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July 1, 2019

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

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 14-58, 47 CFR § 54.313 Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients (Form 481)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find Wamego Telephone Company's (SAC 411845) high-cost support recipient annual report pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313 (Form 481).

Wamego is filing certain financial information, reported pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(f)(2), as confidential under the March 22, 2016 Protective Order (DA 16-296). Pursuant to that Order, each page of this filing that contains confidential information has been marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION." The non-redacted version of this information will be filed under separate cover per the Protective Order's directives. As such, Lake Livingston will request that the non-redacted version of its submission be withheld from public inspection.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Dion Nero
Senior Client Manager
(719)531-6342

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2018

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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jwick@wtcks.com
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(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?

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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.	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	

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<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	411845KS610.pdf

(800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Wamego Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Wamego Telephone Company, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Wamego Telephone Company, Inc.

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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)(5) 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 411845KS1010.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

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).

<1140> Alaska Plan rate-of-return certification (yes, no, or not applicable) of compliance with approved performance plan.

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

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <https://www.wtcks.com/residential/voice/5/special-services>

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

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of frozen 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(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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

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 2018.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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(3007) Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator? **Yes**

(3007a)	(3007b)
Name of Consultant	Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party
Dion Nero	Alexicon, Inc.

CAF BLS Reporting

(3008A) Please indicate whether new locations were deployed during the prior calendar year. (Yes/No) **No**

(3008B) Please enter the number of new locations deployed in the prior calendar year associated with each of the following speed tiers.

(3008B1) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps but less than 25/3 Mbps.

(3008B2) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps or higher.

(3008C) Please provide the percentage of deployment across the entire study area.

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
		Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	411845KS3010.pdf
(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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	411845KS3026.pdf

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

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations and provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions.

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 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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(5005) Alaska Plan Participants Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481
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5005 Alaska Plan

(5010) Do you participate in the Alaska plan? (Yes/No)

(5011)	Please indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul.	(Yes/No)
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(5012)	If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain portion of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul.	(Yes/No)
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**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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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 Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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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) <u>Alexicon, Inc.</u> 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:	<u>Alexicon, Inc.</u>
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>WAMEGO TEL CO INC</u>
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	<u>Jeff Wick</u>
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	<u>President</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	<u>7854561000 ext.</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>411845</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2019</u>
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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:	<u>WAMEGO TEL CO INC</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	<u>Alexicon, Inc.</u>
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date: <u>06/27/2019</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	<u>Dion Nero</u>
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	<u>Sr. Client Manager</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>9183769901 ext.</u>
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Attachments

Wamego Telecommunications Company (SAC 411845)

Statement Regarding the Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

47 CFR § 54.313(a)(6)

Form 481, Line 610

Wamego Telecommunications Company (WTC) is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Kansas, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). As such, WTC is subject to the regulatory authority of the KCC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Kansas.

WTC is subject to KCC rules regarding the ability to remain functional in emergency situations by (1) maintaining at least eight hours of backup power to ensure functionality without local alternating current (AC) commercial power, (2) establishing the ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities and to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, and (3) establishing procedures for employees to follow in an emergency to prevent or minimize interruption or impairment of telecommunications services.

WTC has four fixed generators, one at each Central Office. WTC also has ten portable generators capable of providing the required level of backup power, and that can be deployed as necessary to WTC's switching and remote sites. WTC's network is capable of rerouting traffic around damaged facilities, although this ability is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances. However, WTC follows all industry standard practices in ensuring its network remains functional during different types of emergency situations.

Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc. (SAC 411845)

Statement Regarding Voice Rate Comparability

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10)

Form 481, Line 1010

Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc. (WTC) is a rural, rate of return regulated incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Kansas, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). As such, WTC is subject to the regulatory authority of the KCC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Kansas.

WTC hereby certifies that the pricing of its voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service, \$51.61, as specified in a 2018 Public Notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission.

WTC's residential voice service rates, including state fees and the federal subscriber line charge (SLC) are as follows.

Monthly rate for exchange 'Wamego' is \$25.15.

Monthly rate for exchange 'St. George' is \$25.15.

Monthly rate for exchange 'Paxico' is \$25.15.

Average monthly rate is \$25.15.

Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. (SAC 411845)

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i)

Form 481, Line 3010

Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. hereby certifies pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i) that it is taking all reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 mbps downstream and 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 time frame.

Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. (SAC 411845)

Community Anchor Institutions

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)

Form 481, Line 3012

Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. did not begin providing broadband service to any community anchor institutions during 2017. The Company had previously provided broadband service meeting the Commission's public interest obligation standards to all community anchor institutions in its study area and, to the company's knowledge, no new community anchor institutions began operating in the Company's study area during 2018.

Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. (SAC 411845)
2019 Form 481 Filing
For the 2020 Reporting Year
Per 47 CFR § 54.313(a)(1)
Line 3026 – Annual Audited Financial Statements

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