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June 22, 2016

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **WC Docket No. 14-58 – ETC Annual Reports and Certifications**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc., Study Area Code 439008, by its authorized representative, hereby files its FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422.

The FCC Form 481 has been completed, certified, and submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

A copy of the FCC Form 481 is also being submitted to the state regulatory commission pursuant to §§54.313(i) and 54.422(c).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stuart Polikoff
Authorized Representative for
Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

SEP/pjf

cc: Mr. Kelley Wells, Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

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# FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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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 ) ○ ● |
| <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 ) ○ ○ |

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.

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| <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. | |

**(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 |
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**(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)

Name of Attached Document

**(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 mobile voice |
| <410> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice | |
| <420> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice | 0.0 |
| <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 | 439008ok510.pdf |

**(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 | 439008ok610.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 | 35.0 |

<703>

| <a1> | <a2> | <a3> | <b1> | <b2> | <b3> | <b4> | <b5> | <c> |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **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** |
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-- See attached worksheet --

**(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings**
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| <a1> | <a2> | <b1> | <b2> | <c> | <d1> | <d2> | <d3> | <d4> |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **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*}** |
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**(800) Operating Companies**
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|---|---|---|
| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. |
| <812> | Operating Company | Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. |

| <813> | <a1> | <a2> | <a3> |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Affiliates** | **SAC** | **Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation** |
| | -- See attached worksheet -- | | |

**(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 document(s), 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

Not Applicable

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

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**
**Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

439008ok1210.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. ✔

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**
**Data Collection Form**
*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

<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.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<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-

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**
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*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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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?

<2017B> 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 cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<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)(2)(ii)

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)(2)(v)

<2020> 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)

<2021> 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)

<2026> 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)

<2027> 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)

**(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation**
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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.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan | | |
| (3009) | 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) | |
| (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) for 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**

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|---|---|
| (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**

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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 _____

| **Certification - Reporting Carrier**<br>**Data Collection Form** | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013 |
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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:

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.

**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)** Moss Adams LLP **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: Moss Adams LLP

Name of Reporting Carrier: PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Shawn Hanson

Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5804682180 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 439008 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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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: PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

Name of Authorized Agent Firm: Moss Adams LLP

Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2016

Name of Authorized Agent Employee: Stuart Polikoff

Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Consulting Senior Manager

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5126527730 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 439008 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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Attachments

**(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 | 35.0 |

<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** |
| OK | | | FR | 35.0 | 0.0 | 0.76 | 0.0 | 35.76 |
| TX | | | FR | 35.0 | 0.0 | 0.72 | 0.0 | 35.72 |

**(800) Operating Companies**
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. |
| <812> | Operating Company | Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. |

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|---|---|---|
| **Affiliates** | **SAC** | **Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation** |
| Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 432016 | PTCI |
| Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. | 449019 | PTCI |
| Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. | 439032 | PTCI |

**LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE**

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. ("the Company") complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for its voice and broadband services.

The Company is a mobile wireless provider that received its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("OCC"). The Company is bound by the requirements of OAC 165:55-23-1 *et seq.* which pertains to the provision of supported services by designated wireless carriers. The rules address, among other things, content of bills, billing disputes, minimum service standards, responsibility for adequate and safe service, records of trouble reports, and response to customer complaint inquiries.

The Company complies with the FCC's Open Internet rules, 47 C.F.R. §§8.3-8.11. These rules prohibit blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization, and also require transparency of network management practices, performance, and the commercial terms of broadband services.

The Company complies with any and all consumer protection obligations under state law.

The Company also complies with the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Service. Specifically: (1) the Company discloses its rates and terms of service to customers; (2) the Company makes available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) the Company provides contract terms to customers and confirms changes in service; (4) the Company allows a trial period for new service; (5) the Company provides specific disclosures in its advertising; (6) the Company separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on its billing statements; (7) the Company provides customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) the Company provides ready access to customer service; (9) the Company promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) the Company abides by policies for protection of consumer privacy.

Finally, the Company has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011). Certification of the Company's compliance with CPNI rules and a description of the Company's operating procedures that ensure compliance are filed annually with the FCC.

**LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. ("the Company") is able to function in emergency situations for both voice and broadband service. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. The Company's network is reinforced by battery back-ups installed at its cell sites and generators at its mobile telephone switching office. The Company also has numerous portable generators that are available to be moved to any of the cell sites. In addition, the cell sites are constantly monitored by the switch which alerts the answering service dispatch in the event trouble is detected. The network is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

The Company is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Although the Company's ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances, there is a restoration plan in place for expeditious recovery of service, including splicing of damaged facilities when warranted.

**LINE 1210 – TERMS & CONDITIONS OF VOICE TELEPHONY LIFELINE PLANS**

Residential customers of Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. ("the Company") residing in non-Tribal exchanges in Oklahoma who qualify for the Lifeline Program receive a discount of $9.25 on voice telephony service ($9.25 federal discount + $0 state discount[1]). Residential Lifeline customers residing in the Company's Texas exchanges receive a discount of $12.75 on local voice telephony service ($9.25 federal discount + $3.50 state discount).

In all of the Company's non-Tribal exchanges in Oklahoma, the Lifeline single-line residential rate is $25.75 ($35.00 standard rate - $9.25 discount). This rate applies to the following exchanges: Adams, Balko, Beaver, Boise City, Bryans Corner, Eva, Felt-Wheeless, Floris, Forgan, Gate, Goodwell, Griggs, Guymon, Hardesty, Hooker, Kenton, Keyes, Logan, Texhoma, Turpin, and Tyrone.

In the portion of the Company's exchanges that extend into Texas, the Lifeline single-line residential rate is $22.25 ($35.00 standard rate - $12.75 discount). This rate applies to the Texas portion of the following exchanges: Guymon, Hardesty, and Texhoma.

Lifeline customers have an unlimited number of minutes for local and long distance calls and unlimited texting.

Data usage is not included in the Lifeline offering. Lifeline customers may subscribe to any data plan offered by the Company at the regular, non-discounted rate.

Additional information regarding the terms and conditions of voice telephony Lifeline plans can be found at http://www.ptci.net/wireless/plans-options/.

[1] The state Lifeline discount in Oklahoma was eliminated in November, 2014.