OMB Approval
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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)

330849
Study Area Code (SAC)

143001775
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)

(*An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for **each SAC** through which it provides Lifeline service*).

2016
Recertification Year

WI
State

Black Earth Telephone Company LLC
ETC Name

Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC
DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name
(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)

TDS Telecommunications Corporation
Holding Company Name
(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not 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
-- See attached worksheet --	

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.

Section 1: **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.

Initial AKM

Section 2: Annual Recertification

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

A	B	C	D	E = (A – B – C – D)
Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year *(February data month)*	**Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers**	**Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were initially enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year** *(These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)*	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC**	**Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year**
0	0	0	0	0

Recertification Results:

F	G	H = (F-G)	I	J = (H+I)
Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation	**Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact**	**Number of non-responding subscribers**	**Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible** *(This should be a subset of Block G.)*	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt**
0	0	0	0	0

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC**
0	0

Note: *If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.*

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

Certification:

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

A) 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. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial _____

AND/OR

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on: 0_____. *(List database or name of administrator here)* Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial _____

OR

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial AKM

Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

M = (F+K)	N = (J+L)	O = ((N ÷ M) * 100)
Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC (*This should equal the number reported in Block E)*	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility	**Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response**
0	0	0.0%

Section 4: 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

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,

Certified Online
Signature of Officer

Amanda Moore, Assistant Treasurer
Printed Name and Title of Officer

amanda.moore@tdstelecom.com
Email Address of Officer

01/30/2017
Date

Nicole Mauritz
Person Completing This Certification Form

608-664-2415
Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
100005	Cobbosseecontee Telephone Company
100007	The Island Telephone Company
100010	Hampden Telephone Company
100011	Hartland and St. Albans Telephone Company
100024	Somerset Telephone Company
100031	Warren Telephone Company
100034	The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company
109002	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
120045	Kearsarge Telephone Company
120047	Merrimack County Telephone Company
120049	Union Telephone Company
120050	Wilton Telephone Company
123321	Contoocook Telephone Company, Hollis Telephone Compa
129002	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
140058	Ludlow Telephone Company
140061	Northfield Telephone Company
140062	Perkinsville Telephone Company, Inc.
150089	Deposit Telephone Company, Inc.
150092	Edwards Telephone Company, Inc
150114	Oriskany Falls Telephone Corporation
150118	Port Byron Telephone Company
150129	Township Telephone Company, Inc.
150133	Vernon Telephone Company, Inc
170183	Mahanoy and Mahantango Telephone Company
170206	Sugar Valley Telephone Company
190217	Amelia Telephone Corporation
190253	Virginia Telephone Company
193029	New Castle Telephone Company
209005	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
210338	Quincy Telephone Company (Florida)
220346	Blue Ridge Telephone Company
220351	Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc.
220375	Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company
239006	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
240533	McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.
240535	Norway Telephone Company, Inc.
240544	St. Stephen Telephone Company
240551	Williston Telephone Company
250284	Butler Telephone Company, Inc.
250311	Oakman Telephone Company, Inc.
250314	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
260411	Lesile County Telephone Company
260412	Lewisport Telephone Company
260417	Salem Telephone Company
280448	Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc.
283301	Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc
287449	Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc
290559	Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.
290566	Humphreys County Telephone Company
290575	Tennessee Telephone Company

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
290578	Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.
299010	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
300585	Arcadia Telephone Company
300607	Continental Telephone Company
300613	Little Miami Communications Corporation
300645	Oakwood Telephone Company
300662	The Vanlue Telephone Company
310672	Communication Corporation of Michigan
310677	Island Telephone Company
310685	Chatham Telephone Company
310726	Shiawassee Telephone Company
310738	Wolverine Telephone Company
320744	Camden Telephone Company, Inc.
320776	Communications Corporation of Indiana
320777	The Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.
320778	Home Telephone Company, Inc. (Waldron)
320788	The Merchants and Farmers Telephone Company
320809	Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana
320816	S and W Telephone Company, Inc.
320829	Tipton Telephone Company, Inc
320830	Tri-County Telephone Company, Inc
320837	West Point Telephone Company
330844	Badger Telecom, LLC
330851	Bonduel Telephone Company
330856	Burlington, Brighton, and Wheatland Telephone Company
330859	Central State Telephone Company, LLC
330875	Dickeyville Telephone, LLC
330880	The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC
330881	Mid-Plains Telephone, LLC
330909	Midway Telephone Company, LLC
330914	EastCoast Telecom, Inc
330915	Mosinee Telephone Company, LLC
330917	Mt. Vernon Telephone Company, LLC
330930	Grantland Telecom, Inc.
330943	RIverside Telecom, LLC
330945	The Scandinavia Telephone Company, LLC
330952	Southeast Telephone Company of Wisconsin Inc
330954	Stockbridge and Sherwood Telephone Company
330955	State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC
330958	Tenney Telephone Company, LLC
330963	UTELCO, LLC
330968	Waunakee Telephone Company
339007	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
359016	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
361350	Arvig Telephone Company
361362	Bridge Water Telephone Company
361413	Mid State Telephone Company KMP
361433	Mid-State Telephone Company
361507	Winsted Telephone Company
431984	Oklahoma Communication Systems, Inc. DBA TDS Teleco

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SAC	Name
432010	Mid-America Telephone, Inc.
452171	Arizona Telephone Company
452174	Southwestern Telephone Company
462184	Delta County Tele-Comm, Inc.
462207	Strasburg Telephone Company
472230	Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc
522404	Asotin Telephone Company-Washington
522427	Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.
522430	McDaniel Telephone Company
529001	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
532404	Asotin Telephone Company-Oregon
539002	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
542321	Happy Valley Telephone Company
542322	Hornitos Telephone Company
542323	Winterhaven Telephone Company