9930879
25. Other Long-Term Investments		-1848159
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		0
27. Other (Explain)	Subsidiary (Cable & Communications Corporation) Impacts	3058973
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		-8720065
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		-1645692
30. Ending Cash		4708933