FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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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
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice): 0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband): 0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules 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	542339_CA_510.pdf
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	542339_CA_610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	24.0

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<a1>	<a2>	<a3>	<b1>	<b2>	<b3>	<b4>	<b5>	<c>
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees

-- See attached worksheet

(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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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
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Siskiyou Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Inc.

<813>

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

-- See attached worksheet --

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Karuk Tribe of California
Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

542339_CA_920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

		Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	Yes
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	Yes
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	Not Applicable
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	Yes
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	Not Applicable
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	Not Applicable
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	Yes
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	Yes
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	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	542339_CA_1010.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	542339_CA_1030.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
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

542339_CA_1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

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

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

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

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

(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 Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.

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

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

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<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 2016.

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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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.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))		542339_CA_3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No) ◉ ○	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) ○ ◉	
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	☐	
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	☐	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No) ◉ ○	
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	✓	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	✓	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	✓	
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	☐	
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	☐	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	☐	
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	☐	
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	542339_CA_3026.pdf

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

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	19880674
(3028) Operating Expenses	13569455
(3029) Net Income	6311219
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	104765852
(3031) Total Assets	74651473
(3032) Total Debt	0
(3033) Total Equity	66903955
(3034) Dividends	375000

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Reporting Carrier: THE SISKIYOU TEL CO

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: 542339 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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

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

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

Name of Authorized Agent:

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer: Date:

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

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

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

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Name of Authorized Agent Firm:

Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Date:

Name of Authorized Agent Employee:

Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent

Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	24.0

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
CA	All Exchanges		FR	24.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	25.6

(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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<015>	Study Area Name	THE SISKIYOU TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2018
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5304676154 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	a.stewart@siskiyoutelephone.com

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<a1> State	<a2> Exchange (ILEC)	<b1> Residential Rate	<b2> State Regulated Fees	<c> Total Rates and Fees	<d1> Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	<d2> Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	<d3> Usage Allowance (GB)	<d4> Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
CA	All Exchanges	74.95	0.0	74.95	10.0	1.5	999999	Other, No Limit on usage

(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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July 2013

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<811>	Holding Company	Siskiyou Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Inc.

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<a1> Affiliates	<a2> SAC	<a3> Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
Siskiyou Long Distance Company, Inc.		
siscotel.net		Brand Designation
Golden Bear Broadband, LLC		

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Consumer Protection

Voice & Broadband

Siskiyou Telephone Company complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Siskiyou Telephone Company complies with the service standards of the State of California as promulgated in California Public Utilities Commission General Order 133-C (Rules Governing Telecommunications Services – Service Quality), California Public Utilities Commission General Order 168 (Market Rules to Empower Consumers and to Prevent Fraud – Consumer Protection), and related orders of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Broadband

Siskiyou Telephone Company follows the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to provide the highest quality service to its broadband customers.

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54.313(a)(6) Ability to Remain Functional in Emergency Situations

Back-up Power
Siskiyou Telephone Company has the following back-up power capabilities:

Headquarters	Gen.300 kw	Diesel	1000 Gal.	UPS	30 min.

Switches – stand alone

Etna	Gen.35 kw	Propane	577 Gal.	Batt.	1220 AH
Fort Jones	Gen.180 kw	Diesel	1000 Gal.	Batt.	2110 AH
Hamburg	Gen.20 kw	Propane	495 Gal.	Batt.	1220 AH
Happy Camp	Gen.35 kw	Propane	990 Gal.	Batt.	1220 AH
Oak Knoll	Gen.20 kw	Propane	500 Gal.	Batt.	1220 AH
Sawyers Bar	Gen.12 kw	Propane	500 Gal.	Batt.	440 AH
Somes Bar	Gen.20 kw	Propane	994 Gal.	Batt.	1220 AH

Remote Central Offices – NONE.

Subscriber Carrier Nodes

462 – Sawyers Bar Exchange

Cecilville			Batt. 200AH	Pwr.Pr.
China Gulch			Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Crapo Creek			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Cronan Gulch			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Dave Meyer Hill	Gen.12 kw	Propane	Batt. 680 AH	Solar
Eddy Gulch			Batt. 100 AH	Solar
Forks of Salmon	Gen 7.5 kw	Propane	Batt. 750 AH	Pwr.Pr./Solar
Missouri Bar			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Rush Creek			Batt. 411 AH	Solar
Taylor Creek	Gen.4.5 kw	Gasoline	Batt 411 AH	Solar

465 – Oak Knoll Exchange

Dona Creek			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Dutch Creek			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Fisher			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
McKinney Creek			Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

Subscriber Carrier Nodes – (Continued)

467 – Etna Exchange

Black Bridge				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Callahan	Fuel Cell	Hydrogen	6 Cyl.	Batt 344 AH	
Dredger Camp				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Fay Lane				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Forest Lane				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
French Creek	Fuel Cell	Hydrogen	6 Cyl.	Batt 100 AH	
JH Ranch				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Masterson				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Pines	Fuel Cell	Hydrogen	6 Cyl.	Batt 344 AH	
S. Kidder Creek				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Young's Dam				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

468 – Ft. Jones Exchange

Airport				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Boulder Creek				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Chaparral				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Charity Mission				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Deadwood				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Duzel				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Greenview	Generator	Propane	172 Gal.	Batt 344 AH	
Hungry Hollow				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Hurd's Gulch				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Indian Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
McAdams Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Meamber	Generator	Propane	250 Gal.	Batt 344 AH	
Meamber Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Mugginsville				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
N. Kidder Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Oro Fino				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Rattlesnake				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Rickey Lane				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Tyler Gulch				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
W. Moffett Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

469 – Somes Bar Exchange

Bark Shanty	Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Marble Mt. Ranch	Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Oak Bottom	Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Teneyke	Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
TiBar	Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

Subscriber Carrier Nodes – (Continued)

493 – Happy Camp Exchange

Benjamin Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Clear Creek				Batt. 100 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Dolittle				Batt 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Indian Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Woods Bar				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

496 – Hamburg Exchange

Fort Goff				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Horse Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Scott Bar				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Seiad	Generator	Propane	288 Gal.	Batt. 300 AH	
Seiad Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Sunny Slope				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
Thompson Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.
W. Horse Creek				Batt. 38 AH	Pwr.Pr.

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Siskiyou Telephone Company has 3,705 access lines with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office, and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office. Most Siskiyou Telephone Company customers with fiber optic access lines also have a metallic (copper) connection to the central office, and their NIDs are powered by the copper connection from protected power supplied by either the central office or a subscriber carrier node. Only six of Siskiyou Telephone Company's NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency at this time.

Ability to Reroute Traffic Around Damaged Facilities:

A. Toll Trunking to the AT&T Access Tandem in Redding

Siskiyou Telephone Company has two routes from its Fort Jones tandem to the AT&T Tandem in Redding. One is a fiber optic route between Fort Jones and Redding. The other route is a microwave route between Fort Jones and Redding.

B. 911-Trunks to the AT&T Selective Router in Redding

Siskiyou Telephone Company has two 911 trunks from each of its 7 exchanges to its Fort Jones tandem, and from there the trunks follow separate paths to the AT&T selective router in Redding. One path is Siskiyou's microwave route to Redding, and the other path is Siskiyou's fiber route to Redding. The AT&T exchanges in Siskiyou County also use Siskiyou's microwave route to Redding as their 911 backup route.

Ability to Reroute Traffic Around Damaged Facilities: - (Continued)

C. Internet Traffic to the Internet Backbone

Siskiyou Telephone Company has two diverse paths to the internet backbone from its meet point in Yreka, CA. One path goes north to Klamath Falls, Oregon, and the other path goes south to Stockton, CA.

D. Inter-Office Trunking Within Siskiyou Telephone Company's Exchange Area

The following projects have been completed or planned to provide diverse routing between Siskiyou Telephone's tandem switch in Fort Jones and its subsidiary switches in our other 6 exchanges: (Please also see Attachment A Drawing.)

1. Fort Jones to Hamburg
   Siskiyou Telephone completed the last segment of a fiber route between Fort Jones and Hamburg in 2013. This allows traffic to be split between the new fiber route and the existing microwave route.

2. Fort Jones to Happy Camp
   Siskiyou completed the last segment of a fiber route between Fort Jones and Happy Camp in 2014. This allows traffic to be split between the new fiber route and the existing microwave route.

3. Fort Jones to Oak Knoll
   Siskiyou has plans to build the last segment of a fiber route between Fort Jones and Oak Knoll in 2021. This will allow traffic to be split between the new fiber route and the existing microwave route.

4. Fort Jones to Sawyers Bar
   Siskiyou has plans to eventually build the last segment of a fiber route between Fort Jones and Sawyers Bar. This will allow traffic to be split between the new fiber route and the existing microwave route.

5. Fort Jones to Somes Bar
   Siskiyou has plans to build the last segment of a fiber route between Fort Jones and Sawyers Bar but these plans have been postponed indefinitely due to the FTTH projects. If built, this will allow traffic to be split between the new fiber route and the existing microwave route.

Ability to Reroute Traffic Around Damaged Facilities: - (Continued)

To complete a true fiber optic ring and provide the ultimate in reliability, it will be necessary to construct two more fiber segments:

6./7. Oak Knoll to Yreka
8. Sawyers Bar to Somes Bar.

Capability to Manage Traffic Spikes Resulting From Emergency Situations

Siskiyou Telephone Company has 3,705 access lines, tandem switching capacity of 2,688 simultaneous outgoing/incoming calls, and transport capacity for 649 simultaneous toll calls. Siskiyou Telephone Company takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

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(921) Needs Assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;

Siskiyou Telephone maintains an open dialogue with the two tribes in our service area. In May, 2016 we provided inside wire services to the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (QVIR) in support of their Local Area Network upgrade efforts. In October, 2016 QVIR requested internet service upgrades, which we provided. Siskiyou Telephone's Chief Technology Officer met with QVIR's incoming Tribal Administrator in November, 2016 to discuss our tribal engagement requirements. There were no issues at that time. Contact information was provided if any issues arise. In December, 2016 the Karuk Tribe of California worked with Siskiyou Telephone to provide a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission in support of a pending Resolution approving a California Advanced Services Fund Grant that Siskiyou Telephone applied for.

(922) Feasibility and sustainability planning;

As shown above, Siskiyou Telephone Company and the two tribes in our service area have open communication whenever necessary to provide requested services.

(923) Marketing in a culturally sensitive manner;

N/A, Siskiyou Telephone does not perform much marketing, and we do not perform any direct marketing. All customers receive the same marketing material regardless of where they reside in our service area.

(924) Compliance with Rights of Way process;

Siskiyou Telephone's Sr. Engineer works closely with the Tribal Administrators to receive rights of way when constructing to their residences or offices. As with any other land owner in our service area, all Rights of Way are received prior to any digging.

(925) Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements;

N/A Siskiyou Telephone does not have any facilities on tribal lands other than cable and wire facilities used to provide service to single dwelling units or tribal administrative offices. These types of facilities do not require any special permits, other than the rights of way referred to in (924).

(926) Compliance with Facilities Siting rules;

N/A Siskiyou Telephone does not have any facilities on tribal lands other than cable and wire facilities used to provide service to single dwelling units or tribal administrative offices. These types of facilities do not require any special permits, other than the rights of way referred to in (924).

(927) Compliance with Environmental Review Process

Siskiyou Telephone hires an outside agency for all environmental studies prior to beginning construction. This agency works closely with Tribal Administrators.

(928) Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes;

In certain areas of Siskiyou Telephones service area a Tribal Monitor is employed by Siskiyou Telephone to monitor construction and make sure there is not any disturbance to anything culturally sensitive to the tribe.

(929) Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements;

N/A Siskiyou Telephone does not operate any business offices on tribal land. Therefore we are not required to comply with tribal business licensing requirements.

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As shown in Line 700, our Local Service Rate (including Sate SLC and State Universal Service Fee's) is $25.60. This is below the national comparability benchmark rate of $49.51 that was released February 14, 2017 in Public Notice DA 17-167.

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FCC Form 481, Line 1030

As shown in Line 710, our price for our 10 Mbps/ 1.5 Mbps Unlimited Broadband offering is $74.95 per month. This is below the national comparability benchmark rate of $77.98 that was released February 14, 2017 in Public Notice DA 17-167.

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Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Siskiyou subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXCs that serve Siskiyou.

SCHEDULES A

Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to eligible residential customers for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS), a.k.a. California LifeLine Program or LifeLine, furnished pursuant to the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act and in accordance with General Order 153. The Utility, as listed throughout this Schedule, is identified as the California LifeLine Service Provider in G.O.153.

TERRITORY

Within all exchange areas as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

RATES *

A. Access Line Service

1. LifeLine: One-party Flat Rate Service

Local Flat Rate Service per Schedule A-1	$24.00/month	(I)
Subscriber Line Charge (SLC)	+$6.50/month	(N)
Federal LifeLine Credit	-$9.25/month	(I)
California Specific Support Credit	-$13.75/month	(I)
California LifeLine Flat Service Rate	$ 7.50/month	(I)

2. Enhanced Lifeline: One-party service for residence subscribers residing on Indian "tribal lands," as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Local Flat Rate Service per Schedule A-1	$24.00/month	(I)
Subscriber Line Charge (SLC)	+$6.50/month	(N)
Federal Tribal Credit	-$30.50/month	(I)
Enhanced LifeLine Flat Service Rate	$0.00/month	

* The difference between the rates and charges in this schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges is recovered from the California ULTS Fund, the Federal Lifeline Program, and the Federal Link Up Program. Rates include changes required by F.C.C. Order No. 00-208, the Enhanced Federal Lifeline and Expanded Link Up Support for Federally Designated Tribal Lands, effective October 1, 2000.

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SCHEDULES A

Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

RATES - (Continued)

B. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge — No Charge

C. Toll Blocking — No Charge

D. Surcharges — No Charge

California LifeLine Service is exempt from the following surcharges: California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A) Surcharge, California High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B) Surcharge, California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Surcharge, California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) Surcharge, California Relay Service & Communications Device Fund (DDTP) Surcharge, California LifeLine (ULTS) Surcharge and the CPUC User Fee.

E. Non-Recurring Charges

1. New Customer, No Service at Location (Initial Service)

Service Order Charge	$8.00	
Central Office Charge	$8.00	
Premises Visit Charge	$39.00	
Federal LifeLine Credit *	-$0.00	(R)
State LifeLine Credit	-$51.00	(I)
Initial Service Activation Charge	$4.00	

2. New Customer, New Location, Service at Location (Connection)

Service Order Charge	$8.00	
Central Office Charge	$8.00	
Federal LifeLine Credit *	$0.00	(R)
State LifeLine Credit	-$12.00	(I)
Connection Charge	$4.00	

3. Existing Customer, Current Location, Initial LifeLine Application (Conversion)

Service Order Charge	$8.00
Federal LifeLine Credit *	$0.00
State LifeLine Credit	-$4.00
Conversion Charge	$4.00

4. Reconnect Customer at New Location (Connection)

Service Order Charge	$8.00	
Central Office Charge	$8.00	
Federal LifeLine Credit *	$0.00	(R)
State LifeLine Credit	-$12.00	(I)
Connection Charge	$4.00	

* For non-recurring charges on tribal lands, see E.6 below. (T)

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

RATES - (Continued)

E. Non-Recurring Charges (Continued)

5. Reconnect Customer + Service at Existing Location (includes DCNP)

Service Order Charge	$8.00
Central Office Charge	$8.00
Federal LifeLine Credit *	$0.00
State LifeLine Credit	-$12.00
Reconnect Charge	$4.00

* For non-recurring charges on tribal lands, see E.6 below. (T)

6. A 100% reduction of up to $100.00 is available to cover the (C)
customary charges for commencing telecommunications service (C)
at the principal place of residence of the eligible residential customer, provided that the place of residence is located on Indian "tribal lands," as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This reduction can be applied to both line extension and service connection charges.

F. Deposits

1. A deposit is not required to establish or reestablish credit for basic service for ULTS customers.

2. A deposit may be required to maintain basic service if the Utility discovers the customer no longer qualifies for ULTS.

3. A deposit may be required for non-basic service(s).

4. If it is determined that false information has been provided, correct information plus a deposit for non-basic service(s) will be required.

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS

1. The residence at which the service is requested is the subscriber's principal place of residence in California. An applicant for ULTS may report only one address in this state as his/her principal place of residence.

   The residence premises household (dwelling unit) shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied entirely by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic establishment.

   The room or portion of a dwelling unit occupied exclusively by an individual not sharing equally as a member of the domestic establishment may be considered a separate residence for the application of ULTS.

2. The subscriber and the members of the subscriber's household collectively have one, and only one, ULTS line, except as provided for elsewhere in this schedule.

3. No person who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return shall be eligible for ULTS.

4. Residential customers may qualify for ULTS by meeting either the Income-Based Criteria or the Program-Based Criteria.

5. Income-Based Criteria

   Income-based criteria allow an applicant to enroll in ULTS based on his/her household income if members of the applicant's household earn no more than the mandated annual limits. Total Household Income is defined in Rule No. 1, DEFINITIONS. (C)

   The California Public Utilities Commission develops the eligibility requirements for qualified households to receive the California LifeLine discounts. The eligibility requirements can be found at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/lifeline/ and https:www.californialifeline.com/en/eligibility_requirements. (C)

(D)

(D)

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

A. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS - (Continued)

5. Income-Based Criteria - (Continued)

Customers must also provide proof of their total household income. Acceptable income documents are:

a. Prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return
b. Income statements or paycheck stubs for 3 consecutive months' worth of the same type of statements within the last 12 months

(D)

6. Program-Based Criteria (D)

Program-based criteria allow an applicant to enroll in ULTS based on participation by applicant or a member of the applicant's household in any of the means-tested programs approved by the Commission.

The California Public Utilities Commission develops the eligibility requirements for qualified households to receive the California LifeLine discounts. The eligibility requirements can be found at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/lifeline/ and https:www.californialifeline.com/en/eligibility_requirements. (C)

(D)

7. Customers that verbally certify they meet the ULTS income limits and have proof of income or participate in an approved public program will receive an Application Form in the mail from the California LifeLine Administrator for completion and submission.

8. The completed Application Form and supporting documents, if any, must be returned and received by the LifeLine Administrator on or before the deadline date specified in the Application Form.

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

A. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS - (Continued)

9. Enrollment Process:

a. The Utility shall send a confirmation notice to all California LifeLine applicants informing them of the Application Forms from the California LifeLine Administrator and the requirement to return the completed forms with all required documentation. The notice shall also inform them that failure to return all the required documentation by the deadline date will result in denial of LifeLine service. (T) (T) (T) (T)

b. Customers will incur regular tariff rates and charges until the approval of their California LifeLine Application Form. (T)

c. Customers will be converted to LifeLine service upon the Utility receiving confirmation of the customer's eligibility from the California LifeLine Administrator. (T)

d. Customers will receive a credit on their bill for the LifeLine discounts retroactive to their application date which will appear on their next bill unless the customer requests a refund check if the credit is at least $10.00. (T)

10. A subscriber shall be eligible to receive two ULTS lines if: (T)

a. the subscriber meets all ULTS eligibility criteria set forth above; (T)

b. a member of subscriber's household is disabled and has immediate and continuous access within the household to a TTY; and (T)

c. the TTY is issued by DDTP or a medical certificate indicating the household member's need for a TTY is submitted.

11. All ULTS rules and regulations that apply to the one ULTS line shall apply equally to the second ULTS line provided to a subscriber. (T)

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

A. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS - (Continued)

12. The Utility shall not knowingly enroll an applicant into the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria and the Utility shall not knowingly allow a subscriber to remain in the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria.

13. The Utility shall not link the availability of discounted phone service under the ULTS program with the sale of non-ULTS services.

14. The Utility must inform the applicant that he or she may opt to receive the instructions for the Application Form in Braille (English Only) or the instructions and the Application Form in large print.

15. A subscriber changing his/her Utility shall not be required to undergo the Application Process, provided that the subscriber initiates California LifeLine service with his/her new Utility within 30 days of disconnecting California LifeLine service with the previous Utility and the subscriber maintains eligibility in all other respects. If a subscriber changes his/her principal place of residence, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the subscriber shall not be required to go through the Application Process again.

16. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.410(d), an applicant applying for discounts from the Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (California LifeLine) program must provide his or her date of birth and last four digits of his or her SSN on the Application Form provided by the California LifeLine Administrator. (N)

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

B. Federal Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up Benefits and Qualification Requirements for Federally-Designated Tribal Lands

1. Description

The following Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up program benefits and qualification standards apply to all residence subscribers residing on Indian "tribal lands," as the same are from time to time defined by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

2. Qualifications

In addition to the qualification standards set out in Section A. preceding for Lifeline and Link Up program participants, residents of tribal lands may qualify for Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up programs if they participate in any one of the following federal assistance programs:

a. Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance;

b. Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for needy families;

c. Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard);

d. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.

e. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) (N)

Those who qualify under the provisions of this paragraph must provide written certification of such qualification under penalty of perjury and must further agree to notify the Company if the customer ceases to participate in the program or programs.

3. Lifeline and Link Up Benefits

Additional federal Enhanced Lifeline support will be provided to reduce the qualifying customer's basic monthly service rate to $0.00 (C)
per month, inclusive of the federal End-User Common Line charge.
A 100% reduction of up to $100.00 is available to cover both (C)
service connection and line extension charges in connection with commencing telecommunications service to the qualifying customer's principal place of residence.

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UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

C. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS)is available to eligible customers subscribing to flat rate individual line service. (T)

D. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service includes all the service elements defined in Rule No. 1 for Basic Service.

E. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service is restricted to residential local exchange service including all applicable extended area service. Foreign exchange services are excluded from this offering.

F. Deposits for establishment of service from applicants for new service, as outlined in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 7, will not be required of eligible ULTS recipients. The Utility may require a ULTS customer to pay any overdue ULTS rates and charges, or make payment arrangements, before ULTS is reinstated at the same address or at a new address. The Utility may apply toll restriction to a ULTS customer's line when toll charges are not paid and optional services may be discontinued.

G. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 11, DISCONTINUANCE AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE. Partial payments will be applied to basic service first, unless the Customer directs otherwise.

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

H. Discounted Nonrecurring Charges

1. Installation Charges

a. The ULTS connection charge is applicable to each eligible (T)
household residing at the same principal place of residence. (T)

b. The ULTS connection charge may be applicable any time a (T)
subscriber: (T)

(1) establishes ULTS,
(2) re-establishes ULTS at the same residence at which ULTS was previously provided (even when the customer was disconnected for nonpayment),
(3) establishes ULTS at a new residence, or
(4) switches ULTS from one utility to another.

c. Utilities may not impose a "central office charge" in addition to the ULTS connection charge when installing or activating (T)
California LifeLine. (T)

d. Installation of a second and subsequent telephone service connections shall be subject to the Utility's regular tariffed rates for these connections, except that subscribers with a (T)
disabled household member may qualify for ULTS connection (T)
charges on two residential telephone connections.

2. Change Charges

The ULTS change charge is applicable each time a ULTS subscriber (T)
requests a change in the class (business or residential to ULTS), type (measured vs. flat rate service) or grade (multiparty vs. one party) of service, including requests to change from Foreign Exchange Service. There is no limit on the number of times a ULTS subscriber (T)
may pay the ULTS change charge to effect a change in the class, type or grade of service. This discounted change charge does not apply to the addition of services not covered under the ULTS program. No conversion charge is assessed if a LifeLine applicant fails to (T)
qualify or a LifeLine subscriber is removed from the LifeLine (T)
program, either voluntarily or involuntarily. (T)

I. Eligible subscribers of this service may have up to 1 year to pay the (T)
Utility for the reduced Service Connection Charges without interest. The Utility may charge a late-payment fee when Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) subscribers fail to timely remit some or all of the ULTS (T)
connection charge under a deferred-payment schedule.

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

J. New applicants for telephone service will be advised of the availability of Universal LifeLine Telephone Service. Applicants who wish to (T) re-establish ULTS service after removal from the program will be treated as a new customer, subject to the Application Process and G.O. 153 Rules (T) and a Service Order Charge as shown in RATES above. The ULTS discount will be effective on the Application Date and will not be applied (T) retroactively to the prior enrollment period. (T)

K. Subscribers must notify the Utility of any change that causes the ULTS (T) subscriber to no longer qualify for (1) ULTS, or (2) a second ULTS line. (T) Upon receipt of notification, the Utility will change ULTS to regular tariffed rates and charges for the services furnished. No service conversion charges shall be billed to the subscriber for this change in (T) service. The regular tariffed rates will be billed retroactively to the date the ULTS service no longer applied. The three-month limitation to back bill, as set forth in Rule No. 9, is not applicable to the recurring and nonrecurring charges. If reduced service connection charges were applied, the difference between reduced charges and regular tariffed charges will be billed to the applicant.

L. The California LifeLine Administrator will qualify new ULTS customers (C) and verify the continued eligibility of existing ULTS customers. (C)

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Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

M. The Utility will annually mail a notification of availability to all its residential customers.

N. In addition to the rates and conditions specified herein, all rules, regulations, charges and rates in conjunction with the services furnished elsewhere in the tariffs are also applicable to the service provided under this schedule.

O. Optional services and equipment are not included in Universal LifeLine Telephone Service rates, but will be provided to Universal LifeLine Telephone Service customers at applicable tariffed rates and charges. Non-ULTS lines will be available to ULTS customers at the applicable regular tariffed rates and charges.

P. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service rates shall be applied to each monthly statement for the months this service is furnished and shall apply only for the duration of this service.

Q. Definitions covered under the California LifeLine Program and words used throughout this Schedule are defined in G.O.153.

R. Beginning June 1, 2017, the California LifeLine Program (California LifeLine) has a new limitation on consumers requesting the California LifeLine discounts for phone services. (N)

1. 60 Day Freeze for Transferring the California LifeLine Discounts (also called Discount Transfer Freeze) for Phone Services.

   a. Once the California LifeLine Administrator approves the applicant's eligibility to receive the California LifeLine discounts, the California LifeLine participant has to keep the California LifeLine discounts with the same phone company for 60 days. The 60-day clock begins when the California LifeLine discounts start. After staying with the same phone company for 60 days, the California LifeLine participant may choose to remain with the same phone company or to change to a different phone company while keeping the California LifeLine discounts. This requirement means that the California LifeLine participant can only transfer the California LifeLine discounts to a different phone company once every 60 days.Transferring the California LifeLine discounts to a different phone company restarts the 60-day clock. (N)

(Continued) (N)

SCHEDULES A

Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

(N)

R. Beginning June 1, 2017, the California LifeLine Program (California LifeLine) has a new limitation on consumers requesting the California LifeLine discounts for phone services. (Continued)

1. 60 Day Freeze for Transferring the California LifeLine Discounts (also called Discount Transfer Freeze) for Phone Services. (Cont'd.)

   b. The California LifeLine participant MAY cancel phone service or switch phone companies at any time. However, if the California LifeLine participant is still within the 60-day clock and cancels the phone service or switches phone companies, then the California LifeLine participant will stop receiving the California LifeLine discounts.

   c. However, there are ways to transfer the California LifeLine discounts to a different phone company sooner, which are as follows:

      (1) the California LifeLine participant moves to a new address
      (2) the phone company no longer offers phone service or otherwise fails to provide phone service
      (3) the phone company charged late fees greater than the monthly out of pocket cost for the phone service
      (4) the phone company was found in violation of either the California LifeLine Program's, the California Public Utilities Commission's, or the Federal Communications Commission's rules and that rule violation impacted the California LifeLine participant.

2. How to Transfer the California LifeLine Discounts Before the 60-Day Clock Ends When the Phone Company Fails to Provide the California LifeLine Discounted Phone Service.

   a. A California LifeLine participant is entitled to a voice-grade connection. If the California LifeLine participant is experiencing a service failure, the California LifeLine participant should immediately inform the phone company of the service failure so the phone company can try and resolve the service failure. If the phone company does not resolve the service failure, the California LifeLine participant can request an exception to the discount transfer freeze due to a service failure (also called a service failure exception). Before requesting a service failure exception, the California LifeLine participant should immediately inform the phone company of the service failure.

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SCHEDULES A

Schedule No. A-2

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued) (N)

R. Beginning June 1, 2017, the California LifeLine Program (California LifeLine) has a new limitation on consumers requesting the California LifeLine discounts for phone services. (Continued)

2. How to Transfer the California LifeLine Discounts Before the 60-Day Clock Ends When the Phone Company Fails to Provide the California LifeLine Discounted Phone Service. (Continued)

b. Examples of what would NOT constitute as a failure to provide home phone service:

(1) The California LifeLine participant's dissatisfaction with the feature(s) of the service, the service rate(s), or the quality of customer service.
(2) The California LifeLine participant's confusion about the phone service plan.

3. A California LifeLine participant can contact the California Life-Line administrator by phone 877-858-7463 or going to Check Your Status at www.californialifeline.com to request a service failure exception to the discount transfer freeze. The California LifeLine Administrator will then determine whether it is appropriate to start the exception process. If the California LifeLine Administrator grants the exception order, the California LifeLine participant can transfer the California LifeLine discounts to a different phone company prior to the discount transfer freeze ending.

A California LifeLine participant MUST DO these 4 things for the California LifeLine Administrator to grant the exception order:

a. give the existing phone company an opportunity to resolve the service failure
b. order a service failure exception from the California LifeLine Administrator
c. after the phone company's opportunity lapses to resolve the service failure, confirm that the service failure still exists - a California LifeLine participant has 1 week to submit this confirmation
d. contact a different phone company and ask to receive phone service with the California LifeLine discounts; the preferred phone company will submit the transfer request on the California LifeLine participant's behalf to the California LifeLine Administrator. (N)

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June 1, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2015 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient 54.313(f)(1) "Public Interest Obligation"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that The Siskiyou Telephone Company provides High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (530)467-6000

Sincerely,

James T. Lowers

James T. Lowers, President
Siskiyou Telephone Company

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Report of Independent Auditors and
Consolidated Financial Statements

The Siskiyou Telephone Company and Subsidiary

December 31, 2016 and 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors
The Siskiyou Telephone Company and Subsidiary

Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Siskiyou Telephone Company and Subsidiary (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Siskiyou Telephone Company and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Moss Adams LLP

Stockton, California
March 10, 2017

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	DECEMBER 31, 2016	DECEMBER 31, 2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,293,137	$ 6,398,455
Telecommunications accounts receivable	335,537	314,017
Other accounts receivable	1,317,744	2,113,542
Accounts receivable – affiliated companies	6,678	1,885
Materials and supplies	1,694,473	1,368,708
Prepaid income taxes	884,629	-
Other prepayments	131,904	140,158
Total current assets	13,664,102	10,336,765
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Prepaid pension surcharge	988,711	-
Investment	122,448	106,705
Total noncurrent assets	1,111,159	106,705
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT		
Telecommunications plant in service	104,765,852	100,667,038
Plant under construction	1,370,966	1,058,417
Nonregulated plant in service	884,524	831,226
	107,021,342	102,556,681
Less accumulated depreciation	47,145,130	42,982,023
Net property, plant, and equipment	59,876,212	59,574,658
	$ 74,651,473	$ 70,018,128

THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

	DECEMBER 31, 2016	DECEMBER 31, 2015
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 458,415	$ 686,646
Accrued employee absences	185,101	183,090
Income taxes payable	-	277,922
Total current liabilities	643,516	1,147,658
OTHER LIABILITIES		
Deferred income taxes	7,104,002	5,309,576
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Common stock, authorized 2,000 shares, $5 par value: Issued and outstanding 2,000 shares	10,000	10,000
Additional paid-in capital	10,906,957	10,906,957
Retained earnings	55,986,998	52,643,937
Total stockholder's equity	66,903,955	63,560,894
	$ 74,651,473	$ 70,018,128

THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUES		
Local network services	$ 1,094,851	$ 1,084,231
Interstate access services	4,020,457	5,111,680
State access services	426,176	495,926
Federal universal and state high cost fund support	12,424,909	12,671,149
Nonregulated services	1,731,598	1,574,410
Miscellaneous	187,657	198,079
Uncollectibles	(4,974)	(4,306)
Total operating revenues	19,880,674	21,131,169
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Plant specific operations	2,525,520	2,655,940
Plant nonspecific operations	1,065,402	1,206,695
Customer operations	870,421	869,689
Corporate operations	2,236,904	2,135,204
Depreciation	4,728,376	4,791,113
Nonregulated operations	1,522,104	1,387,603
Property and other taxes	620,728	597,933
Total operating expenses	13,569,455	13,644,177
OPERATING INCOME	6,311,219	7,486,992
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Interest and dividend income	30,332	11,835
Nonoperating expense, net	(50,321)	(110,178)
Total other income (expense)	(19,989)	(98,343)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	6,291,230	7,388,649
Provision for income taxes	2,573,169	2,946,480
NET INCOME	3,718,061	4,442,169
RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning of year	52,643,937	48,619,874
Redemption of preferred stock	-	(25,080)
Dividends on preferred stock	-	(18,026)
Dividends on common stock	(375,000)	(375,000)
RETAINED EARNINGS, end of year	$ 55,986,998	$ 52,643,937

See report of independent auditors and accompanying notes

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers and settlements	$ 20,604,631	$ 20,473,664
Cash paid to vendors, suppliers, and employees	(10,236,910)	(8,549,437)
Interest and dividends received	7,842	11,835
Income taxes paid	(1,941,294)	(2,879,325)
Net cash from operating activities	8,434,269	9,056,737
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Accounts receivable – affiliated companies, net	(4,793)	5,128
Retirement of patronage capital	6,747	-
Construction and acquisition of plant	(5,331,364)	(5,973,708)
Salvage, net of cost of removal	164,823	301,513
Net cash from investing activities	(5,164,587)	(5,667,067)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	(375,000)	(393,026)
Redemption of preferred stock	-	(443,080)
Net cash from financing activities	(375,000)	(836,106)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,894,682	2,553,564
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	6,398,455	3,844,891
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	$ 9,293,137	$ 6,398,455

THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
NET INCOME	$ 3,718,061	$ 4,442,169
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,864,987	4,924,831
Deferred income taxes	1,794,426	256,996
Noncash patronage dividends	(22,490)	(4,213)
Increase (decrease) in cash due to changes in assets and liabilities:		
Telecommunications accounts receivable	(21,520)	(21,307)
Other accounts receivable	795,798	(521,807)
Materials and supplies	(325,765)	(6,289)
Other prepayments	8,254	32,984
Prepaid pension surcharge	(988,711)	-
Accounts payable	(228,231)	149,636
Accrued employee absences	2,011	(6,422)
Prepaid/accrued income taxes payable	(1,162,551)	(189,841)
Total adjustments	4,716,208	4,614,568
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 8,434,269	$ 9,056,737

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of operations – The Siskiyou Telephone Company (the Company) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Siskiyou Communications, Inc. The Company provides telephone service in its franchised territory of Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties and is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Golden Bear Broadband, LLC (GBB) is a competitive local exchange carrier and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, which currently has minimal activity.

Accounting policies – The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to regulated public utilities. The accounting records of the Company are maintained in accordance with the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the FCC and adopted by the CPUC. Such accounting principles are consistent in all material respects with accounting prescribed by the FCC.

Consolidation policy – The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Accounting estimates – The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include depreciation expense, deferred income tax expense, and interstate access revenue settlements.

Cash and cash equivalents – For purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Accounts receivable valuation – Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect on outstanding balances. The Company reviews the collectability of accounts receivable annually based on an analysis of outstanding receivables, historical collection information, and existing economic conditions. Receivables from subscribers and carriers are due 30 days after issuance of the bill. Delinquent accounts are charged to uncollectible expense when it is determined that the account will not be collected. Recoveries of previously charged off accounts are recorded when received. Due to the immaterial nature of the Company's uncollectible accounts, an allowance for uncollectible accounts is not deemed necessary, and the result of this method does not materially differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Materials and supplies - Materials and supplies inventory consist of construction materials and other equipment, which are valued at the lower of average cost or market.

Investment – The Company has an investment in the National Rural Telephone Cooperative (NRTC), which consists of patronage credits and shares of common stock. The investment in NRTC is valued at cost as it does not have a readily determinable market value.

Property, plant, and equipment – Property, plant, and equipment are stated at original cost. Regulated plant includes assets that are jointly used for regulated and nonregulated activities. The cost of additions and substantial betterments of property, plant, and equipment is capitalized. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to operating expenses.

In accordance with composite group depreciation methodology, when a portion of the Company's regulated depreciable property, plant, and equipment is retired in the ordinary course of business, the gross book value is charged to accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation of the Company's nonregulated plant is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Upon retirement, sale, or other disposition of nonregulated investments, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the related accounts and the resulting gains or losses are included in operations.

Revenue recognition - Monthly service plan revenues derived from local service and internet are billed one month in advance, but recognized in the month that service is provided. Usage-sensitive revenues such as access (revenues earned from originating/terminating long distance calls) are generally billed as a per minute charge. Although these revenues are billed in arrears, they are recognized in the month the service is provided.

Interstate access revenues also include settlements based on the Company's participation in the revenue pools administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). Settlement revenues are determined by annually prepared separations and interstate access cost studies. These studies are prepared subsequent to year end and, therefore, the related revenues are recorded on the books based on an estimate of the Company's costs, NECA pool earnings, and on other assumptions related to the information utilized in the preparation of the Company's cost study. The studies are subject to a 24-month pool earnings adjustment period and a final review and acceptance by NECA. There were insignificant revenue impacts in 2016 and 2015 for adjustments related to prior year differences between the recorded estimates and actual revenues. Management does not anticipate that 2016 and 2015 recorded revenues will require significant adjustments in future years.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition (continued) – The Company's wireline universal service support revenue is intended to compensate the Company for the high cost of providing rural telephone service. Universal service support revenues include funds received for the high cost loop support (HLCS), interstate common line support (ILCS), Connect America Fund (CAF), and other miscellaneous programs. HCLS and ILCS are based on the Company's relative level of operating expense and plant investments. Support from the CAF is based on a historical frozen amount related to 2011 investments and expenses associated with the switching function and certain 2011 intrastate access revenues, which together make up the CAF base. The CAF base will be reduced by 5% each year in determining CAF support.

Nonregulated services consist of internet services and other incidental nonregulated revenues. Miscellaneous includes revenues from directory, billing and collection, rents, and other incidental services.

Nonregulated expenses and nonregulated plant are directly attributable to nonregulated services. Operating expenses and telecommunications plant are related primarily to regulated revenues. However, some of these costs jointly relate to regulated and nonregulated services. For settlement, universal service support, rate case, and other regulatory purposes, the portion of these common costs related to nonregulated activities are removed from these accounts in accordance with Part 64 of the FCC rules in order to ensure that regulated revenues are based on costs of providing regulated services.

Regulation – The Company's services are subject to rate regulation as follows:

- Local telephone and intrastate access revenues are regulated by the CPUC. The FCC also has assumed preemptive authority to regulate intrastate telecommunications services, including intrastate access rates.
- Interstate access revenues are regulated by the FCC through its regulation of rates and settlements procedures as administered by NECA.
- Federal universal service revenues are administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) based on rules established by the FCC.
- State High Cost Fund revenues are administered by the CPUC based on rules established by the state of California. The California High Cost Fund-A (CHCF-A) support is subject to renewal every four years by the California legislature. Legislation to extend the CHCF-A program to January 1, 2019 was adopted in September 2014.

In October 2015, the Company submitted a general rate case to the CPUC for approval of rates for 2017. As of December 31, 2016, the general rate case submitted was approved. The approval of the rate case enables the Company to earn an authorized intrastate rate and draw CHCF-A support. The approved rates become effective on January 1, 2017.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Regulation (continued) – The FCC released an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in 2016 that reforms the High Cost Program supporting rate-of-return carriers. The FCC has also created a mechanism to ensure the $2 billion budget for Universal Service Support is not exceeded. The following changes have been implemented to modernize the program:

- Provides support for stand-alone broadband;
- Requires broadband deployment based on the number of locations lacking service and the cost of providing service;
- Requires allowances for capital investments and limits on operational expenses; and
- Phases out support for areas served by a qualifying competitor.

The FNPRM also created two paths to CAF for rate of return carriers. The model based option is voluntary and is a fixed amount of support for ten years. The legacy mechanism reforms the existing Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) mechanism to support stand-alone broadband and will now be known as the Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS). The Company is expected to receive support under the legacy mechanism in future years.

Pending and future regulatory actions may have a significant impact on the Company's future operations and financial condition.

Income taxes – Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for taxable temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for deductible temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The Company records uncertain tax positions if the likelihood that the position will be sustained upon examination is less than 50%. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company had no accrued amounts related to uncertain tax positions.

Taxes imposed by governmental authorities – The Company's customers are subject to taxes assessed by various governmental authorities on many different types of revenue transactions with the Company. These specific taxes are charged to and collected from the Company's customers and subsequently remitted to the appropriate taxing authority. The taxes are accounted for on a net basis and excluded from revenues.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Concentrations of risk – At various times throughout the year, the cash balances on deposit with financial institutions exceeded federally insured limits. A possible loss exists for those amounts in excess of $250,000. The Company minimizes this risk by utilizing numerous financial institutions for deposits of cash funds.

In 2016, the Company received $9,997,149 from the Federal Universal Service Fund and $2,427,760 from the CHCF-A. In 2015, the Company received $10,647,914 from the Federal Universal Service Fund and $2,023,235 from the CHCF-A. These amounts represent 62% and 60% of the Company's operating revenues for 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Subsequent events – Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the consolidated balance sheet date, but before consolidated financial statements are available to be issued. The Company recognizes in the consolidated financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the consolidated balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the consolidated financial statements. The Company's consolidated financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the consolidated balance sheet, but arose after the consolidated balance sheet date and before the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through March 10, 2017, which is the date the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Reclassifications – For comparability, certain of the 2015 figures have been reclassified in order to conform to the 2016 presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholder's equity as previously reported.

NOTE 2 – OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Other accounts receivable at December 31 consist of the following:

	2016	2015
AT&T Communications	$ 761,418	$ 668,344
NECA	128,150	882,924
California High Cost Fund	202,313	337,206
Other	225,863	225,068
	$ 1,317,744	$ 2,113,542

NOTE 3 – PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Major classes of property, plant, and equipment are comprised of the following at December 31:

	Depreciable Life in Years	Plant Account	Accumulated Depreciation	2016 Net Balance	2015 Net Balance
Regulated plant in service:					
Land	n/a	$ 390,536	$ -	$ 390,536	$ 390,536
General support	5 to 56	10,969,264	8,042,276	2,926,988	3,279,096
Central office	7 to 10	11,755,717	7,611,154	4,144,563	4,429,562
Cable and wire facilities	7 to 55	81,650,335	30,882,097	50,768,238	50,060,967
		104,765,852	46,535,527	58,230,325	58,160,161
Regulated plant under construction	n/a	1,370,966	-	1,370,966	1,058,417
Nonregulated plant in service	6 to 14	884,524	609,603	274,921	356,080
		$107,021,342	$ 47,145,130	$ 59,876,212	$ 59,574,658

NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Pension benefits for substantially all employees of the Company are provided through the National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) Retirement and Security Program and Savings Program (the Plans). The Retirement and Security Program is a defined benefit pension plan and the Savings Program is a defined contribution plan. The Plans are exempt from federal income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code. Quarterly contributions are made to the Retirement and Security Program and annual contributions to the Savings Program equal to amounts accrued for pension expense. The Retirement and Security Program is a master multi-employer plan, which is available to all members of NTCA. The accumulated benefits and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer.

The Company makes contributions to the Plans based on each employee's compensation. The employer contributions for 2016 and 2015 were $298,302 and $286,437, respectively.

NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The pension plan name is Retirement & Security Program for Employees of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and Its Member Systems. The Plan Employer Identification Number is 52-0741336/333. The information below is from the Plan's most recent Form 5500 filing, which covers the plan years 2015 and 2014. At the date the consolidated financial statements were issued, Form 5500 was not available for the year ending 2016.

Pension Protection Act Zone Status		Cooperative Contributions Greater than 5% of Total Plan Contributions	Funding Improvement/ Rehabilitation Plan in Place	Surcharges Imposed	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreements	Minimum Contributions Required in the Future
2015	2014					
At least 80% funded	At least 80% funded	No	No	Yes	N/A	No

The risks of participating in multiemployer plans are different from single employer plans as follows: (1) assets contributed to the multi-employer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (2) if a participating employer stops contributing to the Plan, the unfunded obligations of the Plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers, and (3) if the Company chooses to stop participating in a Plan, the Company may be required to pay a withdrawal liability.

NTCA recently implemented changes to the Retirement & Security Program that will be implemented in phases beginning in 2017. The most significant changes are increases in the contribution rates beginning in 2017, a new surcharge will begin in 2018, and companies have a one-time option until September 2017 to prefund its surcharge. As incentive for prefunding its obligation, NTCA will waive the variable rate premium the Company pays and returns on assets contributed may be used to offset future costs. The Company elected to prefund the NTCA surcharge and recognized the prepayment of $988,711, as a noncurrent asset. The Company will amortize the asset recognized over 12 years, which represents the period of time the new surcharge is expected to be in place. The Company also recorded no unrealized gains on the investment for the year ended December 31, 2016.

In addition to the Plan described above, the employees of the Company can also participate in a savings plan (the Savings Plan) named Profit Sharing Segment of the Savings Plan for the Employees of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and Its Members. An employee becomes a participant on the first day of the quarter after being employed for one year and is scheduled to work at least 1000 hours during a year of service. The Company contributed 6% nonmatching funds to each employee. Additionally, the Company contributed an amount equal to 100% of the participant's 401(k) contributions of 5% of eligible compensation contributed for the plan year if the employee contributes an additional 3% of their eligible compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company contributed $159,470 and $178,240, respectively.

NOTE 5 – COMMON STOCK AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Each share of 5.75% cumulative Class "A" preferred stock has ten votes and has preference over common stock to the extent of dividends in arrears. The Class "A" preferred stock is subject to optional redemption at $53 per share. In 2015, the Company paid $443,080 to redeem all 8,360 shares of issued and outstanding preferred stock. The $25,080 difference between the amount paid and the preferred stock balance of $418,000 reduced retained earnings.

NOTE 6 – INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes is as follows for the year ended December 31:

	2016	2015
Current expense:		
Federal	$ 324,514	$ 2,043,803
State	454,229	645,681
Deferred expense:		
Federal	1,707,202	256,298
State	87,224	698
	$ 2,573,169	$ 2,946,480

The Company computes and records federal income and California franchise taxes on a separate return basis, but files a consolidated tax return with its parent, Siskiyou Communications, Inc.

The Company's effective income tax rate varies from the current federal tax rate primarily because of state franchise tax, net of federal, nondeductible expenses, and tax-exempt income.

NOTE 6 – INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

The components of the net deferred tax liabilities at December 31 consist of the following:

	2016	2015
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Property – accelerated depreciation	$ (6,962,932)	$ (5,623,780)
Pension - Federal and State	(393,847)	-
Deferred tax assets:		
Federal deferral of state franchise tax	161,152	223,380
Other	91,625	90,824
Total deferred tax assets	252,777	314,204
Net deferred tax liabilities	$ (7,104,002)	$ (5,309,576)

NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company provides various services to its affiliates: Siskiyou Communications, Inc., Siskiyou Long Distance Company, and Golden Bear Broadband, LLC. The Company bills each affiliate monthly for payroll, overheads, insurance, materials transfers, miscellaneous expenditures, and various other shared services. Amounts billed for the 12 months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were $46,334 and $43,172, respectively. Amounts due from these billings are shown on the consolidated balance sheet as accounts receivable – affiliated companies.

Siskiyou Communications, Inc., the parent company of The Siskiyou Telephone Company, pays income taxes for all of its affiliates during the year and is subsequently reimbursed by each company.