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August 10, 2016

Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: In the Matter of the Annual Filing Requirements For 2016 Pertaining to

the Provisioning of High Cost Universal Service,

Case No. 16-1115-TP-COI

In the Matter of the Annual Filing Requirements For 2016 Pertaining to the Provisioning of Lifeline Universal Service

Case No. 16-1116-TP-COI

**REVISED** FCC Form 481 Filing of Sycamore Telephone Company

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed are the original and two (2) <u>revised</u> <u>unredacted</u> copies of the confidential information to be filed under seal pursuant to the Motion for Protective Order filed in these matters on June 28, 2016. Please time stamp the extra copy of the confidential information being filed under seal, and return it to our courier.

Also on August 10, 2016, the <u>revised</u> redacted version of this information was e-filed with the Commission in these matters.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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William A Adams

WAA/sg Enclosure

FCC Foi	rm 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.	
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-	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting ollection Form	FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?  If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	(yes / no ) •
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) O O
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please 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.  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 CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	300658oh112-117.docx, 300658oh112-117.pdf ompany is a
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to 854 202(a). The	NI f Allbd
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how	upport was
<116>	How much /HCC) was used to improve service sources and has	
<117>	How much (LISE) was used to improve service canacity and how	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<039>	Contact Email	l Address - Ema	il Address of po	erson identified	l in data line <0	30> rick.eklebe	erry@syctelco.com					
<210>	For the prior	r calendar ve:	ar were there	e any reportal	hle voice serv	rice outages?	No					
<220>	•	<b1><b1></b1></b1>	<b2></b2>	<b3></b3>	<b4></b4>	_		<d>&gt;</d>	405		400	ah s
<220>	<a></a>	<01>	<02>	<03>	<04>	<c1></c1>	<02>	<u>&gt;</u>	<e></e>	Oid This Outage	<g></g>	<h></h>
	Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	_	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures

• •	fulfilled Service Request lection Form				FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Contro July 2013	l No. 3060-0819
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<300> U	Infulfilled service request (voice)		0	•		
<310> [	Detail on attempts (voice)					
		Nam	e of Attached Document		_	
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)		0			
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)					
		N	Name of Attached Document			<del>_</del>

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<400>	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.
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice 0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice
<430>	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.
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband 0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules lection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	300658oh510.pdf ules Compliance	

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes	
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	300658oh610.pdf	

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(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge		

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					Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
-	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fee
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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-	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Sycamore Telephone Company	
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable	
<812>	Operating Company	Not Applicable	

<813>	<a1></a1>	<a2></a2>	<a3></a3>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	bal Lands Reporting lection Form		FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	N1 f Au1	1
for ea to cor line 9	r company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) ch these boxes infirm the status described on the attached document(s), on 20, netrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus	Select Yes or No or	
	on Tribal		
<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		
	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes		
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Heact various review processes	1	

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	pice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability		FCC Form 481	
Data Coll	ection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes		
<1000>	voice services rate comparability tertification	100	•	
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<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate			
	comparability compliance			
			Name of Attached Document	
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		Yes	s - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by	
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		e Wireline Competition Bureau	
	,			
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband			
	comparability compliance			
			Name of Attached Document	

(1100) N	a Tayyaatuial Baakhayil Bayaytiya		500 5 404
	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting lection Form		FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to conthe reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream		

(1200) Te	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481
Lifeline			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4240		300658oh1210.pdf	
<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans		
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<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP		
docume or the v pursual	e check these boxes below to confirm that the attached ent(s), on line 1210, website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information int to (2(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support		
<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.	Ī	

(2000) Price Ca	ap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC F	orm 481
Data Collectio	n Form	OMB	Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2	013
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Select the a	ppropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recip	pient of Incremental High Cost support, High Co	ost support to offset access charge reductions,
	ct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information		•
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental		
	Support		
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<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental		
	Support		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of		
12022	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		
<2023>			
	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 two -		
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
\2024A>	Nound 2 Necipient of incremental Support:		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year	Name of Attached Document Listing	
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for	Name of Attached Document Listing	
<2023B>		<del>-</del>	
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC	Required Information	
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-		
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

Data Collection For	rrier Additional Documentation (Continued) m eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013		
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband			
	: America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}			
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?			
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. 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)(2)(ii)	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)(2)(v)			
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)			
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)			
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)			
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)			

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Complete the items below to note compliance with 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.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
		Yes - Attach Certi	fication
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		300658oh3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Requir Information	red
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Requir	red
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
	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)		
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	V	300658oh3017.pdf
(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 Requir Information	red
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? 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:	(Yes/No)	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion 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 Requir Information	ed

# **REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

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(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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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.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

in yes to 4000A, picase provide a response for 4000		
<b>4003b</b> . 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 (par	agraph 80)	
<b>4004a</b> . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<b>4004b</b> . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

Certification - Reporting Carrier	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Richard D. Ekleberry, II
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rick.ekleberry@syctelco.com

#### 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: SYCAMORE TEL CO

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 07/25/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Steven Ekleberry

Title or position of Authorized Officer:  $^{ ext{Treasurer}}$ 

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4199276012 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300658 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>

I certify that (Name of Agent) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respor agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data pro	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. asibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized ovided 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 Agen	nt Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipi	ents on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
	thorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support e reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the informa	
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 Age	ent	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of	Agent: ext.	
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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
OH	Sycamore		FR	11.5	0.0	0.0	9.79	21.29
OH	McCutchenville		FR	11.5	0.0	0.0	9.79	21.29
ОН	Melmore		FR	13.4	0.0	0.0	9.98	23.38
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(710)	<b>Broadband Price Offering</b>
Data	Collection Form

FCC Form 481

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service	Usage Allowance	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached
	ОН	ALL	59.95	0.0	59.95	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As Required by Ohio Administrative Code "4901:1-6-12 Service Requirements for Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES)" the local services provided by Sycamore Telephone Co. are provided under internal company operating procedures and tariffs which are in compliance with applicable Ohio Public Utility Commission orders and rules including:

# 4901:1-6-12(c)

- (1) BLES shall be installed within five business days of the receipt by a telephone company of a completed application for new access line service, unless the customer requests or agrees to a later date.
- (2) The requirements to install BLES in paragraph (c)(1) of this rule is not applicable where any of the following exist:
  - (a) A customer or applicant has not met pertinent tariff requirements.
  - (b) The need for special equipment or service.
  - (c) Military action, war, insurrection, riot or strike.
  - (d) The customer misses an installation appointment
- (3) A LEC shall make responsible efforts to repair a BLES outage within twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, after the outage is reported to the telephone company.
- (4) A BLES service outage or service-affecting problem shall be repaired within seventy-two hours after it is reported to the telephone company.
- (5) If a BLES outage is reported to the telephone company and it lasts more than seventytwo hours, the LEC shall credit every affected BLES customer, of which the LEC is aware, in the amount of one month's charges for BLES.
- (6) The customer credit in paragraph (c)(5) of this rule is not applicable if the condition or failure to repair occurs as a result of any of the following:
  - (a) A customer's negligent or willful act
  - (b) Malfunction of customer-owned telephone equipment or inside wire.
  - (c) Military action, war, insurrection, riot, or strike
  - (d) Customer missing a repair appointment.

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Sycamore Telephone Co., pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code "4901:1 1-6-31 Emergency and Outage Operations".

# 4901:1-6-31 Emergency and outage operations.

- (A) Each Facilities-based local exchange carrier (LEC) shall design, operate and maintain its facilities to continue to provide customers with the ability to originate and receive calls at all times. This commission will utilize existing FCC rules applicable to emergency and outage operations. Companies shall submit outage reports utilizing, at the company's discretion, either existing FCC reports or a format determined by the commission.
- (B) Each facilities-based LEC shall submit, within two hours of discovery, to the commission's outage coordinator and when appropriate, the news media in the affected area, a notification that it has experienced an outage, whenever that outage occurs on any facility that it owns, operates, leases or otherwise utilizes and it both:
  - (1) Expected to last for a period in excess of thirty minutes.
  - (2) Potentially affects at least nine hundred thousand user minutes in the incumbent local calling area.
- (C) Each Facilities-based LEC shall report, by telephone or electronic means, a disruption of 9-1-1 services, which impairs 9-1-1 service within a given county 9-1-1 system, immediately to each county 9-1-1 public safety answering point, to the Ohio 9-1-1 coordinator, and to the news media in the affected area, when appropriate.
- (D) Each facilities-based LEC experiencing a loss of communications or selective routing to a public safety answering point, as a result of an outage described under paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, shall also notify, as soon as possible, by telephone or electronic means, any official who has been designated by the management of the affected 9-1-1 facility as the LEC's contact person for communication outages at that facility; and the LEC shall convey to that person all available information that may be useful to the management of the affected facility in mitigating the effects of the outage on efforts to communicate with that facility.
- (E) Each facilities-based LEC experiencing an outage described under paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, shall electronically submit to the commission's outage coordinator the same information as that provided to the FCC or the following information:
  - (1) A notification that it has experienced an outage, which shall include the name of the reporting entity, the date and time of the onset of the outage, a brief description of

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the problem, the particular service affected, the geographic area affected by the outage, the number of customers affected, an estimate of when the service, including 9-1-1, will be restored, and a contact name and telephone number by which the commission's outage coordinator at contact the reporting entity.

- (2) Not later than seventy-two hours after discovering the outage, an initial communications outage report, which shall include all pertinent information then available on the outage and shall be submitted in good faith.
- (3) Not later than thirty days after discovering the outage, the provider shall submit electronically a final communications outage report, which shall include all pertinent information on the outage, including any information that was not contained in, or that had changed from that provided in, the initial report.
- (F) Each facilities-based LEC shall develop, implement, and maintain an emergency plan and make it available for review by commission staff. The plan shall include, but not limited to, all of the following:
  - (1) Procedures for maintaining and annually updating a list of those customers who have subscribed to the federal telecommunications service priority program, as identified in 47 C.F.R. 64, appendix A.
  - (2) Procedures for priority treatment in restoring out-of-service trouble of an emergency nature for customers with documented medical or life-threatening condition.
  - (3) In addition to the telecommunications service priority program, each LEC shall develop policies and procedures regarding those customers who require priority treatment for out-of-service clearance. Such procedures shall include a table of restoration priority, including, but not limited to, subscribes such as police and fire stations, hospitals, key medical personnel, and other utilities.
  - (4) Procedures for restoring service to priority critical facilities customers.
  - (5) Identification and annual updates for all of the facilities-based LEC's critical facilities and reasonable measures to protect its personnel and facilities.
  - (6) Assessments and evaluations of telecommunications facilities available to provide back-up service capabilities.
  - (7) Procedures for after-action assessments and reporting following activation of any part of the emergency plan. An after-action report will be written and will include

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lessons learned, deficiencies in the response to the emergency, and deficiencies in the emergency plan.

- (8) A current list of names and telephone numbers of the facilities-based LEC's emergency service personnel to contact and coordinate with in the event of a real or anticipated local or national threats to its ability to provide telecommunications service.
- (9) A current list of the names and telephone numbers of the facilities-based LEC's emergency service personnel that is made available to the commission's emergency coordinator, upon request.
- (10) A continuity of operations plan to assume continuance of minimum essential functions during a large scale event in which staffing is reduced. Such plans shall provide for:
  - (a) Plan activation triggers such as the world health organization's pandemic phase alert levels, widespread transmission within the United States, or a case at one or more locations within Ohio.
  - (b) Identification of a pandemic coordinator and team with defined roles and responsibilities for preparedness and response planning.
  - (c) Identification of minimal essential functions, minimal staffing required to maintain such essential functions, and personnel resource pools required to ensure continuance of those functions in progressive stages associated with a declining workforce.
  - (d) Identification of essential employees and critical inputs (e.g., raw materials, equipment, suppliers, subcontractor services/products, and logistics) required to maintain business operations by location and function.
  - (e) Policies and procedures to address personal protection initiatives.
  - (f) Policies and procedures to maintain lines of communication with the public utilities commission of Ohio during a declared emergency.
  - (g) Each facilities-based LEC shall amend its emergency plan in accordance with the findings identified in the after-action assessment report required under paragraph (F)(7) of this rule.

## Sycamore Telephone Company

## **Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

Sycamore Telephone Company ("Sycamore") 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:

#### Medicaid

Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
Low Income Housing Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps)
Ohio Works First/Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
National School Lunch Program Free Lunch Program
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
SSI – Blind and Disabled (SSDI)
General/Disability Assistance

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 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

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.

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

Sycamore's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Sycamore'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 Sycamore Telephone 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

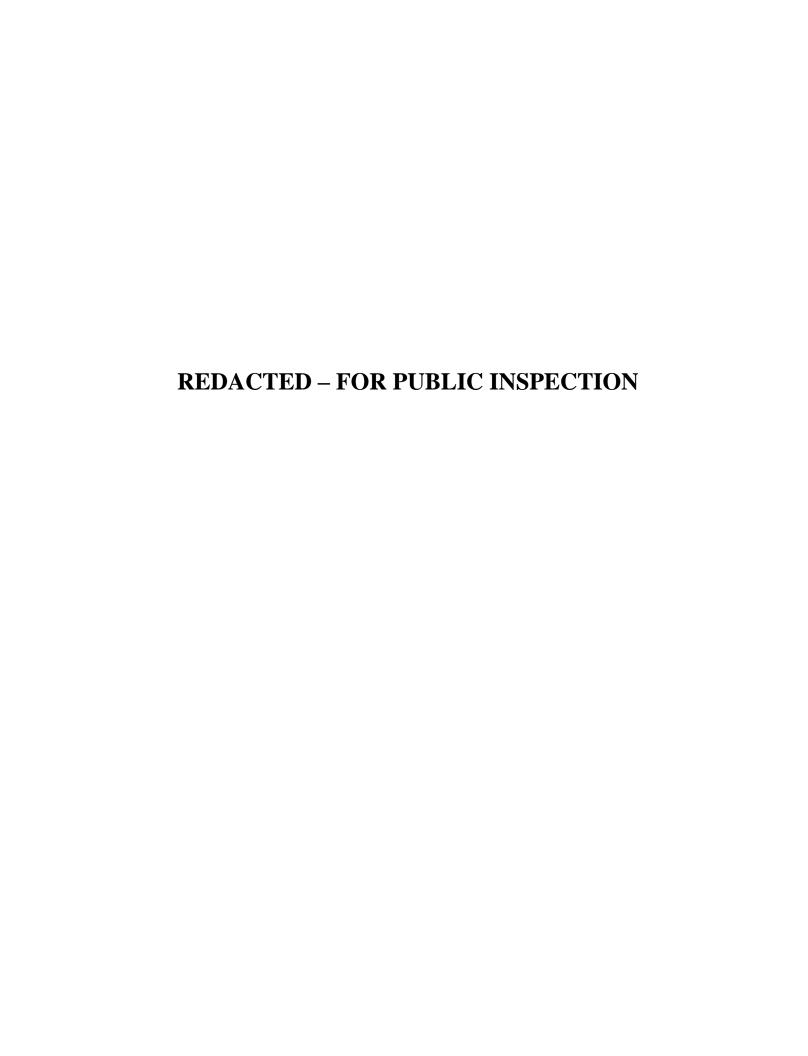
The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government 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.

## **Sycamore Telephone Company**

## Progress Report of 5 Year Plan- Milestone Certification

To be in compliance with the Milestone Certification of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/ 1Mbps upstream:

- Sycamore Telephone Company certifies that it has taken responsible steps to provide upon a
  reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps
  upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

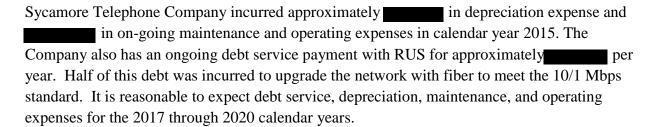


## **Sycamore Telephone Company**

## **Annual Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**

# Line 112 Progress Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313, in each subsequent year, Sycamore Telephone Company 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.



# **Year 2015 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

Interstate Access Support	\$
Interstate Common Line Support	\$
Connect America Fund Support	\$
High Cost Loop Support	\$
Safety Net Additive Support	\$
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$
CAF-ICC	\$
TOTAL	\$

# Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	Actual
	2015
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$
General support (Accts 6120-24)	\$
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)	\$
Network operations (Accts 6530-35)	\$
Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)	\$
<b>Customer Operations Expenses</b>	
Customer services (Accts 6611-23)	\$
Corporate Operations Expenses	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$
Total Additions/Capx	\$
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$

## **REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

FCC Form 481 - Line 112-117

It is estimated that of universal service funding received in 2015 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2016.

It is estimated that of universal service funding received in 2015 was used improve *service coverage* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). of households in our service area have access to our broadband capable network. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same % of universal service funding received in 2015 will be used to improve service coverage in 2016.

It is estimated that of universal service funding received in 2015 was used improve *service* capacity at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, of households in our service area will have access to our broadband capable network at speeds that meet or exceed 10Mbps/1Mbps as of July 1, 2016. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude that a larger % of universal service funding received in 2016 will be used to improve service capacity.



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

searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.				
	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			
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	The Sycamore Telephone Company  (Prepared with Audited Data)			
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.	PERIOD ENDING	BORROWER DESIGNATION		
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	December, 2015	ОН0532		
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.		X 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
Richard Ekleberry	6/30/2016	

Kichara Ekieberry	<del></del>	DATE	-		
		PART	A. BALANCE SHEET		
400570	BALANCE	BALANCE		BALANCE	BALANCE
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD
Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. 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.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital 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)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		'
Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. 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		
12. 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)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use		•	52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. 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)		
			<u> </u>		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

**USDA-RUS** 

# OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS

BORROWER DESIGNATION

ОН0532

PERIOD ENDING

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

December, 2015

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS				
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR		
Local Network Services Revenues				
2. Network Access Services Revenues				
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues				
Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues				
5. Miscellaneous Revenues				
6. Uncollectible Revenues				
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)				
Plant Specific Operations Expense				
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	<u> </u>			
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						
	1. R <i>A</i>	ATES	2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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4. BROADBAND SERVICE								
				Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service				
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)

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	PART D. SYSTEM DATA							
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served		4. Access Lines per Squar	re Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile		
	PART E. TOLL DATA							
Study Area ID Code(s)	2. Types of Toll Se	ettlements (Check on	9)					
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PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR								
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended								
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds E	2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended							
3. Funds Expended Under RUS In	nterim Approval							
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds I	Expended							
5. General Funds Expended (Other	er than Interim)							
Salvaged Materials								
7. Contribution in Aid to Construct	tion							
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Pla	ant (1 thru 7)							
	PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES							
		CURRENT	EAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DA	ATA		
				Cumulative	Cumulative			
INV	VESTMENTS	Investment	Income/Loss	Investment	Income/Loss	Current		
		This Year	This Year	To Date	To Date	Balance		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)		
Investment in Affiliated Compar	nies - Rural Development				_	_		
2. Investment in Affiliated Compar	nies - 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)		X YES	□ NO		
	EQUIPMENT CATEGORY		DEPRECIA	ATION RATE		
1.	Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles					
2.	Land and support assets - Aircraft					
3.	Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles					
4.	Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment					
5.	Land and support assets - Buildings					
6.	Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment					
7.	Land and support assets - General purpose computers					
8.	Central Office Switching - Digital					
9.	Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical					
10.	Central Office Switching - Operator Systems					
11.	Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems					
12. (	2. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment					
13.	3. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus					
14.	Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring					
15.	5. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges					
16.	6. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment					
17.	7. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment					
18.	8. Cable and wire facilities - Poles					
19.	Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal					
20.	Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber					
21.	Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal					
22.	Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber					
23.	Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal					
24.	Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber					
25.	5. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems					
26. (	26. Cable and wire facilities - Other					

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**Ending Cash** 

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