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June 24, 2016

Via Hand Delivery

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

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2016 ETC Annual Report of Star Telephone Membership Corp.
Study Area Code 230502

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Star Telephone Membership Corp. ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.[1] Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.[2] The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report required by Section 54.313.[3]

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President
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[1] 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.
[2] *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).
[3] 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313.

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Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Star Telephone Membership Corp. (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules,[1] withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).[2]

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").[3]

2. Pursuant to Section 54.313, Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2016 Report.[4]

3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

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[1] 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.
[2] 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).
[3] 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.
[4] 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

   In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories."[5] The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.

6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing

[5] *See Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al*., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("*March 5, 2013 Order*") at para 9 *citing* Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.

8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.

9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	9105647862 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	dcbullard@stmc.net
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

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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.

230502nc112.pdf

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

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form

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

<220>

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

(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form

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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

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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 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	230502nc510.pdf

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	230502nc610.pdf

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

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

<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**

-- See attached worksheet --

(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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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*}**
			-- See attached worksheet --					

(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Star Telephone Membership Corporation
<811>	Holding Company	Star Telephone Membership Corporation
<812>	Operating Company	Star Telephone Membership Corporation

<813>

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

-- See attached worksheet --

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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 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 Data Collection Form

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	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	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

230502nc1210.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)
Data Collection Form
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)

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(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)	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		230502nc3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(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	230502nc3026.pdf

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

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Financial Data Summary

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)
Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

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) John Staurulakis, Inc. **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: John Staurulakis, Inc.

Name of Reporting Carrier: STAR MEMBERSHIP CORP

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

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Lyman Horne

Title or position of Authorized Officer: Exec. V.P. & G.M.

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9105647827 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 230502 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: STAR MEMBERSHIP CORP

Name of Authorized Agent Firm: John Staurulakis, Inc.

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

Name of Authorized Agent Employee: Lans Chase

Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 7705692015 ext.1

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 230502 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Star Telephone Membership Corporation's Demonstration of Complying with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection rules for voice and broadband services:

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,[1] the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."[2] The Commission 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.[3] 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."[4]

Star Telephone Membership Corporation ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for voice and broadband services. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under both federal and state law. The obligations for voice services include, but are not limited to, the following: jurisdiction of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority under N.C. Gen. Stat, Chap 117, for customer complaints. The obligations for broadband services include, but are not limited to, public disclosure of

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[1] *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*").
[2] *Id.* at para. 28.
[3] *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.
[4] *Id.* at n. 72.

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, in accordance with 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.

Star Telephone Membership Corporation's Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations for voice and broadband services:

Star Telephone Membership Corporation ("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)[1] and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62A. 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 will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites.

The company's standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur.

[1] 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."

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(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	

<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**
NC	Abbotsburg		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Coharie		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Herring		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Lisbon		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Six Runs		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	White Oak		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Cypress Creek		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Harrells		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	Kelly		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0
NC	South River		FR	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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<a1> State	<a2> Exchange (ILEC)	<b1> Residential Rate	<b2> State Regulated Fees	<c> Total Rates and Fees	<d1> Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	<d2> Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	<d3> Usage Allowance (GB)	<d4> Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
NC	All Exchanges	39.95	0.0	39.95	4.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
NC	All Exchanges	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
NC	All Exchanges	54.95	0.0	54.95	10.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
NC	All Exchanges	59.95	0.0	59.95	20.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
NC	All Exchanges	79.95	0.0	79.95	50.0	5.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
NC	All Exchanges	99.95	0.0	99.95	100.0	10.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance

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(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Star Telephone Membership Corporation
<811>	Holding Company	Star Telephone Membership Corporation
<812>	Operating Company	Star Telephone Membership Corporation

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Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**
Star Wireless		Star Communications
StarVision		Star Communications

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.1 General

The exchange rate schedules are the combination of the local exchange service component and the extended area service component where applicable.

Local Exchange Service Rate Components

3.2.1 General

(a) The local exchange service rate components are applied on the basis of The total number of exchange trunks and other equivalents in the local calling area (including Extended Area Service) of the exchange.

(b) Exchange service areas for each exchange are reflected on exchange service area maps on file with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, N.C. REA and connecting companies.

(c) The rates for service and equipment not specifically shown in this section are presented in other sections of this tariff.

3.2.2 (D)

3.2.3 A station or telephone is a station connected by means of an individual line with a central office and includes the following: (M)

(a) Each central office number.

(b) Public coin or public non-coin telephone service.

(c) Foreign exchange service where service (the local office end) terminated in a separate telephone set, PBX, Centrex, key system, etc.

(d) Mobile telephone service or improved mobile telephone service.

(e) Fixed type radio telephone. (M)

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont.)

3.2 Local Exchange Service Rate Components (cont.)

3.2.3 (cont.)

(f) Both fully rated "main" services associated with bridged service.

(g) Toll terminals, toll stations and inward WATS access lines terminated in telephone instruments, PBX, Centrex, key systems, etc.

(h) Lines service interconnected arrangement which are terminated in telephone sets, PBX, key systems, etc.

(i) Outward WATS terminated in telephone sets, PBX, Centrex, key systems, etc.

(j) Each PBX, Centrex, key system, etc., trunk or line (inward, outward and two-way) connecting said equipment to central office switching equipment; also includes trunk or line serving interconnected systems.

3.2.4 Authorization

Local exchange rates are authorized by the board of directors subject to approval by the Rural Electrification Administration and North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.

3.3 Extended Area Service Rate Components (M)

3.3.1 General

The extended area service rate components are applied on the basis of the effective combination of the home exchange rate group and the calculated rate group addition of the total number of exchange access lines, private branch exchange trunks and other equivalents access via the extended area service arrangement(s) coupled with the associated accumulative inter-exchange mileage.

3.4 Monthly Exchange Rates

3.4.1 Local Exchange Rates

The rates specified herein with the Extended Area Service Charge, where applicable, entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages to all stations bearing the designation of central offices within the serving exchange and additional exchanges having EAS connection. (M)

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont.)

3.4 Monthly Exchange Rates (cont.)

3.4.1 Local Exchange Rate (cont.) (C)

Exchange: Abbottsburg, Coharie, Cypress Creek, Harrells, Herring, Kelly, Lisbon, Six Runs, South River & White Oak

Individual Residence: $17
Individual Business (Non-key): $22

(C) – Change

(C)

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.4 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES

3.4.1 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES (Cont'd.)

Second Line Service N

Second Line Service is a secondary line service in addition to a customer's primary Local Exchange service. Second Line service receives all the features and benefits of a customer's primary service at a reduced Local Service rate. Second Line service offers the benefits of a unique phone number for family members to make and receive additional voice calls, the addition of a fax machine, security system or dial-up data line.

Certain restrictions apply. Second Line service is available to Residential customers only. Additional charges for taxes, fees, toll calls, Directory Assistance, and Operator Services. Second Line service is not compatible with Life Line social service rate customers.

Exchanges: Abbottsburg, Coharie, Cypress Creek, Harrells, Herring, Kelly, Lisbon, Six Runs, South River, White Oak

Individual Residence: $5.00 N

N – New Text

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.4 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES

3.4.2 INTERSTATE SUBSCRIBER LINE CHARGE WAIVER AND MATCHING PROGRAM

a. GENERAL

(1) The Interstate Subscriber Line Charge, mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is a monthly fee applicable to residential and single-line business customers.

(2) The Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program, adopted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. P-100, Sub 80, provides for a credit equal to 100% of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge plus an equivalent state provided subsidy. The total credit is the sum of the Federal and State credits. This credit is applied to the monthly bills for current qualified residential recipients of Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps, or a current participant in Work First or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families who reside in the Star Telephone Membership Corporation's service area. (C)

b. APPLICATIONS AND REGULATIONS

(1) Certification Form

A standard application will be available only from the agency involved and not the telephone cooperative.

(2) Processing Forms

The cooperative will accumulate all application forms and apply the credit on the subscriber's monthly bill. An explanation of the credit will appear on each telephone bill.

C – This information has been changed.

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3. BASIC FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.4 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES

3.4.2 INTERSTATE SUBSCRIBER LINE CHARGE WAIVER AND MATCHING PROGRAM

b. APPLICATIONS AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd) (M)

(3) Verification Procedures

The cooperative will reconcile and confirm eligibility semi-annually by providing the agency involved with a computer tape (directly or through a third party) of all waiver recipients. The Department of Human Resources will compare this listing with their files of Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps, or a current participant in Work First or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients and provide the cooperative a list of names of persons no longer eligible for the waiver. The cooperative will then remove the waiver from those customers' records. (C) | (C)

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APPLICATION OF RATES FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

Determination as to whether subscribers' service (as distinguished from public and semi-public telephone service) shall be furnished at business or residence rates is based on the character of use to be made of the service.

B. BUSINESS RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS;

1. In offices of hotels, halls and offices of apartments houses, boarding houses where business listings are employed, quarters occupied by clubs and fraternal societies, except as modified under C-4, in schools, hospitals, libraries, churches and other institutions.

2. At residence locations, where the place of residence is adjacent to a place of business and is connected thereto, and it is not evident that the telephone located in the residence is to be employed primarily for domestic use.

3. At residence locations where an extension station or extension bell is located in any place where business rates would apply under the provisions of this tariff-shop, office, or other place of business.

4. At any location where a business designation is provided or when any title indicating a trade or professions is listed, except as modified under C-3.

5. At any location where the subscriber advertises the telephone number for business purposes via billboards, signs, newspapers, radio, television, vehicle, and business cards.

6. At all other locations where the subscriber's primary use of the service is for business purposes.

C. RESIDENCE RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

1. At private residences where business listings are not employed.

2. At boarding houses, except as modified under B-1, and private apartments in hotels where service is confined to the domestic use of the subscriber, and business listings are not employed.

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APPLICATION OF RATES FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE SERVICE

C. RESIDENCE RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

3. At the place of residence of a clergyman, physician, nurse, midwife, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other medical practitioner or Christian Science practitioner, provided the stations are not installed in the portion of the subscriber's residence which is used an an office, but are located in the subscriber's domestic establishment, and provided no business designation is employed. Abbreviated titles such as "Rev.", "Dr.", "Judge", "Professor" are not considered business designations.

4. In college fraternity houses where members of the fraternity lodge, or lodge and board, with the house.

STAR TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORP.

Federal and state lawmakers believe that every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. In fact, they've created a system to do just that.

If you participate in programs, such as food stamps, Medicaid, the national school free-lunch program, Section 8 housing or supplemental security income, or if your household income is below a certain threshold level, you may qualify for a discount on your telephone bill.

This "universal service" support includes:
-**Lifeline** assistance that provides discounts for basic monthly local telephone service

-**Toll Limitation Service** that allows you to control your long-distance charges
-**Additional discounts** for eligible consumers living on tribal lands

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible to receive a discount, contact your local department of social services or Star Telephone.

Los legisladores federales y estatales consideran que toda persona en los Estados Unidos deberian tener acceso a un servicio de telecomunicaciones de calidad, a un precio accesible. De hecho, han creado un sistema para lograrlo.

Si participa en programas, como cupones para alimentos, Medicaid, el programa nacional de almuerzos escolares gratis, el ingreso de seguridad suplementario o para vivienda en virtud de la Seccion 8, o si su ingreso familiar esta por debajo de un determinado nivel, es posible que reuna los requisitors para obtener un descuento en su factura telefonica.

Esta ayunda de "servicio universal" incluye:
-**Asistencia Lifeline:** proporciona descuentos mensuales en el servicio telefonico local

-**Servicio de tarifa limitada:** le permite controlar los cargos de llamadas de larga distancia
-**Tambien hay descuentos adicionales** disponibles para los consumidores elegibles que vivan en territorios tribales.

Para obtener mas informacion o averiguar si es elegible para recibir un descuento, entre en contacto con su departamento local de servicios sociales o Star Telephone.

Star Telephone Membership Corporation (SAC 230502)

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

Star Telephone Membership Corporation (SAC 230502) hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, 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 and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026

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