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June 20, 2016

Via Electronic Filing

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 Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422
2016 ETC Annual Report of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Study Area Code 190237

Dear Secretary,

On behalf of Highland Telephone Cooperative, we have attached for filing confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Highland Telephone Cooperative seeks confidential treatment under the Commission's existing confidentiality rules at 47 CFR 0.457 and 47 CFR 0.459 for the information filed pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(1) and Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's regulations[1]. The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager, Highland Telephone Cooperative
Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

[1] *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd 14231 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012) (Protective Order).

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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	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.

190237va112.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.	Yes

(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
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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 both fixed and mobile voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	0.0
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered both fixed and mobile broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	0.0

(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	190237VA510.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	190237VA610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

<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
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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	Highland Telephone Cooperative
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available
<812>	Operating Company	N/A

<813>	<a1>	<a2>	<a3>
	Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**

(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	190237VA1010.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	190237VA1030.pdf Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP http://www.htcnet.org/services.html

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

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ✔

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ✔

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ✔

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

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

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	190237VA3010.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	Yes - Attach New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	190237VA3012.pdf
(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	190237VA3026.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

[redacted]

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	Leah.Richter@vantagepnt.com

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: HIGHLAND TEL COOP

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

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Ruth Newman

Title or position of Authorized Officer: Co-General Manager

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5404682131 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 190237 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.

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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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I certify that (Name of Agent)_____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.

Name of Authorized Agent:

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer: Date:

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

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.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier

I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Name of Authorized Agent Firm:

Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Date: 06/17/2016

Name of Authorized Agent Employee:

Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:

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.

Attachments

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

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July 2013

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
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VA	Blue Grass		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
VA	Mill Gap		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0
VA	Monterey		FR	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0

(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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

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State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**Residential Rate**	**State Regulated Fees**	Total Rates and Fees	**Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)**	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
VA	Blue Grass	18.0	0.0	18.0	1.5	0.768	999999.0	Other, NOTE: ALL SPEEDS ARE OFFERED
VA	Mill Gap	18.0	0.0	18.0	4.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, IN OUR SERVICE TERRITORY;
VA	Monterey	18.0	0.0	18.0	6.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, HOWEVER, THE HIGHER SPEEDS
VA	Highland	18.0	0.0	18.0	1.5	1.5	999999.0	Other, MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ALL
VA	Highland	18.0	0.0	18.0	4.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, CUSTOMERS DEPENDING ON
VA	Highland	18.0	0.0	18.0	5.0	5.0	999999.0	Other, THEIR LOCATION.
VA	Highland	18.0	0.0	18.0	10.0	10.0	999999.0	Other, None at this time

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HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE (SAC 190237)

ATTACHMENT LINE 112

Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.313(a)(1)

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Attachment Line 510

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

Sec. 54.313(a)(5) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Carrier follows Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules and also files the annual CPNI certification with the FCC pursuant to the FCC's current CPNI rules and regulations.

As a Cooperative, and in accordance with Virginia Annotated Code (VAC), 20 VAC 5-485, Telephone Cooperative Act, Carrier is not governed by the rules of the VAC for service quality standards and consumer protection rules. However, Carrier in the interest of protecting its own customers has incorporated consumer protection procedures comparable to those require of ILEC's in the State of Virginia, allowing Carrier to meet or exceed existing VAC rules. These procedures include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) publishing the rates, terms and conditions of service; (2) truth-in-billing requirements; and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customer's privacy.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

Attachment Line 610

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

Sec. 54.313(a)(6) Ability to Function in an Emergency Situation

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(6) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2). Carrier's network is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use 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.

As a Cooperative, and in accordance with Virginia Annotated Code (VAC), 20 VAC 5-485, Telephone Cooperatives Act, Carrier is not governed by VAC rules regarding Emergency Operations. However, in compliance with the Federal emergency situations rules Carrier's central offices have adequate provision for emergency operations. 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.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

Attachment Line 1010

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) - Voice Services Rate Comparability

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that the pricing of Carrier's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The WCB announced that the average local end-user rate plus state regulated fees of the surveyed incumbent LECs in urban areas is $41.07. This was published in the FCC's Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362, released April 5, 2016. Carrier's voice service rates are less than two standard deviations in relation to the applicable 2016 national average urban rate as established by the WCB.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

Attachment Line 1030

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

47 CFR 54.313(g) – Broadband Services Rate Comparability

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(g) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that the pricing of Carrier's broadband services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rates for broadband service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The following table was published in the FCC's Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362, released April 5, 2016. The table provides the 2016 benchmark for a number of different broadband service offerings.

Download Speed (Mbps)	Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Benchmark
10	1	100	$71.40
10	1	250	$75.99
10	1	Unlimited	$77.80
25[9]	5	250	$95.08
25[10]	5	Unlimited	$96.89

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 7, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

Attachment Line 1210

47 CFR 54.422(a)(2) - Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Program Consumers

(1200)Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Program Consumers

Study Area Code: 190237

Study Area Name: HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

http://www.htcnet.org/services.html

Attachment Line 3010

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

Sec. 54.313(f)(1)(i) Milestone Certification

Pursuant to § 54.313 f)(1)(i) for Rate-of-Return Carriers, Carrier hereby certifies it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 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 as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

Attachment Line 3012

CERTIFICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2015

Sec. 54.313(f)(1)(ii) Community Anchor Institutions

Pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(ii) for Rate-of-Return Carriers, Carrier hereby certifies the following number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Access to broadband services has been available prior to 2015 to all known anchor institutions within Carrier's service area. All requests for broadband services, and speed, were fulfilled in 2015. Carrier continues to monitor customer demand and technological innovation, planning to size its network in anticipation of requests and demand for higher speed broadband needs.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Ruth Newman

Ruth Newman, Co-General Manager

Highland Telephone Cooperative

SAC: 190237

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ATTACHMENT LINE 3026

Financial Reports
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.313(f)(2)

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