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June 29, 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 Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SC)
Study Area Code 240520**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SC) (“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 also 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 Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan and of outage reporting as required by Section 54.313.³

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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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 Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (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 attachments 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 are attachments to the Company’s annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules (“Report”).³
2. Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) must file with the Commission a Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (“Five-Year Plan”) Progress Report⁴ and must also report outages, both of which are contained in attachments to the 2016 Report.
3. The information contained in attachments for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company’s Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. The Company also seeks withholding from public inspection data pertaining to the Company’s outages provided at FCC Form 481 Line 200 attachment, Service Outage Reporting. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

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 See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order DA 14-591 (rel. May 1, 2014).

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4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the Five-Year Plan concerns a service that is subject to competition, the Line 112 attachment contains information of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment includes 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 Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file a five-year service improvement plan which contains 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.

With respect to identifying the degree to which the outage data contained in the Line 200 attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information pertains to the network and operations of a telecommunications company that has competitors that could benefit if they were able to have access to this information.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the subject attachments is information that is not customarily released to the public. The Five-Year Plan 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 attachments, 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 Five-Year Plan and outage attachments under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Five-Year Plan 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. The Commission has previously concluded that there is a presumptive likelihood of substantial competitive harm from disclosure of outage information.⁶ The Commission also determined the disclosure of outage reporting information to the public could present an unacceptable risk of more effective terrorist activity and could therefore result in potential harm to the public and the national defense.

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 Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment, and to the Company's outage data provided at FCC Form 481 Line 200 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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⁶ See *In the Matter of New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications*, ET Docket No. 04-35, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 04-188, rel. Aug. 19, 2004, para. 45.

**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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| <010> Study Area Code | 240520 |
| <015> Study Area Name | FARMERS TEL COOP |
| <020> Program Year | 2017 |
| <030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data | Mayme Carsten |
| <035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> | 8433821380 ext. |
| <039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> | mayme_carsten@mail.ftc.org |
| Form Type | 54.313 and 54.422 |

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| (100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? | (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| <111> | | (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

240520sc112.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
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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| Yes |
| Not Applicable |

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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| (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
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 | 240520SC510 .pdf |

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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| <600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations | Yes |
| <610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations | 240520SC610.pdf |

**(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:

- <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 |
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| (1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 |
| | OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 |
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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

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| (1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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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).

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| (1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans | 240520SC1210.pdf Name of Attached Document |
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| <1220> Link to Public Website | HTTP |
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“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:

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| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i> | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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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

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| <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 | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| <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 | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| <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. | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| <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. | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support? | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> |
| <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 | <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> |
| <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support? | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| <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 | <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> |
| <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4) | | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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

July 2013

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<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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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Yes - Attach Certification

(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

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

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Data Collection Form

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| <010> | Study Area Code | 240520 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | FARMERS TEL COOP |
| <020> | Program Year | 2017 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Mayme Carsten |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 8433821380 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | mayme_carsten@mail.ftc.org |

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] |

**(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form**

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

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

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients | |
| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: | Date |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: | Filing Due Date for this form: |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

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| Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <015> Study Area Name | FARMERS TEL COOP |
| <020> Program Year | 2017 |
| <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Mayme Carsten |
| <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 8433821380 ext. |
| <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | mayme_carsten@mail.ftc.org |

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>John Staurulakis, 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: | John Staurulakis, Inc. |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: | FARMERS TEL COOP |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: | CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016 |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: | Jeffrey Lawrimore |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: | CFO |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: | 8433821381 ext. |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: | 240520 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016 |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

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: | FARMERS TEL COOP |
| Name of Authorized Agent Firm: | John Staurulakis, Inc. |
| Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: | CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016 |
| 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. |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: | 240520 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016 |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

**Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and
Progress Report**

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.’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 FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.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

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Farmers”) hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Farmers is subject to consumer protection obligations under both federal and South Carolina state law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina which disclose rates, and terms and conditions of service to customers (Section 103-612.2.1 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which govern Standards and Quality of Service (Sections 103-661, 103-662, and 103-663 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Customer Relations, including billing,

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.

deposits, discontinuance and termination of service (Sections 103-620 through 103-633 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Engineering and Safety Standards (Sections 103-640 through 103-646 and 103-670 through 103-672 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Inspections and Tests (Sections 103-650 through 103-653 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Records and Reports (Sections 103-610 through 103-619 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations) and Customer Complaints (Section 103-628 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); (3) truth-in-billing requirements (Section 103-622.1 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Farmers is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in 47 CFR § 8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order when it becomes effective.

Farmers Telephone Cooperative’s demonstration of ability to function in emergency situations for voice and broadband services:

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Farmers”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2)¹ and Section 103-646 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations. Farmers’ 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) and Section 103-646 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations. Farmers can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow Farmers to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require. In addition, Farmers has redundancy for connectivity purposes *via* additional routes and electronic equipment for voice and broadband services.

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. Farmers has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. They will continue to run as long as Farmers has access to fuel.

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.”

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Lifeline Initial Enrollment Form

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Please complete Sections 1, 2 and 3 below. You must provide proof of your eligibility along with this application.

If you have Lifeline (free or reduced phone service) with another company, do you give Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc permission to transfer the Lifeline service? If you answer yes, you will lose the discount with the other company. If you answer no, you may not receive Lifeline on this account.*

Yes, transfer my Lifeline service No, do not transfer my Lifeline service I do not currently have Lifeline

SECTION 1 - Applicant Information (Applicant is the person who has telephone service with the telephone company).

First Name* Middle Name/Initial Last Name*

Date of Birth* Last 4-Digits of SSN* Phone Number Email Address

Residential Street Address (No PO Boxes)* Unit # City* State* Zip Code*

Is your residential address permanent?* Yes No

Mailing Address (if different) Unit # City State Zip Code

Eligible Person's Information. Only complete this part if the person who qualifies for Lifeline is not the Applicant.

First Name Last Name Date of Birth Last 4-Digits of SSN Relationship to Applicant

SECTION 2 - Eligibility Information

I certify that I, my dependent, or my household receives assistance from at least one of the programs listed below, or that my total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and that I have provided proof of eligibility.*

2015 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (annual household income before tax)

1 person up to \$15,889 per year 2 people up to \$21,505 3 people up to \$27,121 4 people up to \$32,737 5 or more people - add \$5,616 for each extra person

Select only one

- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Medicaid Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF)
National School Lunch free lunch program Total Household Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

If you checked Total Household Income above, provide the number of people in your household.

SECTION 3 - Certification

By initialing each line below, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that*:

*My household receives only one Lifeline-supported service, and to the best of my knowledge, no one in my household receives Lifeline from another telephone company.

*I understand that I must notify the telephone company within 30 days if: (1) I move to a new address, (2) I, or the eligible person in my household, no longer meets the program or income eligibility criteria, (3) my household receives more than one Lifeline discounted telephone, or (4) my household, for any reason, no longer meets the criteria to receive Lifeline support, and that I may be penalized for failing to make the above notifications.

*I give the telephone company permission to release to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) or its agent any records required to confirm that my household only receives one Lifeline benefit. If USAC finds that my household receives more than one Lifeline benefit, USAC will notify the telephone companies, and I will have to select one service and I will be de-enrolled from the other.

*I understand that I must recertify my Lifeline eligibility every year and that I will lose my Lifeline benefit if I do not recertify each year.

*I understand that Lifeline is a government program and I may be punished if I knowingly provide false or untrue information to receive Lifeline. Punishment may include being fined, imprisoned, or barred from the Lifeline program.

By signing below, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge:

Signature* Date*

Send the completed form and proof of eligibility to:

MAIL: Farmers Telephone Cooperative., Inc. PO Box 588, Kingstree, SC 29556

Lifeline is a federal benefit that makes monthly telephone service more affordable for eligible households. Your household may receive Lifeline on one wireless OR one home telephone, but not both. Your household may not receive the Lifeline benefit from more than one telephone company. For the purpose of Lifeline, a household is an individual or any group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income or expenses. You may not transfer your Lifeline discount to another person, even if he or she is eligible. You may lose your Lifeline benefit and may be prosecuted by the United States government if you violate the one-per-household rule or otherwise make false statements to receive Lifeline.

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Lifeline Independent Economic Household (IEH) Worksheet

Lifeline is a government program that provides a monthly discount on home phone or cell phone service. **Only one Lifeline service per household** is allowed under Federal law.

Answer the questions below to determine if there is more than one household living at your address, and if your household already receives Lifeline. Providing false information on this form may result in losing your Lifeline service or criminal penalties.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____ (optional)

Address _____
 Street Apt. City State Zip

| | |
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| 1. Besides you, does anyone else live at the address above? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. You are ELIGIBLE for Lifeline because no one at your address has Lifeline. Please SIGN below to certify that this is true. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please answer question 2 below. |
| | |
| 2. Does your husband, wife or domestic partner (someone you are in a relationship with living at your address) have a Lifeline-discounted phone service? (check no if you do not have a husband, wife or domestic partner) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. Please answer question 3 below. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. STOP. Do not sign the form. You are NOT ELIGIBLE because someone in your household already has Lifeline. |
| | |
| 3. Does another adult (age 18 or older, or emancipated minor) live with you AND have a Lifeline-discounted phone service? For example, parent, son, daughter, another relative (such as a sibling, aunt, cousin, grandparent, grandchild, etc.), a roommate, or another person. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. You are ELIGIBLE for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. Please SIGN below to certify that this is true. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please answer question 4 below. |
| | |
| 4. Do you share expenses for bills, food, or other living expenses AND share income (salary, public assistance benefits, social security payments or other income) with the person in question #2 that has a Lifeline-discounted phone service? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. You are ELIGIBLE for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. Please SIGN below to certify that this is true. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. STOP. Do not sign the form. You are NOT ELIGIBLE because someone in your household already has Lifeline. |

I certify that the information provided above is true and that no one in my household already has Lifeline. I understand that violating the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communications Commission's rules and I may lose my Lifeline benefits, and may be prosecuted by the United States government for violating the rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the signed form to **FTC**, P.O. Box 588, Kingstree, SC 29556.

FARMERS TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE, INC.

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External Affairs/Regulatory Analyst

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A3.BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.1 General

The rates for basic local exchange service quoted herein are those authorized individually by the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Base Rate Areas and Exchange Service Areas for each exchange are identified on maps filed as a supplement to this Tariff.

The rates for service and equipment not specifically shown in this section are presented in other sections of this Tariff.

A3.2 Monthly Exchange Rates

A. Monthly exchange rates as authorized by the South Carolina Public Service Commission are shown below.

A3.2.1 Flat Rate Service

A. The rates specified herein, with base rate are charges when applicable to service furnished outside the base rate area of exchange, entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages to all stations within the serving exchange and additional exchanges as shown in Section A3.3 of this Tariff.

| EXCHANGE | RESIDENCE | BUSINESS | PTAS | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----|
| BISHOPVILLE RURAL | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| EAST SUMTER | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| GREELEVILLE | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| LANE | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| LYNCHBURG | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| MAYESVILLE | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| NORTH KINGSTREE | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| NORTH MANNING | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| NORTH SUMMERTON | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| NORTH SUMTER | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| OAKLAND | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| PINEWOCK | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| POCALLA | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| SCRANTON | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| STATEBURG | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| TURBEVILLE | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |
| WEST ANDREWS | \$15.62 | \$28.70 | \$28.70 | (C) |

FARMERS TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE, INC.
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BY: Willie McCutchen

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A3.BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.3 Local Calling Areas

The rates specified in Section A3.2.1(a) entitle subscribers to access all stations of the additional exchanges as shown below. The local calling area of the exchange in the left hand column also includes the exchanges listed in the right hand column.

| <u>EXCHANGE</u> | <u>ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| BISHOPVILLE RURAL | Lynchburg-Bishopville Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| GREELEYVILLE | Lane-North Kingstree-Kingstree Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| LANE | Greeleyville-North Kingstree, Kingstree Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| LYNCHBURG | Bishopville Rural-Mayesville, Bishopville Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| MAYESVILLE | North Sumter, East Sumter, Oakland, Pinewood, Pocalla, Stateburg, Lynchburg, and General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights, and Sumter |
| NORTH KINGSTREE | Greeleyville, Lane, and Kingstree Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| NORTH MANNING | North Summerton, Turbeville and Manning and Summerton Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| NORTH SUMMERTON | North Manning, Manning and Summerton Exchanges of General Telephone Company |
| NORTH SUMTER | Mayesville, Oakland, Pinewood, Pocalla, Stateburg, East Sumter and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights, and Sumter |
| EAST SUMTER | Mayesville, Oakland, Pinewood, Pocalla, Stateburg, the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights, Sumter, and North Sumter |

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COOPERATIVE, INC.
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BY: Willie McCutchen
Marketing Manager

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A3.BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.3 Local Calling Areas (cont.)

| <u>EXCHANGE</u> | <u>ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES</u> |
|-----------------|---|
| OAKLAND | Mayesville, North Sumter, East Sumter, Pinewood, Pocalla, Stateburg, and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights and Sumter |
| PINEWOOD | Mayesville, North Sumter, East Sumter, Oakland, Pocalla, Stateburg, and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights and Sumter |
| POCALLA | Mayesville, North Sumter, East Sumter, Oakland, Pinewood, Stateburg, and the General Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights and Sumter |
| SCRANTON | Turbeville and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Lake City, Olanta |
| STATEBURG | Mayesville, North Sumter, East Sumter, Oakland, Pinewood, Pocalla and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Shaw AFB, Shaw AFB Heights, and Sumter |
| TURBEVILLE | North Manning, Scranton and the General Telephone Company Exchanges of Lake City, Olanta and Manning. |
| WEST ANDREWS | General Telephone Company Exchanges of Andrews and Georgetown |

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – 240520

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

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – 240520 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 3017

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY