

**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 31<sup>st</sup> (Annually)***

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| <u>330881</u>  |           | <u>143001795</u>                                     |
| Study Area Code (SAC)  |           | Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)        |
| (An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for <b>each</b> SAC through which it provides Lifeline service). |           |  |
| <u>2018</u>  | <u>WI</u> | <u>Mid-Plains Telephone LLC</u>                      |
| Recertification Year   | State     | ETC Name   |
| <u>N/A</u>   |           | <u>TDS Telecommunications Corporation</u>            |
| DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name   |           | Holding Company Name                                 |
| (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)  |           | (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 - |                       |

## 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.

Initial AKM

## 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 AKM

## 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. | 5   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 40         |
| B. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1          |
| C. | 5   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 39         |

## 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. | 5   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 37         |

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

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### 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. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2          |

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. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1          |

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. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1          |

**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.

Initial AKM

**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.

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**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** AKM

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

| $M = (G+K)$  | $N = (D+F+I)$   | $O = M/N*100$   |
|--|---|---|
| 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 |
| 1  | 39  | 2.56%   |

**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,

Amanda Moore, Assistant Treasurer

Signature of Officer

amanda.moore@tdstelecom.com

Email Address of Officer

Nicole Mauritz

Person Completing This Certification Form

Amanda Moore, Assistant Treas

Printed Name and Title of Officer

Jan 29, 2019

Date

608.664.2415

Contact Phone Number

## Affiliated ETCs

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## Attachment - TDS Telecommunications LLC Affiliates

| SAC    | Name   |
|--------|--|
| 100005 | Cobbosseecontee Telephone Company                  |
| 100007 | The Island Telephone Company                       |
| 100010 | Hampden Telephone Company                          |
| 100011 | Hartland & St. Albans Telephone Company            |
| 100024 | Somerset Telephone Company                         |
| 100031 | Warren Telephone Company                           |
| 100034 | The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company |
| 109002 | U.S. Cellular                                      |
| 120045 | Kearsarge Telephone Company                        |
| 120047 | Merrimack County Telephone Company                 |
| 120049 | Union Telephone Company                            |
| 120050 | Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.                     |
| 123321 | Hollis Telephone Company, Inc.                     |
| 129002 | NH #1 Rural Cellular, Inc. (U.S. Cellular)         |
| 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 & Mahantango Telephone Company             |
| 170206 | Sugar Valley Telephone Company                     |
| 190217 | Amelia Telephone Corporation                       |
| 190253 | Virginia Telephone Company                         |
| 193029 | New Castle Telephone Co.                           |
| 209005 | Hardy Cellular Telephone Company (U.S. Cellular)   |
| 210338 | Quincy Telephone Company (FL)                      |
| 220338 | Quincy Telephone Company (GA)                      |
| 220346 | Blue Ridge Telephone Company                       |
| 220351 | Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc.       |
| 220375 | Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company               |
| 239006 | Wilmington Cellular Telephone Company              |
| 240533 | McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.             |
| 240535 | Norway Telephone Co. 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.                    |

| SAC    | Name   |
|--------|--|
| 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.                             |
| 320788 | The Merchants and Farmers Telephone Company              |
| 320809 | Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana           |
| 320816 | S & W Telephone Company, Inc.                            |
| 320829 | Tipton Telephone Company, Inc.                           |
| 320830 | Tri-County Communications Corporation                    |
| 320837 | West Point Telephone Company                             |
| 330844 | Badger Telecom, LLC                                      |
| 330849 | Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC.                      |
| 330851 | Bonduel Telephone Company, LLC.                          |
| 330856 | Burlington, Brighton & Wheatland Telephone Company, LLC  |
| 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 of Wisconsin, LLC                      |
| 330915 | Mosinee Telephone Company                                |
| 330917 | Mt. Vernon Telephone Company, LLC                        |
| 330930 | Grantland Telecom, LLC                                   |
| 330943 | Riverside Telecom, LLC                                   |
| 330945 | Scandinavia Telephone Company, LLC                       |
| 330952 | Southeast Telephone Co. of Wisconsin, LLC                |
| 330954 | Stockbridge & Sherwood Telephone Company, LLC            |
| 330955 | State Long Distance Telephone Company                    |
| 330958 | Tenney Telephone Company, LLC                            |
| 330963 | Utelco, LLC.   |
| 330968 | Waunakee Telephone Company, LLC.                         |
| 339007 | United States Cellular Operating Company, LLC            |
| 359016 | Farmers Cellular Telephone Company, Inc. (U.S. Cellular) |
| 361350 | Arvig Telephone Company                                  |
| 361362 | Bridge Water Telephone Co.                               |
| 361413 | KMP d/b/a Mid-State Telephone Company                    |
| 361433 | Mid-State Telephone Company                              |
| 361507 | Winsted Telephone Company                                |

## Attachment - TDS Telecommunications LLC Affiliates

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 260411 | Leslie County Telephone Company                       |
| 260412 | Lewisport Telephone Co.                               |
| 260417 | Salem Telephone Co.                                   |
| 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                           |
| 290578 | Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.                       |
| 299010 | United States Cellular Operating Company of Knoxville |
| 300585 | Arcadia Telephone Company                             |
| 300607 | Continental Telephone Company                         |
| 300613 | Little Miami Communications Corporation               |
| 300645 | Oakwood Telephone Company                             |
| 300662 | The Vanlue Telephone Company                          |
| 310672 | Communications Corporation of Michigan                |

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|--------|---|
| 431984 | Oklahoma Communication Systems, Inc.                |
| 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 (WA)                       |
| 522427 | Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.                 |
| 522430 | McDaniel Telephone Company                          |
| 529001 | McDaniel Cellular Telephone Company (U.S. Cellular) |
| 532404 | Asotin Telephone Company (OR)                       |
| 539002 | USCOC of Oregon RSA #5, Inc. (U.S. Cellular)        |
| 542321 | Happy Valley Telephone Company                      |
| 542322 | Hornitos Telephone Company                          |
| 542323 | Winterhaven Telephone Company                       |