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January 24, 2019

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Suite TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re: WC Docket No. 14-171 –
Lifeline Certification and Reporting
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.416(b)
Due January 31, 2019

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.416(b), on behalf of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company"), accompanying this letter for filing with the Federal Communications Commission is an electronic copy of the completed FCC Form 555 (Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form), for the reporting year ended December 31, 2018, that has been submitted by the Company to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) with respect to the Company's Lifeline service subscribers residing in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Appelo", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven M. Appelo
President

Accompanying document
FCC Form 555 (copy)

Lifeline

[USAC Home](#) | [Lifeline Program](#) | [FCC Form 555](#)

Form 555

[i Instructions](#)

Bulk Certification Submission

- [i](#) Important Reminder: Carriers must maintain records to document compliance with all FCC and state requirements governing the Lifeline and Tribal Link Up program for three full preceding calendar years, and as long as the subscriber receives Lifeline service from the carrier. These documents must be provided to the FCC or USAC upon request. Lifeline recordkeeping rules are located at [47 C.F.R. § 54.417](#)

Successful Certification

Thank you. You have successfully certified the SACs listed below.

Remember to file a copy of your form in the [FCC's Electronic Commenting Filing System](#) [↗](#) ,

**Low Income**

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FCC FORM 555 SEARCHState: SAC: **Previous Data Years****If you would like to submit a filing or revision for a previous year, please submit the FCC Form 555 to Liverifications@usac.org.**

To view previous year information, click on the expand (+) button

List of SACs based on Search Criteria

SAC	SPIN	Data Year	State	ETC Name	Updated Details	Filing Status	View/Print	Action
522451	143002607	2018	WA	Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company	1 Jan 24, 2019	Certified Online		Click to Revise

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)

<u>522451</u>		<u>143002607</u>
Study Area Code (SAC)		Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
<i>(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each SAC through which it provides Lifeline service).</i>		
<u>2018</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Compar</u>
Recertification Year	State	ETC Name
<u>N/A</u>		<u>WAHKIAKUM WEST INC</u>
DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name		Holding Company Name
<i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)</i>		<i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)</i>

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

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 in Section 4. 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 Q below.

P	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
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.

Initial Certification *All ETCs must complete this section*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

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

sma
Initial _____

Minimum Service Level

I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with the minimum service levels set forth in the 47 CFR Section 54.408.

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

Initial sma

Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers due for recertification by month (January-December)

- A. Subscribers eligible for recertification by anniversary month
- B. Subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempts
- C. Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying (A-B)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
A.	2	1	0	0	2	2	3	0	3	2	8	1	24
B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	2	1	0	0	2	2	3	0	3	2	8	1	24

Recertification Methods

State of federal database

- D. Subscribers recertified through ETC access to state or federal database by anniversary month

Report the number of eligible subscribers verified through access to a state or federal database.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- E. Name of the data source(s) used to verify consumer eligibility:

ETC Direct Contact

- F. Subscribers contacted by ETC directly to recertify (You may also use this section to report subscriber initiated recertifications).

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers the ETC contacted directly to obtain recertification of eligibility

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
F.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- G. Subscribers who failed to recertify through ETC direct outreach attempt

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers de-enrolled due to ineligibility or non-response to the ETC's outreach attempt.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
G.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Subscribers who recertified through ETC direct outreach attempt

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers that successfully recertified through ETC's outreach attempt.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Third Party

I. Subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers contacted by a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC for the purpose of recertification.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
I.	2	1	0	0	2	2	3	0	3	2	8	1	24

J. Name of third party administrator used to verify subscriber eligibility:

USAC

K. Subscribers de-enrolled as a result of a third party recertification attempt

Report the number of subscribers as a result of ineligibility or non-response to outreach from a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
K.	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	9

L. Subscribers who recertified through a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC's recertification effort

Report the number of subscribers that recertified through a request from a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
L.	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	7	1	15

Certification:

Recertification Method: Database

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on a database. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

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Recertification Method: ETC

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

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Recertification Method: Third Party

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on an administrator. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

Initial sma

No Subscribers

I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers 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 listed above.

Initial _____

$M = (G+K)$	$N = (D+F+I)$	$O = M/N \times 100$
Total number of subscribers de-enrolled as a result of recertification	Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying	Percent of subscribers due for recertification who were de-enrolled
9	24	37.5%

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed,

Steven M. Appelo, President

Signature of Officer

sappelo@wwest.net

Email Address of Officer

Person Completing This Certification Form

Steven M. Appelo, President

Printed Name and Title of Officer

Jan 24, 2019

Date

Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

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