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January 11, 2024

ND Public Service Commission
Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary
600 E Boulevard Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

Mr. Steve Kahl:

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.416(b), West River Telecommunications hereby provides the Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certificate Form (FCC Form 555) to the ND PSC pursuant to the filing instructions outlined in WC Docket No. 11-42. In this docket, the FCC adopted Lifeline reforms which required eligible telecommunications carriers to recertify each existing Lifeline subscriber's ongoing eligibility. Subscribers who failed to recertify their eligibility were required to be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program.

In it's continued efforts to eliminate fraud in the Lifeline program, USAC implemented the National Verifier in 2018. Beginning in 2019, USAC began conducting the recertification process instead of WRT.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pamela Schott'.

Pamela Schott

Customer Service Manager

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FCC Form 555 – ETC Annual Lifeline Certification
West River Telecommunications Cooperative
Pamela Schott, Customer Service Manager

Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

381637 <hr/> Study Area Code (SAC)	143002752 <hr/> Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)	
(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each SAC that provides Lifeline service).		
2023 <hr/> Recertification Year	ND <hr/> State	West River Telecommunications Cooperative <hr/> ETC Name West River Telecommunications Cooperative
<hr/> DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)	<hr/> Holding Company Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)	

Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs? Yes No

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
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Initial Certification *All ETCs must complete this section.*

I certify that the company listed above:

- Has policies and procedures in place to ensure that its Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services; and
- Is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures; and
- Is in compliance with the minimum service levels set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.408.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial TS

Annual Recertification Results

Report the results of recertification efforts for the current calendar year.

Do not leave blocks empty. If the National Verifier is responsible for conducting recertification, enter zero for blocks A - F. If the state Lifeline Administrator is responsible for conducting recertification, report the results for each block.

A. Subscribers eligible for recertification within current calendar year	
B. Subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempts	
C. Total number of subscribers required to be recertified (A-B)	
D. Subscribers successfully recertified	
E. Subscribers de-enrolled for failed recertification	
F. Percentage de-enrolled for failed recertification (E/C)	

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying upon notice of eligibility from: state Lifeline administrator National Verifier

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial TS

No Subscribers Certification *Complete this section if ETC claimed no Lifeline subscribers.*

I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for the current Form 555 data year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed on this form

Initial _____

ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box. ETCs that do not assess and collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers are subject to the non-usage requirements. ETCs subject to the non-usage requirements must indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are subject to the non-usage requirements and must also indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month.

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes No

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block H below.

G	H
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Subscribers	0

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the information provided is true and accurate. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for this SAC.

Signed,

Troy Schilling

Signature of Officer

troys@wrtc.com

Email Address of Officer

Pamela Schott

Person Completing This Certification Form

Troy Schilling - CEO

Printed Name and Title of Officer

01-17-2024

Date

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Contact Phone Number