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June 29, 2017



Hand Delivered

Darrel Nitschke
Executive Director
ND Public Service Commission
Capitol
600 E. Boulevard, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Midcontinent Communications Annual ETC Certification Filing and Submittal Pursuant to N.D.A.C. §69-09-05-12.1/FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and seven copies of the following:

1. Midcontinent's Annual ETC Certification Filing and Submittal Pursuant to N.D.A.C. §69-09-05-12.1;
2. Exhibit D - Lifeline;
3. Exhibit E – Affidavit of Nancy Vogel
4. Exhibit F – FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form and Confirmation receipt for Form 481 being successfully certified online on June 28, 2016.

By separate cover letter, and separately bound and placed in a sealed envelope labeled "PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE," is one copy of the Confidential Exhibits A, B and C referenced in the document.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PEARCE DURICK PLLC


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Counsel to Midcontinent Communications

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Enclosures

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ND Admin Code Section 69-09-05-12.1 Annual Report & Annual Report FCC Form 481 - redacted

Midcontinent Communications

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR) ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF) FILING AND SUBMITTAL
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT.) PURSUANT TO N.D.A.C. § 69-09-05-12.1

Midcontinent Communications (“Midcontinent”), by and through its attorney, makes this filing to seek certification from the Federal Communications Commission (the “FCC”) as is required under 47 CFR 54.313 and to comply with the Commission’s rules pertaining to ETCs. As part of this filing, Midcontinent offers the following:

1. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, each carrier that has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) that is eligible to receive future federal universal service support must file an annual certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) stating that federal high-cost support provided to the carrier will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. This certification requirement applies to various categories of federal universal service support, including support provided pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.301, 54.305, and/or 54.307, and/or 47 C.F.R Part 36, Subpart F (high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and safety valve support). Support provided under these FCC rule provisions will only in the future be made available if the State Commission files the requisite certification pursuant to 46 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. The certification required to receive federal universal service support for all four quarters during calendar year 2018 is currently due to be filed with the FCC and USAC on or before October 1, 2017. The certification may be presented to these entities in the form of a letter from the State Commission. The letter must identify which carriers in the State are eligible to receive federal support during the 12-month period and must certify that the carriers listed will only use the support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

3. Midcontinent is a competitive local exchange telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as a Competitive ETC (CETC). Midcontinent provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in federal definition of universal service within its established service area in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

4. As required by the provisions of §54.313(a)(3), Midcontinent is committed to providing service throughout its existing service areas to all customers making a reasonable request for service. Midcontinent has, since 2005, served as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier within its established service areas. Midcontinent already has extended wireline local exchange network facilities throughout its service area as necessary to make all essential local exchange services that are support by federal universal service available to end-user customers within its service area. Consistent with its past practice, Midcontinent hereby certifies that it will provide service on a timely basis to all requesting customers within its designated ETC service area. In certain cases, the provisioning of this service may require a customer in a new location to first meet the requirements of Midcontinent's line extension policies. These line extension policies are, however, consistent with the requirement under both federal and state law to meet all reasonable requests for service. In those areas Midcontinent cannot provide service on its own facilities there are agreements with the ILEC to lease or resell services. In 2016, Midcontinent fulfilled all requests for telephone service in its service area. Midcontinent certifies that it is complying with applicable service standards and consumer protection rules. Midcontinent also certifies that in those exchanges where service is being offered, it offers local usage plans comparable to the incumbent local exchange provider.

5. Midcontinent certifies that it has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations as required by the provisions of §54.313(a)(6). Midcontinent is currently in compliance with this Commission's "auxiliary and battery power requirements" set forth in §54.202(a)(2).

6. In accordance with §54.314, Midcontinent certifies that all federal high-cost support received during 2016 and 2017 was and will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

7. Midcontinent certifies that it does provide equal access to long distance carriers.

8. In addition to the information included in CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit A, the following information is provided to meet the Commission's "Certification requirements" set forth in ND Administrative Code §69-09-05.12.1:

- Midcontinent's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service throughout its service area. As a competitive local exchange carrier, Midcontinent upgrades and replaces facilities and equipment as necessary. In furtherance of its service quality improvement plan, Midcontinent will use any high-cost universal service amounts received by it to offset expenditures incurred as it continues to upgrade and replace facilities and equipment. Midcontinent's Actual Capital Expenditures for 2016 and Estimated 2017 Capital Expenditures are attached as CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit B.

- During calendar year 2016, Midcontinent did experience service outage affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers, for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes and is submitted in Confidential Exhibit C.
- Midcontinent was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2016, and as of December 31, 2016, Midcontinent had no unfulfilled requests for service.
- During 2016, complaints were received by Midcontinent Communications as outlined in Exhibit C.

9. An eligible telecommunications carrier, under ND Administrative Code § 69-09-05-12.1, is also required to demonstrate annually of its Lifeline and Link-up assistance program outreach. Midcontinent's Lifeline outreach program includes information and application form on its website, www.midco.com.

Midcontinent's telephone service brochures and the handbooks, Exhibit E, provided to new telephone customers provide information on the availability of Lifeline assistance. Also, at least annually Midcontinent advises customers of the program through its statement message, during 2016 messages ran in September. Midcontinent also ran commercial spots on cable TV periodically during 2016; print copy of ad is in Exhibit D.

As required by the FCC, Midcontinent did conduct a recertification of all its lifeline customers with results filed with USAC and the FCC on January 18, 2017. Attached is an Affidavit, Exhibit E, containing certification, including those required under the provisions of 60-09-05-12.1 (5), (6), (7), (8) and 47 CFR 54.313.

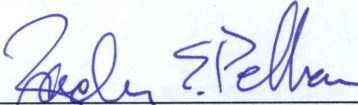
10. Based on all of the forgoing information including the information provided on Confidential Exhibits A, B, and C, and a copy of FCC Form 481 in Exhibit F, Midcontinent requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Midcontinent Communications is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to Midcontinent in 2017. In order to ensure that certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2017, Midcontinent would further ask the Commission to expedite the process that is initiated based on this filing.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Exhibits to Midcontinent's 2017 ETC Filing:

- Exhibit A- Operation Expenses (**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC**)
- Exhibit B - Two Year Capital Expenditures (**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC**)
- Exhibit C - Outages and Customer Complaints (**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC**)
- Exhibit D - Lifeline
- Exhibit E - Affidavit
- Exhibit F - FCC Form 481

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FCC Form 481 Line 1200

Exhibit D - Lifeline

Shop



3901 N LOUISE AVENUE, 57107 Change

Edit Options

All pricing is per month unless otherwise noted. Equipment costs are not included in package prices.

Basic Home Phone Line

Unlimited local calling

\$20⁰⁰

CUSTOMIZE

Show Details

SPECIAL OFFER

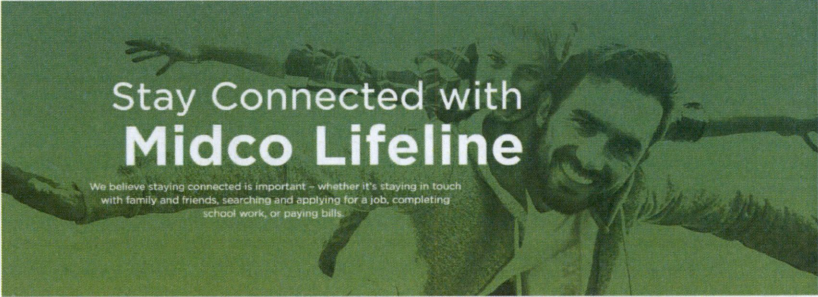
Home Phone Package

Unlimited local & long distance calling + all our calling features

\$15⁹⁵

CUSTOMIZE

Show Details



Stay Connected with Midco Lifeline

We believe staying connected is important – whether it's staying in touch with family and friends, searching and applying for a job, completing school work, or paying bills.

That's why low-income households get affordable home phone or internet access through Midco's Lifeline assistance program. This isn't a promotion or special offer. Lifeline is a federal program intended to put home phone and internet service within the reach of qualifying families. For questions about the Lifeline Assistance Program, call 1.800.888.1300, and we will be happy to assist you!

Broadband Assistance



Enjoy cost-effective connectivity, with no installation fee and rent-free modems.¹

- ND, MN & SD: Up to 25 Mbps downloads & 3 Mbps uploads
- KS: Up to 10 Mbps downloads & 1 Mbps uploads

Home Phone Assistance



Get reliable, digital home phone service at a reduced monthly rate.² There's no installation fee, and it includes free long-distance blocking and selective call rejection.

Eligibility

Lifeline Assistance is available to qualifying new and current customers who meet income guidelines. Some of the other eligibility requirements include:

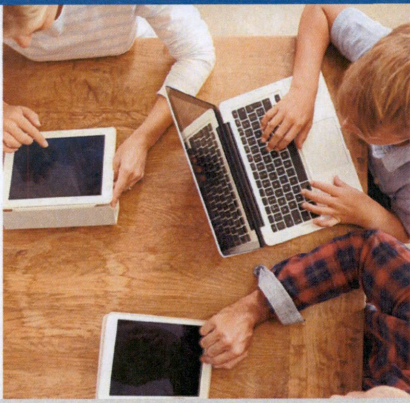
- Only one Lifeline credit is allowed per household.
- Only one Lifeline credit is allowed per individual.
- Midco service must be in the eligible participant's name or they must certify that the program participant is a member of the household.
- You may be required to recertify household eligibility at any time. Failure to recertify may result in termination of the Lifeline benefit.
- Lifeline assistance cannot be transferred to another person.

How to Apply

If you are interested in Lifeline benefits, contact us at 1.800.888.1300 or download and fill out our Lifeline Assistance application and attach a copy or copies of eligibility documentation. After signing the completed application, mail it with your proof of eligibility documents to Midco, PO Box 5010, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-9908.

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

NOTE: If all required information and/or signatures are not completed on the application, or we are missing proof of eligibility, the application will be returned to the customer for completion. Each application must meet the federal and state requirements to qualify for Lifeline benefits.



Questions or Complaints

For unresolved questions or complaints, you may contact the state utilities commission in your state:

Kansas
 Kansas Corporation Commission
 Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604
 Toll-Free: 1.800.662.0027 or in Topeka: 785.271.3140
 Hearing or speech impaired TCC Kansas Relay Center:
 1.800.766.3777

Minnesota
 Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs Office
 121 7th Place E, Ste 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101
 Toll-Free: 1.800.657.3782 or 651.296.0406

North Dakota
 North Dakota Public Service Commission
 600 E Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505
 Toll-Free: 1.877.245.6689 or in Bismarck: 701.328.2400

South Dakota
 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs
 Capitol Building, 500 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD 57501
 Phone: 605.773.3201

¹ Broadband Lifeline speeds may vary by market due to network technology in individual markets.
² When qualifying under the Federal Telephone Lifeline Program, if you live in Minnesota or Kansas, you will also qualify for additional state assistance under the Minnesota Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) or the Kansas State Lifeline program.
 Taxes and other federal fees will increase the cost on phone services. FCC regulations state that broadband Lifeline recipients must remain with the same internet service provider (in this case, Midco) for at least 12 months after first qualifying for the Lifeline discount. After that, you are free to switch your internet and qualify for a Lifeline benefit with a different company. The FCC allows an exception if you move to a different state or area where your provider (Midco) doesn't offer service. If that's the case, please contact us so we can help you transfer your broadband Lifeline benefit to your new internet provider.

Services Internet Cable TV Home Phone Home Automation Bundles	Support All Topics Access Email Address TV Everywhere Online Payments Remote Controls Modems Parental Controls Tech Tips	My Account Pay Bill View My Services Register My Account Vacation Plan Movie Promo Code Directory Assistance Exemption Transfer Service to New Address	About Midco News and Events Service Areas Midco Foundation Community Involvement Diversity Careers Connect With Us f t in	Online Ordering SHOP ONLINE 1.800.888.1300 Contact Live Chat Customer Experience Centers Satisfaction Survey 1.800.888.1300
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Cross Channel- Broadband Lifeline:30 (brand refresh)

Video	AUDIO
<p data-bbox="142 793 561 867"><i>Currently says "Apply for Midco Lifeline Assistance Program"</i></p> <p data-bbox="142 982 464 1056"><i>Midco logo with contact information.</i></p>	<p data-bbox="646 342 1438 443">At Midco, we believe being connected is important. You use your internet and phone to pay bills, complete homework and stay in touch with family and friends.</p> <p data-bbox="646 546 1377 611">But we know for some people, a home phone or internet connection is just not affordable.</p> <p data-bbox="646 678 1466 711">We're here to change that with the Lifeline assistance program.</p> <p data-bbox="646 814 1484 879">Qualifying households can get home phone service at a reduced monthly rate and broadband internet for less than \$10 a month.</p> <p data-bbox="646 982 1305 1050">To find out if you qualify for Lifeline assistance, call 1.800.888.1300 or visit Midco.com/Lifeline.</p>

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

Affidavit

Exhibit E

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS

Exhibit F

Copy of FCC Form 481

<010> Study Area Code	389011
<015> Study Area Name	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
<020> Program Year	2018
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Andrea Livingston
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6052743648 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	andrea.livingston@midco.com
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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

<010> Study Area Code 389011
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) _____
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) _____
Name of Attached Document

FCC Form 481
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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**(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
 Data Collection Form**

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Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Offered only fixed voice

0.0

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes

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<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

<515> Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	389011ND610.pdf

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

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 /OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

No

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

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 PDF, 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 or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form

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 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

389011ND1010.pdf

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

 Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

 Name of Attached Document

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

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

No

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) 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).

Yes

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.midco.com

"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.

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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
 Data Collection Form
 Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental 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

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
 Required Information

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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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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)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, 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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TP/S)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

**(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment - Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form**

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the

June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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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:	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/28/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Scott Anderson
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Chief Legal Officer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6052743020 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	389011 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
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.	

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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) _____ 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: _____	
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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: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

