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June 20, 2016

**VIA Electronic Comment Filing System**

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

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2016 ETC Annual Report of Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems LP  
Study Area Code 449079**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems LP, JSI files the attached FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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JSI Vice President  
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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no )	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no )	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

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.

<112> 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 company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

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 §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality  
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage  
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity  
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.


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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
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&lt;300&gt; Unfulfilled service request (voice)

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&lt;310&gt; Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

&lt;320&gt; Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

&lt;330&gt; Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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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 . 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	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
449079tx510.pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	

<b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b>		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	449079tx610.pdf



**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
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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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**(800) Operating Companies  
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available
<812>	Operating Company	NA

[illegible]

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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&lt;900&gt; Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

&lt;910&gt; Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

&lt;920&gt; 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 document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <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.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(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

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Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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&lt;1100&gt; 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**  
**Data Collection Form**

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449079tx1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <https://gvtc.com/docs/default-source/tariffdocs/gvcs-local-tariff-2005.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

"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. ☒

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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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**

- <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
- <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 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 two - 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 two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

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**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

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

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017B&gt; 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

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

&lt;2018&gt; 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

&lt;2019&gt; 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)

&lt;2020&gt; 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)

&lt;2021&gt; 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)

&lt;2026&gt; 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)

&lt;2027&gt; 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)

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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.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {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) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3015)	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: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3019)	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: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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

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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:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
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: Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems L P	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/16/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Robert Hunt	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: VP - Regulatory Affairs and Bus Ops	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 8308858239 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 449079	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.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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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:
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.	

**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:	
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## Attachments

## **Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.**

**Study Area Code: 449079**

### **Response to Line 510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

#### **Compliance – Voice and Broadband**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”<sup>2</sup> The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”<sup>4</sup>

Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.. (“Company”) hereby certifies that its voice service complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules under the Texas Administrative Code, Title 16, Part II, as established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers pursuant to Subchapter J requirements in Sections 26.201-26.230; (2) adherence to state consumer

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at n. 72.



protection requirements governing telephone providers as identified in Subchapter B, in Sections 26.21-26.37; and (3) service quality standards requirements as identified in Subchapter C, Sections 26.51 -26.57. In addition, the Company complies with numerous federal consumer protection standards including, but not limited to: (1) Truth-in-Billing rules outlined in 47 CFR § 64.2401; and (2) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

For its broadband service, Company hereby certifies that while there are no applicable state broadband service quality standards and consumer protection rules yet established under the Texas Administrative Code by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Company discloses rates, terms and conditions on its public web site and the Company complies with applicable federal and state customer protection standards generally applicable to all businesses operating in Texas. In addition, the Company adheres to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information 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 as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the *2015 Open Internet Order*, as it applies to the Company.

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**Study Area Code: 449079**

**Response to Line 610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

**for Voice and Broadband**

Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and the Texas Administrative Code. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, the Company is able to function under emergency operations in accordance with Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rules §26.51 *Reliability of Operations of Telecommunications Providers* and §26.52 *Emergency Operations* which include obligations for continuity of service and emergency operations planning and service provision capability for dominant carriers. Any central office not equipped with permanently installed standby generators contains as a minimum four hours of battery reserve without voltage falling below the level required for proper operation of all equipment. In addition, all central offices without installed

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<sup>1</sup> Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

emergency power facilities have a mobile power unit available which can be delivered and connected on short notice.

The Company's standby generators and battery back-up equipment support both voice and broadband network equipment in the event of an emergency situation.

<b>(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	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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## Data Collection Form

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8308858278 ext.
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.
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# Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P.

## Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service

(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems's tariff(s) on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

### Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates

Exchange Name	Digital Choice Rate	Digital Choice Metro Rate	Digital Choice 1- way EAS Rate
Blanco	\$18.80	\$ 28.80	\$ 26.80
Boerne	\$18.80	\$ 28.80	\$ 26.80
Gonzales	\$18.80	\$ 28.80	\$ 26.80

(<sup>1</sup>) Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Texas Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

(2) Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

## LIFELINE SERVICE

### 9.1. General

- a. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering available to qualifying low-income consumers.
- b. Consumers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services of functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101 (a)(1)-(9) (relating to Supported Services for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
- c. GVCS shall offer toll restriction at no charge to all qualifying low-income consumers at the time such consumers subscribe to Lifeline Service.
- d. Lifeline Service rate reductions do not apply to long distance service, 976 and other information provider services, or any other optional services or functionalities which may or may not be tariffed. Customers may obtain such services, where available, at their discretion, although the Lifeline Service reduction does not apply.
- e. Lifeline Service will not be available on a retroactive basis.
- f. Deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline Service applicants who voluntarily elect to subscribe to toll restriction service.

### 9.2 Eligibility Requirements

- a. The discounted service will be provided for one (1) residential telephone line per household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence.
- b. The service must be provided in the eligible applicant's name.
- c. An applicant must certify that their annual income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, or must participate in one of the following programs to qualify for Lifeline:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal public housing assistance
- Health benefits coverage under the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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## LIFELINE SERVICE

### 9.2 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

#### d. Procedures for Establishing Eligibility

1. Consumer's within GVCS's service area identified as eligible for Lifeline Service by the Texas Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) through the automatic enrollment process under Commission Sub. Rule 26.412, shall be provided Lifeline Service discounts unless GVCS receives a customer request to be excluded from such discounts. Consumers who are eligible for Lifeline Service but do not have telephone service at the time the LIDA provides its eligibility list are responsible for contacting GVCS and initiating a request for service from GVCS.
2. The LIDA shall provide GVCS with a monthly list of consumers eligible for Lifeline Service and shall provide an updated list to GVCS on a periodic basis.
3. Consumers who do not participate in one of the designated programs but who meet income qualifications by having an income at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines may establish eligibility for Lifeline Service by contacting the LIDA.

#### e. Provision of Service

1. GVCS shall provide Lifeline Service to all eligible consumers identified by the LIDA within its service area if the consumer is a customer of GVCS. GVCS shall begin reduced billing for those eligible low-income consumers subscribing to qualifying services.
2. If the eligible customer changes the telephone service or initiates new service, GVCS shall begin reduced billing at the time the change of service becomes effective or at the time new service is established.
3. GVCS will discontinue Lifeline Service discounts upon notice by the LIDA that a customer is no longer eligible.

### 9.3 Lifeline Service Discounts

Eligible consumers who subscribe to Lifeline Service will receive the following discounts:

a.	Federal Approved Reduction	\$9.25	
b.	State approved reduction:	\$6.95	I

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**9.3 Lifeline Service Discounts (Continued)**

The monthly discounted residential rate for local exchange service for qualifying low-income customers may not be reduced below \$2.50.

Qualified Lifeline Tribal Lands customers will receive, in addition to the discounts listed in III.a.,b.,c.,d, a federally approved reduction of \$25.00. The monthly discounted residential rate local exchange service for qualifying low-income individuals living on tribal lands may not be reduced below \$1.00.

**9.4 Service Charges**

- a. Service charges do not apply when eligible customers with existing residential service convert to Lifeline Service.
- b. Service charges apply when:
  1. At the time Lifeline Service billing is initiated, where existing eligible residential local exchange access service customers request additional features, such as special or custom calling features.
  2. A customer receiving Lifeline Service voluntarily elects to convert to telephone service arrangements which preclude Lifeline Service eligibility.
  3. New residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for the Lifeline Program will be subject to applicable service charges.
- c. Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to Lifeline Service will be subject to applicable service charges.

**9.5 Payments and Disconnection of Service**

- a. GVCS may not disconnect Lifeline Service for nonpayment of toll charges.
- b. A Lifeline customer is required to adhere to the same bill payment policies applicable to all of GVCS's customers.
- c. GVCS will apply any partial payment received by a Lifeline customer first to Lifeline Service charges and second to toll charges.

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