June 20, 2017

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

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2017 Form 481 Annual Report of Nex-Tech LLC
Study Area Code 419007

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Nex-Tech LLC (Nex-Tech) files the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely:

David L. Graham

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

<220>

<a> NORS Reference Number	<b1> Outage Start Date	<b2> Outage Start Time	<b3> Outage End Date	<b4> Outage End Time	<c1> Number of Customers Affected	<c2> Total Number of Customers	<d> 911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	<e> Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	<f> Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	<g> Service Outage Resolution	<h> Preventative Procedures

(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice) 0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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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.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.08
<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	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Data Collection Form

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	419007KS510.pdf
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	419007KS610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

<703>

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State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**SAC (CETC)**	**Rate Type**	**Residential Local Service Rate**	**State Subscriber Line Charge**	**State Universal Service Fee**	**Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge**	**Total per line Rates and Fees**

-- See attached worksheet --

(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings
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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*}**

(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Nex-Tech LLC
<811>	Holding Company	Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc
<812>	Operating Company	Nex-Tech LLC

<813>	<a1>	<a2>	<a3>
	Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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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

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

		Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	
<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	
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification: Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance: 419007KS1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

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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 confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

419007KS1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<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. ✔

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of 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 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 three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> 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)(1)(ii)(A)

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)(1)(ii)(C)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure 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)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment — Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment — Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(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

(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 Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)

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:

(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) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information — Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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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.

4003b. 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 (paragraph 80)

4004a. 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 _____

4004b. 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 speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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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: NEX-TECH, INC.

Signature of Authorized Officer: Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 419007 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017

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.

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

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I certify that (Name of Agent)_____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided 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:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filing Due Date for this form:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.

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 Agent

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**SAC (CETC)**	**Rate Type**	**Residential Local Service Rate**	**State Subscriber Line Charge**	**State Universal Service Fee**	**Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge**	**Total per line Rates and Fees**
KS			FR	17.0	0.0	1.11	0.0	18.11
KS			FR	19.5	0.0	1.27	0.0	20.77
KS			FR	17.8	0.0	1.16	0.0	18.96

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Nex-Tech, LLC (Study Areas 419007)
Statement Regarding Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
47 CFR § 54.313(a)(5)
Form 481, Line 510

Nex-Tech, LLC (Nex-Tech) is a competitive local exchange carrier operating in the state of Kansas, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). As such, Nex-Tech is subject to the regulatory authority of the KCC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Kansas.

Nex-Tech is subject to the service quality standards and consumer protection standards adopted by the KCC and that are applicable to LECs in the state of Kansas. These standards are contained in Orders adopted by the KCC in Docket No. 95-GIMT-047-GIT (specifically the KCC Order dated May 23, 2008) and Docket No. 06-GIMT-187-GIT. The consumer protection standards are also contained in Nex-Tech's local tariff that is on file with the KCC.

Apart from effective internal procedures and operations, Nex-Tech ensures compliance with all applicable service quality and consumer protection rules through KCC enforcement, which entails the operation of an effective customer complaint process. Nex-Tech is required to respond to customer complaints and other service quality-related inquiries from the KCC in a reasonable time frame. Nex-Tech consistently meets or exceeds all KCC-adopted standards, and reports to this effect via all required KCC processes.

Nex-Tech has established internal procedures to ensure compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules that include, but are not limited to, periodic employee training and maintenance of written company CPNI procedures. Nex-Tech certifies its compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules by making annual filings as required in 47 CFR § 64.2009(e).

Nex-Tech provides broadband Internet access service and has publicly disclosed accurate information regarding the network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of its broadband Internet access services sufficient for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services and for content, application, service, and device providers to develop, market, and maintain Internet offerings.

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Nex-Tech LLC (Study Area 419007)
Statement Regarding Functionality in Emergency Situations
47 CFR § 54.313(a) (6)
Form 481, Line 610

Nex-Tech LLC (Nex-Tech) has developed an extensive and detailed emergency management plan.

Nex-Tech's traditional voice service switching platform is fully redundant and is geographically separated. Redundant switches are connected using an IP network that is redundant and diversity routed. The platform is fed by a DC power plant with 8 hour operating battery backup. The core backbone network consists of six interconnected rings which provide 100% fiber route diversity between central offices. The transport is redundant at card and optical level.

Nex-Tech has developed a "Disaster Trailer" which is essentially a portable central office. The "Disaster Trailer" is capable of fiber and copper connection and has relay racks to accommodate additional equipment. This allows Nex-Tech to provide emergency switching. Nex-Tech also has 74 generators available at various locations to provide power to the network during any extended outages.

Nex-Tech has an onsite command center mobile office which would allow management and plant personnel the ability to set up a mobile office if a disaster occurs.

Nex-Tech has instituted a 24 hour Network Operations Center (NOC) which monitors the network and is able to reroute traffic and manage traffic spikes during a disaster or other emergency situation.

Broadband services also has a redundant DC battery power supply at the router locations and all are backed up with generated power at each location in case of power outage. Separate and different transport connections are available to ensure Internet transport from the router to the Internet backbone.

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Nex-Tech, LLC. (Study Area 419007)
Statement Regarding Voice Services Rate Comparability
47 CFR § 54.313(a) (10)
Form 481, Line 1010

Nex-Tech, LLC is a competitive local exchange carrier and as such is required to offer local exchange residential end user rates that are comparable to urban rates. The FCC calculated that the comparable benchmark, which is two standard deviations above the average local end-user rate, for service is $49.51 and that competitive ETC's not exceed urban rates.

Nex-Tech's local exchange residential end user rates, including the Federal End User Charge, range from $27.36 to $29.77 and no exchange exceeds the benchmark rate of $41.07

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What is Lifeline?

Every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service.

This principle of "Universal Service" has been the goal of the telecommunications industry for decades. In 1934, the federal government codified the goal and reaffirmed it in 1996 by establishing policies for the "preservation and advancement of Universal Service."

To achieve the Universal Service goal, carriers have access to a fund that is generated by contributions from the telecommunications providers in the United States. Telecommunications companies draw from the fund to provide four programs that support telecommunications services nationwide.

Toll Limitation Service is another program available to low income subscribers to help them control what they spend on phone service.

Lifeline and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain phone and Internet service.

To apply for Lifeline, contact your local Nex-Tech store.

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312 Main St
Local: 785-374-4441
Toll Free: 877-569-1802

DODGE CITY
100 Military Ave, Ste 127
Local: 620-225-5054
Toll Free: 877-304-7872

DOWNS
901 Morgan Ave
Local: 785-454-6025
Toll Free: 866-454-7872

GREAT BEND
3700 10th St
Local: 620-792-3908
Toll Free: 866-792-7872

HAYS
2418 Vine St
Local: 785-625-7070
Toll Free: 877-625-7872

HILL CITY
118 W Main St
Local: 785-421-2916
Toll Free: 877-421-7872

HOXIE
825 Main
Local: 785-675-2400
Toll Free: 888-675-7872

LENORA
145 N Main St
Local: 785-567-4281
Toll Free: 877-567-7872

NORTON
117 N Norton Ave
Local: 785-877-4135
Toll Free: 877-550-7872

OSBORNE
221 W Main St
Local: 785-346-2199
Toll Free: 877-643-7872

PHILLIPSBURG
770 4th St
Local: 785-543-6694
Toll Free: 866-543-6694

PLAINVILLE
112 S Main St
Local: 785-434-4946
Toll Free: 866-551-7872

QUINTER
204 E 4th St
Local: 785-754-2108
Toll Free: 877-750-7872

RUSSELL
238 E Wichita
Local: 785-483-5555
Toll Free: 866-383-6773

SALINA
104 N Sante Fe, Ste B
Local: 785-823-2498
Toll Free: 877-825-7872

SMITH CENTER
705 North F St
Local: 785-282-3535
Toll Free: 866-419-6439

STOCKTON
523 Main St
Local: 785-425-6750
Toll Free: 877-425-6750

WAKEENEY
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How Do I Know Whether I Am Eligible?

An individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

1. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
2. Medicaid
3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
4. Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
5. Veteran's Pension Benefit

The participant is required to provide documentation of participation in one of the above programs to the provider, and to complete the Lifeline Certification Form.

Also, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty level. A consumer must provide THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS of bank income statements as documentation of income (statements should include all adult household members), or provide a copy of their household's tax return for the previous year.

What Type of Discount Is Available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic monthly local phone service or Internet service. Eligible consumers can receive monthly discounts of up to $17.02 on phone service and up to $9.25 on Internet service. Please visit a Nex-Tech store to see what discounts are available in your area.

Internet services need to be 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up to be eligible for support.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

Self-Certifcation Form for Income Eligibility

The Lifeline Service Program includes income-based eligibility criteria. These criteria are based on the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under authority of 42 U.S.C. §9902(2). Customers eligible under the Lifeline criteria are required to self-certify such eligibility.

Income-Based Eligibility

Family Members	Maximum Annual Income
1	$16,281
2	$21,924
3	$27,567
4	$33,210
5	$38,853
6	$44,496
7	$50,139
8	$55,782

For each additional person, add $5,643

How Do I Apply to Receive Lifeline and TLS Support Discounts?

Contact a Nex-Tech store. The Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) website contains state specific Lifeline contact information for many companies at www.lifelinesupport.org. You also may call USAC toll free at 1-888-641-8722 with any questions about Lifeline and TLS discounts.

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Study Area 419007

Line 1222 Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan.

Nex-Tech provides its lifeline customers a flat rate local service. There is no measured local service provided, so the number of minutes provided is not necessary.

Line 1223 Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each plan.

Nex-Tech provides access to toll service providers for its lifeline customers. The lifeline customers has to choose its own toll service provider, so no additional charges are noted or required by Nex-Tech.