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June 22, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

ATTENTION: WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU

RE: Form 481 ETC filing pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422
SAC 361515, MN, Zumbrota Telephone Company
Connect America Fund WC Dockets 10-90, 11-42 and 14-58

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's Rules, please accept the attached FCC Form 481 of Zumbrota Telephone Company, MN, SAC 361515 (the "Company") for filing with the Commission.

The Company is filing the attached redacted version via ECFS.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this transmittal to the undersigned. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Hintz', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosures

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Form Type		54.313 and 54.422

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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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)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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. Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules		FCC Form 481
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
361515MN510 .pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 482 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	361515MN610.pdf

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<811>	Holding Company	Hanson Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Zumbrota Telephone

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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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:

- <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
Data Collection Form**

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 361515MN1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 361515MN1030.pdf

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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361515MN1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

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, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(2005) 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

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

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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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)

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.

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

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

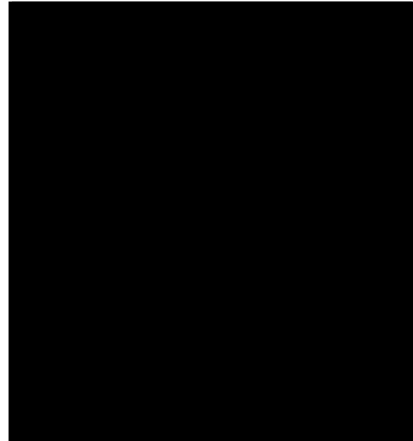
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



(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	
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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	
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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: ZUMBROTA TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/21/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Bruce Hanson	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Treasurer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3208472211 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 361515	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.	

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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:	
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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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Attachments

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**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form**

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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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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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SAC: 361515

State: MN

Zumbrota Telephone

Form 481 Line No. 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As required by MN. Rule "7812.0700 Minnesota General Service Quality Requirements. Subpart 1" the local services provided by Zumbrota Telephone are provided under internal company operating procedures and publically available tariffs which are in compliance with applicable Minnesota Public Utility Commission orders and rules including:

7810.0100 DEFINITIONS.

7810.0200 SCOPE.

7810.0300 STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

7810.0400 RETENTION OF RECORDS.

7810.0500 DATA TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.

7810.0600 REPORT TO COMMISSION ON SERVICE DISRUPTION.

7810.0900 LOCATION OF RECORDS.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

7810.1000 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMER AND PUBLIC.

7810.1100 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.

7810.1200 RECORD OF COMPLAINT.

CUSTOMER BILLING; DEPOSIT AND GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS

7810.1400 CUSTOMER BILLING.

7810.1500 DEPOSIT AND GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.1600 DEPOSIT.

7810.1700 GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT.

DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE; SERVICE DELAY

7810.1800 PERMISSIBLE SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS WITH NOTICE.

7810.1900 PERMISSIBLE SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

7810.2000 NONPERMISSIBLE REASONS TO DISCONNECT SERVICE.

7810.2100 MANNER OF DISCONNECTION.

7810.2200 RECONNECTION OF SERVICE.

7810.2300 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.2400 BILL DISPUTES.

7810.2500 ESCROW PAYMENTS.

7810.2600 WAIVING RIGHT TO DISCONNECT; EMERGENCY STATUS.

7810.2800 DELAY IN INITIAL SERVICE OR UPGRADE.

DIRECTORIES

7810.2900 CONTENT OF DIRECTORIES.

7810.3000 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE.

7810.3100 CHANGES OR ERROR OF LISTED NUMBER.

ENGINEERING

7810.3200 CONSTRUCTION OF TELEPHONE PLANT.

7810.3300 MAINTENANCE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

7810.3900 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

SAC: 361515

State: MN

Zumbrota Telephone

Form 481 Line No. 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

INSPECTIONS, TESTS, SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

7810.4100 ACCESS TO TEST FACILITIES.

7810.4300 ACCURACY REQUIREMENTS.

7810.4900 ADEQUACY OF SERVICE.

7810.5000 UTILITY OBLIGATIONS.

7810.5100 TELEPHONE OPERATORS.

7810.5200 ANSWERING TIME.

7810.5300 DIAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.5400 INTEROFFICE TRUNKS.

7810.5500 TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

7810.5800 INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

7810.5900 CUSTOMER TROUBLE REPORTS.

7810.6000 PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

7810.6100 SAFETY PROGRAM.

Zumbrota Telephone is in compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other Federal and State requirements governing the protection of Customer's privacy.

SAC: 361515

State: MN

Zumbrota Telephone

Form 481 Line No. 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Zumbrota Telephone pursuant to MN Rule "7810.390 Emergency Operations" has:

- Established reasonable provisions' to meet emergencies resulting from failures of lighting or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, illness of operators or from fire, storm, or acts of God including provisions for emergency power that meet or exceed the rule requirement to provide:
 - A minimum of four hours of battery service in each central office.
 - A permanently installed power unit in exchanges exceeding 5000 lines.
 - Mobile power units that can be delivered on short notice and which can be readily connected in offices without installed emergency power facilities.

- Has informed employees as to the procedures to be followed, including reasonable rerouting of traffic around damaged facilities and the deployment of emergency power, in the event of emergency in order to prevent or mitigate interruption or impairment of telecommunications service.

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Form 481 Line No. 1010 Descriptive document for Voice Services Rate Comparability

Line 1010 – Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, as required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

On February 14, 2017 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced results of the Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services; as part the FCC Public Notice DA 17-167. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

“Based on the survey responses, the Bureau also calculated the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services to be \$49.51.

3. Id. at 17694, para. 84.”

As required Zumbrota Telephone hereby certifies that its current fixed voice services for residential subscribers as defined in the USF/ICC Transformation Order is below \$49.51.

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Form 481 Line No. 1030 Descriptive document for Broadband Service Rate Comparability

Line 1030 – Description of Broadband Service Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of a Broadband service meeting the Commission’s Public Interest Obligations is no more than the applicable benchmark, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(12).

On February 14, 2017 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced the results of the Urban Rate Survey for Broadband Service as part of FCC Public Notice DA 17-167. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

“Based on the survey results, the reasonable comparability benchmark calculations for broadband services can be calculated at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/urban=rate-survey-data>.”

As required Zumbrota Telephone hereby certifies that it offers a Broadband service to residential subscribers at pricing that is no more than the applicable benchmark rate.

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 Form 481 Line No. 1210 Lifeline Plans Terms and Conditions

Zumbrota Telephone does adhere to all Federal Lifeline eligibility rules and regulations as well as Minnesota Administrative Rule "7817.0400 - Eligibility for Telephone Assistance Credits" which states:

Minnesota Administrative Rule 237 Chapter 7817.0400

Subpart 1. Information provided. Each local service provider shall annually mail a notice of the availability of the telephone assistance plan to each residential subscriber in a regular billing. If a subscriber has chosen to receive the regular billing other than through U.S. mail, the local service provider shall send the notice in a regular billing using the delivery method chosen by the subscriber for delivery of the regular billing. The notice must state the following: YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IN PAYING YOUR TELEPHONE BILL IF YOU RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM CERTAIN LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OR MEET CERTAIN INCOME LIMITS. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION FORM PLEASE CONTACT

 (local service provider) . On request, the local service provider shall mail to a person an application form developed by the commission and the Department of Commerce, and a brochure that describes the telephone assistance plan's eligibility requirements and application process.

Subpart 2. Application process. On completing and signing the application certifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided by the applicant is true and that the statutory criteria for eligibility are satisfied, the applicant must return it to the local service provider for enrollment in the telephone assistance plan. An application may be made by the subscriber, the subscriber's spouse, or a person authorized by the subscriber to act on the subscriber's behalf.

Subpart 4. Eligibility criteria. To be eligible for a telephone assistance credit the applicant must:

- A. be a subscriber who resides in Minnesota or has moved to Minnesota and intends to remain; and
- B. be eligible for the federal Lifeline telephone service discount.

Subpart 7. Applicant and recipient responsibilities. Each applicant and each recipient shall provide current information to the local service provider about permanent changes that affect the applicant's or recipient's eligibility.

Subpart 8. Local service provider responsibilities.

- A. A local service provider shall begin providing telephone assistance credits to an applicant in the earliest possible billing cycle but not later than the second billing cycle following submission of a completed application demonstrating eligibility. If certified, the local service provider shall notify the applicant by, for example, placing telephone assistance credits on the bill.
- B. If an applicant is denied eligibility, the local service provider shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, of the right to appeal, and of the right to reapply.

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Rates

Zumbrota Telephone Local service rates that serve as its Lifeline Plans are filed in Compliance with the regulatory requirements of Minn. Rules Ch. 7810 and Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600 as follows:

- A. The tariffs or price lists of local exchange carriers must offer the following services to all customers pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600 (basic service requirements):
- _____ single party voice-grade service and touch-tone capability;
 - _____ 911 or enhanced 911 access;
 - _____ 1 + intraLATA and interLATA presubscription and code-specific equal access to interexchange carriers subscribing to its switched access service;
 - _____ access to directory assistance, directory listings, and operator services;
 - _____ toll and information service-blocking capability without recurring monthly charges
 - _____ one white pages directory per year for each local calling area, which may include more than one local calling area, except where an offer is made and explicitly refused by the customer;
 - _____ a white pages and directory assistance listing, or, upon customer request, a private listing that allows the customer to have an unlisted or unpublished telephone number;
 - _____ call-tracing capability according to chapter 7813;
 - _____ (i) call Trace provisions in tariff mirror Commission's tariff templates.
 - _____ blocking capability according to the Commission's ORDER ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF CUSTOMER LOCAL AREA SIGNALING SERVICES, Docket No. P999/CI-92-992 (June 17, 1993) and its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION, Docket No. P999/CI-92-992 (December 3, 1993).
 - _____ telecommunications relay service capability or access necessary to comply with state and federal regulations.
- B. A Separate flat rate service offering is required pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 2. At a minimum, each local service provider (LSP) shall offer the services identified in Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 1 as a separate tariff or price list offering on a flat rate basis. An LSP may also offer basic local service on a measured rate basis or in combination with other services. An LSP may impose separate charges for the services set forth in subpart 1 only to the extent permitted by applicable laws, rules, and commission orders.

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C. Service area obligations under Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 3: An LSP shall provide its local services on a nondiscriminatory basis, consistent with its certificate under part 7812.0300 or 7812.0350, to all customers who request service and whose premises fall within the carrier's service area boundaries or, for an interim period, to all requesting customers whose premises fall within the operational areas of the local service provider's service area under part 7812.0300, subpart 4, or 7812.0350, subpart 4. The obligation to provide resale services does not extend beyond the facilities-based services does not require an LSP that is not an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to build out its facilities to customers not abutting its facilities or to serve a customer if the local service provider cannot reasonably obtain access to the point of demarcation on the customer's premises. service capability of the underlying carrier whose service is being resold. The obligation to provide

The flat rate services, offered pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 2., include unlimited local service minutes of use. The local services offerings do not include any toll minutes of use. The rates for any toll usage are determined by the rate plans of the Toll Provider(s) that end users are selected by lifeline by end users.

The specific Company terms and conditions for the Companies Lifeline Plans are set forth in the tariff pages included in Exhibit 1, attached.

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Exhibit 1

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GENERAL SERVICES

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE AND MINNESOTA TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PLAN (TAP)

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The Lifeline Assistance program (Lifeline), established by the Federal Communications Commission under 47CFR54, is a means of maintaining and preserving universal service by providing a reduction in the recurring price of telephone, mobile or broadband service to qualifying low-income residential subscribers.

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TAP is a state sponsored assistance program under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 237 and is designed to make telephone service accessible to qualifying low-income residential households. Through this program, eligible households will receive a monthly discount on their telephone service.

1. General

a. Lifeline provides for a federally-funded discount credit to a low-income residential customer's charges for telephone, mobile or broadband service. Monthly Lifeline discounts provided in connection with the Company's local telephone service will first be applied against the subscriber's Federal End User Common Line Charge. Any remaining Lifeline credit will then be applied against charges for the customer's local phone service.

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b. Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) will not be billed to Lifeline customers.

c. Local service for Lifeline Telephone subscribers may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

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1) Toll Restriction Service will be provided to Lifeline Telephone subscribers at no charge.

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2) Lifeline Telephone subscribers are not required to accept Toll Restriction Service as a condition to avoid disconnection of local service for non-payment of toll.

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3) Lifeline Telephone subscribers are not required to pay a service deposit in order to initiate service if the subscriber voluntarily elects to receive Toll Restriction Service.

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d. Partial payments from Lifeline Telephone subscribers will be applied first to local service charges and then to toll charges.

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2. Eligibility Requirements

a. Lifeline will be provided for one (1) eligible service per household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence, to those individuals who meet the eligibility requirements.

(T)

b. The applicant has income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Veterans Pension Benefit and Survivors Plan
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

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2. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

Individuals who do not qualify under any of the above but live on or near a federally recognized reservation may qualify for Lifeline Assistance if the applicant receives benefits from at least one of the following programs: (T)

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) (T)

- c. The applicant signs a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the applicant receives benefits from one of the programs listed and identifying the program or programs from which that consumer receives benefits.
- d. The applicant signs a document agreeing to notify the carrier if that consumer ceases to participate in the program or programs. When the company is notified by the customer that the customer no longer participates in one of the above programs, the federal credits to that customer's monthly charges shall cease beginning with the start of the billing cycle beginning in the month after the month in which notification is received.

3. Eligibility Revocation

If the telephone company discovers that conditions exist that disqualify the recipient of Lifeline Assistance, the customer will be de-enrolled from the Lifeline Assistance Program. The customer will be billed retroactively to whichever is the most recent of the dates Lifeline assistance commenced or the recipient no longer qualified for the service not to exceed 12 months. (T)

4. Eligibility for the State TAP Credit

- a. The state TAP credit is only available to residential subscribers who meet the eligibility requirements for the Federal Lifeline discount credit in 2 above. (T)
- b. The customer must reside in Minnesota or have moved to Minnesota and intend to remain.

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5. Regulations

- a. The Federal Lifeline and state TAP credit will begin at the customer's earliest possible billing cycle but no later than the second billing cycle after the date the application for the Federal Lifeline and state TAP credit is received by the telephone company.
- b. A service charge shall not be billed to establish qualification for either the Federal Lifeline or state TAP credit.
- c. When a customer enrolls for the state TAP credit, the Company is reimbursed for the cost of the service order activity.

6. Funding

The Federal Lifeline credit is funded through the FCC universal service program. The state TAP credit shall be funded through the state Telephone Assistance Plan Surcharge on residence and business access lines which pay the 911 surcharge. (T)

7. Rates

State TAP Surcharge

The surcharge rate is the effective rate ordered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. The Company is responsible for billing, collecting and remitting the surcharge to appropriate government agency.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
State TAP Credit	Note 1
Federal Lifeline Credit	Note 2

Note 1: The State TAP credit is the effective rate ordered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Information regarding the Credit rate can be accessed at the Minnesota Department of Commerce Web site at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/> (T)

Note 2: The Federal Lifeline credit is the effective rate ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Information regarding the Credit rate can be accessed at the FCC Web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/> (T)

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Rates

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<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	
BUSINESS:		
One Party	\$ 27.50	(I)
Key System Line	27.50	(I)
PBX Trunk	27.50	(I)
Basic Coin Telephone Service	27.50	(I)
RESIDENCE:		
One Party	18.00	(I)

All rates are billed in advance. Payment for service is due when the statement is rendered.

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LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Services Provided

The Company provides access to facilities, services and equipment over which customers may transmit voice, data and other communications of their own choosing to intrastate and interstate destinations.

II. Charges, Bills and Payment for Service

- a. Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis pursuant to the general terms and conditions of this tariff, and will continue to be provided and billed until canceled by the customer or terminated by the Company.
- b. The Company will pass through to its customers all applicable federal, state and local taxes or surcharges.

III. RATES:

1. Standard Toll Service – Per Minute Plan

a. Application of Rates

Standard Toll Service – Per Minute Plan is available to business and residential customers for outbound calling, 24 hours each day. Calls are billed in an initial thirty (30) second increment, thereafter in 6-second increments, and originate and terminate on customer-provided switched access lines. Rates are not mileage sensitive. This service is offered on a month-to-month basis. No minimum commitment is required.

b. Rates:

IntraLATA per minute rate (8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday to Friday)	\$.23
IntraLATA per minute rate (all other periods)	.11
InterLATA per minute rate (all hours)	.15

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LONG DISTANCE SERVICE (Continued)

III. RATES: (Continued)

2. Long Distance Toll Plans

a. Application of Rates

Long Distance Toll Plans are available to business and residential customers for outbound calling 24 hours each day. Calls are billed in an initial thirty (30) second increment, thereafter in 6-second increments, and originate and terminate on customer-provided switched access lines. Rates are not mileage or time-of-day sensitive. This service is offered on a month-to-month basis. No minimum commitment is required.

b. Residence Rates:

- 1) Monthly Flat Rate Plan:
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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Installation charge | \$.00 |
| Monthly Recurring Charge | 4.95 |
| Per minute rate (all hours) | .07 |

- 2) Unlimited Toll Plan
- | | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Monthly recurring charge | \$ 14.95 # |
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c. Business Rates:

- 1) Monthly Flat Rate Plan:
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| Installation charge | \$.00 |
| Monthly Recurring Charge | 4.95 |
| Per minute rate (all hours) | .07 |

- 2) Unlimited Toll Plan
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| Monthly recurring charge | \$ 25.00 ## |
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Unlimited is restricted to non-business activities and not for dial-up internet service. Any usage in excess of 5,000 minutes per month would be subject to review and termination.

Unlimited is a per-line charge restricted to non-call center activities and not for dial-up internet service. Any usage in excess of 5,000 minutes per month would be subject to review and termination.

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Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Zumbrota Telephone hereby certifies that throughout 2016, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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Form 481 Line No. 3026 - Rate of Return Financial Data

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