

Via Overnight Mail

June 25, 2014



Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: FCC Form 481 Filing for Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On behalf of our client Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association, enclosed is an original and seven copies of the FCC Form 481 that has been filed with USAC and will be filed with the FCC, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313.

Please note that some of the information included in the completed Form 481 report is confidential and proprietary. The confidential information has been redacted from the Form 481 Report.

Per Chapter 69-02-09-01, Trade Secret Procedures, of the Commission's rules, one copy of the confidential information is being filed with an Application for Trade Secret Protection in a separate sealed envelope labeled: TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Christiansen".

Judy Christiansen
Consultant

Enclosure

cc: Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association



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June 4, 2014

Director
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

RE: FCC Form 481 Filing

Dear Director:

This letter is to confirm that Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (SPIN 143002243), RC Communications, Inc. (SPIN 143006439) and RC Services (SPIN 14303235) which make up one study area (SAC 391674) will be filing one FCC Form 481 because all of their operations are merged.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Thoreson".

Robin Thoreson
Accounting Manager

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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

<010> Study Area Code	391674
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<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

5A.313 Completion Required	5A.422 Completion Required
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		(check box when complete)	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420> Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450> Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">391674sd510.pdf</div>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">391674sd610.pdf</div>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

<2000> Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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

Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form FCC Form 485
OMB Control No. 3060-0066/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2015

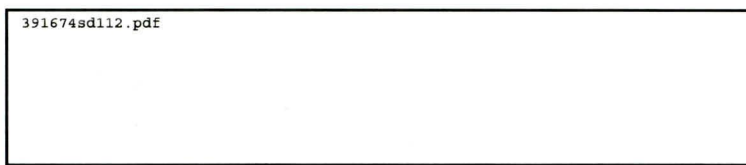
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes / no)

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.



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 checked="" 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"/>



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

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (SWO)

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

391674sd920.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



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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)





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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans



Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"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.

2008 Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

FCC Form 451
 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

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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

(3011) 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))
 (3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) Yes No
 (Yes/No) Yes No

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

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(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

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

(Yes/No) 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	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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:	
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:
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.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB 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:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Robin Thoreson</u> 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:	Robin Thoreson
Name of Reporting Carrier:	ROBERTS COUNTY TEL. COOP. ASSN.
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/23/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Robin Thoreson
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Accounting Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6056375211 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	391674 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.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
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:	ROBERTS COUNTY TEL. COOP. ASSN.
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Judy Christiansen
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/23/2014
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Judy Christiansen
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	4028181322 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	391674 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.	

Attachments

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Five-Year Plan Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn (391674)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(1)(ii), Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn submits a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to its network throughout its proposed service area. Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn also provides estimates regarding the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements. This plan is based on Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn current business and financial conditions and is subject to change as a result of changes in those conditions.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313, in each subsequent year, Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn will file a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year.

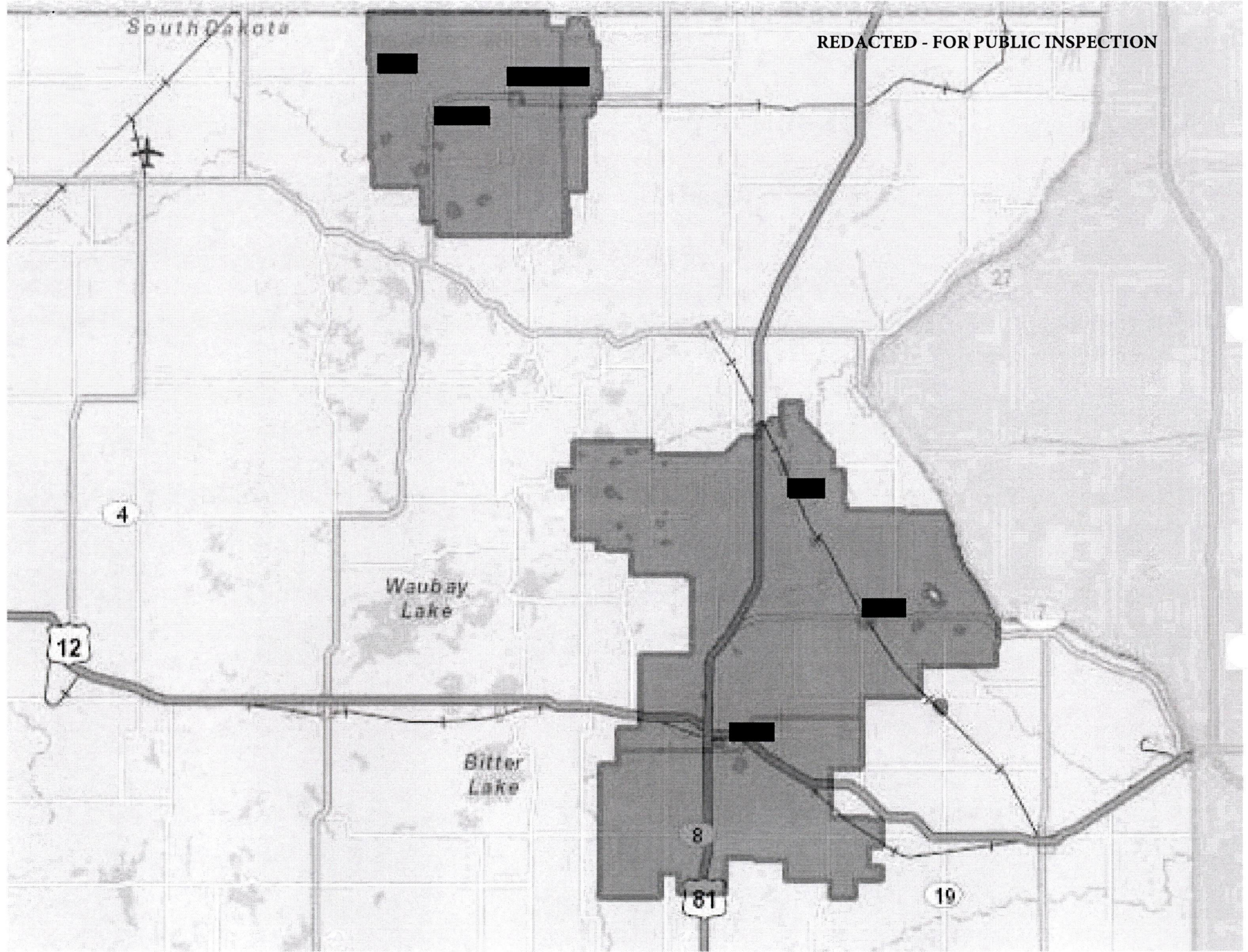
As of January 1, 2014, approximately [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] exchanges have access to broadband Internet service through Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn fiber optic and or copper facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard. No capital improvements are required for those subscribers meeting the 4/1 Mbps standard other than maintenance of facilities and as such, no capital investment to these subscribers is outlined in this plan.

Although no capital improvements are required in the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] exchanges to bring subscribers to the 4/1 Mbps standard, Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn incurred approximately [REDACTED] in depreciation expense and [REDACTED] in on-going maintenance and operating expenses in calendar year 2013. It is reasonable to expect depreciation, maintenance, and operating expenses for the 2015 through 2019 calendar years will continue at similar amounts.

Attached is a map showing Roberts County Telephone Coop Assn's broadband service territory where 4/1 Mbps standard is provided to all existing customers.

South Dakota

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION



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Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (RCTCA)

Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

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Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association

Functionality in Emergency Situations for Voice and Broadband Services

Back-Up Power

The Company can ensure functionality without an external power source. All of our DLC's remote locations and central offices have an 8 hour battery backup system. We have a fixed generator at our central offices and portable generators for our remote DLCs. This applies to both voice and broadband services to our customers.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

We are using a 10 Gig Ethernet ring throughout our company. We are also using an OC48 ring shared with adjoining companies. These provide diverse routing in case of a cable splice or other outage. The same local loop serves both the broadband and voice services for the customer.

Traffic Spikes

The company has adequate switching facilities to handle sporadic traffic spikes. It can take reasonable steps to reroute traffic or add capacity to manage traffic spikes throughout its network as emergency situations require. Broadband bandwidth is monitored on a regular basis. If usage peaks near the allotted bandwidth, we can add additional bandwidth as needed.

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Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association

Description of Tribal Engagement

The Company provides service in the area of Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (“SWO”) Tribe. On October 8, 2013, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, Company requested a meeting with the SWO Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. Company sent an email on October 31, 2013, attaching the letter previously sent, and again asked the Tribal Chairman to please contact the Company. The Company has not received a response to its letter or email.

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



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October 8th, 2013
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
PO Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262-0509

Dear Chairman Shepherd:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its 2012 Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, adopted new "Tribal Engagement" provisions that are intended to improve communications and foster a greater understanding between service providers and Tribal entities of the factors necessary to deploy and sustain telecommunication services on Tribal lands. See FCC Public Notice, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, DA 12-1165, released July 19, 2012.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement Roberts County Telephone would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate in a manner consistent with the FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe and it is our hope that this meeting could be held sometime prior to the end of October, 2013. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands.

While Roberts County Telephone leaves to your discretion attendees from the tribe at this requested meeting, it is important that at least some of the tribal representative attendees at the meeting are "decision-makers," as this can change the perspectives of the discussions. Roberts County Telephone asks that Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate provide a name and contact information for a Tribal representative who can assist in scheduling and arranging a meeting with the appropriate Tribal government staff and leaders to discuss deployment and sustainability of telecommunications services on Tribal lands. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling (605) 637-5211 and ask for Scott Bostrom, or through an e-mail directed to sbostrom@tnics.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to discussing these important matters with you.

Sincerely, 
General Manager, Roberts County Telephone

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Subject: Tribal Engagement Letter
From: Scott Bostrom <sbostrom@rctca.net>
Date: 10/31/2013 2:52 PM
To: Chairman@swo-nsn.gov
BCC: Darla Rogers <D.Rogers@riterlaw.com>

Dear Chairman Shepherd,

Earlier in the month I sent a letter asking to meet and discuss your telecommunication needs. These are the exchanges we have service in: New Effington, Clarie City, Veblen, Peever, Wilmot and Summit. I have also attached the letter that was sent on October 8th.

I look forward to hearing from you, even if for a brief call, I can be reached at 605-637-5211.

Thanks,



Scott Bostrom
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Tribal Engagement Letter

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<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate PO Box 509 Agency Village SD 57262-0509</p>	<p>B. Received by (Printed Name) _____ C. Date of Delivery: 10/9/13</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)</p>	<p>7009 2250 0002 1547 6802</p>

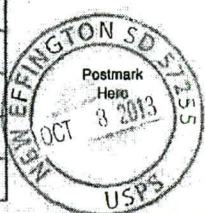
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Street, Apt. No., or PO Box No.	PO Box 509
City, State, ZIP+4	Agency Village SD 57262-0509

PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

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Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (RCTCA)

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (the “Company”) offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone 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.

2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,755	\$19,683	\$18,117
2	\$21,236	\$26,541	\$24,422
3	\$26,717	\$33,399	\$30,726
4	\$32,198	\$40,257	\$37,031
5	\$37,679	\$47,115	\$43,335
6	\$43,160	\$53,973	\$49,640
7	\$48,641	\$60,831	\$55,944
8	\$54,122	\$67,689	\$62,249
For each additional person, add	\$5,481	\$6,858	\$6,305

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

The Company's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. The Company'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 the 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 de-enrollment 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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ording 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 B 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, ching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	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.	
	BORROWER NAME RC Communications, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data)	
TRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. Detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	PERIOD ENDING December, 2013	BORROWER DESIGNATION [REDACTED]

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.
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.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII
(Check one of the following)

- All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects. 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

Scott Bostrom

5/9/2014

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PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash and Equivalents	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	25. Accounts Payable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash-RUS Construction Fund	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	26. Notes Payable		
Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
b. Other Accounts Receivable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		[REDACTED]
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
Other Current Assets		[REDACTED]	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
Investment in Affiliated Companies		[REDACTED]	41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development		[REDACTED]	42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Nonregulated Investments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
Telecom, Plant-in-Service	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Plant Under Construction	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	53. Treasury Stock		
Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	55. Other Capital		
Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	56. Patronage Capital Credits		
TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	57. Retained Earnings or Margins	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Total Equity = [REDACTED] % of Total Assets

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	PERIOD ENDING December, 2013

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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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)
Summit							
N Veblen							
Peever							
Veblen							
Wilmot							
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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PERIOD ENDING December, 2013	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	

PART D. SYSTEM DATA				
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile

PART E. TOLL DATA	
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis

PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR	
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	[REDACTED]
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	[REDACTED]

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			[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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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	[REDACTED]
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	[REDACTED]
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	[REDACTED]
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	[REDACTED]
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	[REDACTED]
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	[REDACTED]
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	[REDACTED]
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	[REDACTED]
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	[REDACTED]
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	[REDACTED]
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	[REDACTED]
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	[REDACTED]
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	[REDACTED]
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	[REDACTED]
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	[REDACTED]
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	[REDACTED]
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	[REDACTED]
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	[REDACTED]
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	[REDACTED]
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	[REDACTED]

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INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	PERIOD ENDED December, 2013

PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	[REDACTED]
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	
3. Add: Depreciation	[REDACTED]
4. Add: Amortization	[REDACTED]
5. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	[REDACTED]
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	[REDACTED]
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	[REDACTED]
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	[REDACTED]
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	[REDACTED]
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	[REDACTED]
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	[REDACTED]
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	[REDACTED]
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	[REDACTED]
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	[REDACTED]
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	[REDACTED]
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	[REDACTED]
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	[REDACTED]
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	[REDACTED]
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	[REDACTED]
22. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	[REDACTED]
25. Other Long-Term Investments	[REDACTED]
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	[REDACTED]
27. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	[REDACTED]
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	[REDACTED]
30. Ending Cash	[REDACTED]

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<p>NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	
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<p>INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</p>	<p>PERIOD ENDED December, 2013</p>
<p>CERTIFICATION LOAN DEFAULT NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	

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**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

BORROWER NAME

Roberts County Telephone Coop. Asso of New Effington, SD

(Prepared with Audited Data)

*TRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.
detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.*

PERIOD ENDING
December, 2013

BORROWER DESIGNATION

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.

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.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII
(Check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.


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

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
URRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
Total Current Assets (1 thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
ANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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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)
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA				
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile

PART E. TOLL DATA	
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis

PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR	
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	[REDACTED]
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	[REDACTED]

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			[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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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	[REDACTED]
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	[REDACTED]
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	[REDACTED]
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	[REDACTED]
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	[REDACTED]
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	[REDACTED]
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	[REDACTED]
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	[REDACTED]
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	[REDACTED]
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	[REDACTED]
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	[REDACTED]
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	[REDACTED]
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	[REDACTED]
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	[REDACTED]
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	[REDACTED]
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	[REDACTED]
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	[REDACTED]
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	[REDACTED]
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	[REDACTED]
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	[REDACTED]

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PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	[REDACTED]
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	
3. Add: Depreciation	[REDACTED]
4. Add: Amortization	[REDACTED]
5. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	[REDACTED]
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	[REDACTED]
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	[REDACTED]
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	[REDACTED]
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	[REDACTED]
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	[REDACTED]
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	[REDACTED]
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	[REDACTED]
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	[REDACTED]
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	[REDACTED]
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	[REDACTED]
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	[REDACTED]
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	[REDACTED]
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	[REDACTED]
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	[REDACTED]
22. Other (Explain)	[REDACTED]
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	[REDACTED]
25. Other Long-Term Investments	[REDACTED]
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	[REDACTED]
27. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	[REDACTED]
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	[REDACTED]
30. Ending Cash	[REDACTED]

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