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June 30, 2016

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2016 ETC Annual Report of VTX Telecom, LP
Study Area Code 449050

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of VTX Telecom, LP, JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.[1] Also attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment of section 54.313 outage reporting under Sections 0.457 and 0.459.[2] The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President
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[1] 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.
[2] 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

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Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

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

2. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission the reporting information which is contained in the attachment to the Report pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422.

3. The information contained in the attachment to the Report for which Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is data pertaining to the Company's outages provided at FCC Form 481 attachment Line 200, Service Outage Reporting. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

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

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

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. Because the telecommunications market is highly competitive, release of this information could substantially harm the Company's telecommunications business.

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

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

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

9. The Commission has previously concluded that there is a presumptive likelihood of substantial competitive harm from disclosure of outage information.[4] The Commission also determined the disclosure of outage reporting information to the public could present an unacceptable risk of more effective terrorist activity and could therefore result in potential harm to the public and the national defense.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to FCC Form 481 attachment at Line 200, Service Outage Reporting. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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FCC Form 481
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July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	9566421194 ext.194
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
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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.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	

(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? Yes

<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

-- See attached worksheet --

(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)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<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	449050tx510.pdf

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	449050tx610.pdf

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

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

<703>

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

-- See attached worksheet --

(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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<a1>	<a2>	<b1>	<b2>	<c>	<d1>	<d2>	<d3>	<d4>
State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**Residential Rate**	**State Regulated Fees**	**Total Rate and Fees**	**Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)**	**Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)**	**Usage Allowance (GB)**	**Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {*select*}**

(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	VTX Telecom, LLC.
<811>	Holding Company	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	VTX Telecom, LLC.

<813>

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

-- See attached worksheet --

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

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

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

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification: Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
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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

449050tx1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.vtx1.net

"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)

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

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

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

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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	

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Reporting Carrier: VTX Telecom, LP

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/27/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: David Osborn

Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9566421124 ext.124

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 449050 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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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: ext.

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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: ext.

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Attachments

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(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? Yes

<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
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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VTX Telecom, LLC

Response to Lines 500-510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,[1] the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."[2] The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.[3] In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."[4]

VTX Telecom, LLC ("Company") hereby certifies that it complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules under the Texas Administrative Code, Title 16, Part II, as established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers pursuant to Subchapter J requirements in Sections 26.201-26.230; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers as identified in Subchapter B, in Sections 26.21-26.37; and (3) service quality standards requirements as identified in Subchapter C, Sections 26.51 -26.57.

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[1] *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("*2005 ETC Order*").
[2] *Id.* at para. 28.
[3] *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.
[4] *Id.* at n. 72.

In addition, the Company complies with numerous federal consumer protection standards including, but not limited to: (1) Truth-in-Billing Rules outlined in 47 CFR § 64.2401; and (2) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

VTX Telecom, LLC

Response to Lines 600-610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

VTX Telecom, LLC ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)[1] and the Texas Administrative Code. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, the Company is able to function under emergency operations in accordance with Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rules §26.51 *Reliability of Operations of Telecommunications Providers* and §26.52 *Emergency Operations* which include obligations for continuity of service and emergency operations planning and service provision capability for dominant carriers. Any central office not equipped with permanently installed standby generators contains as a minimum four hours of battery reserve without voltage falling below the level required for proper operation of all equipment. In addition, all central offices without installed emergency power facilities have a mobile power unit available which can be delivered and connected on short notice.

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[1] Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

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

<703>

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State	**Exchange (ILEC)**	**SAC (CETC)**	**Rate Type**	**Residential Local Service Rate**	**State Subscriber Line Charge**	**State Universal Service Fee**	**Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge**	**Total per line Rates and Fees**
TX	Agua Dulce		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Charlotte		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Dilley		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Falfurrias		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Geoge West		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Jourdanton		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Lyford		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Orange Grove		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Premont		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Raymondville		FR	25.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	25.83
TX	Santa Rosa		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
TX	Three Rivers		FR	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0

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(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	VTX Telecom, LLC.
<811>	Holding Company	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	VTX Telecom, LLC.

<813>	<a1>	<a2>	<a3>
	Affiliates	**SAC**	**Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation**
	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442159	VTX1, VTCI
	VTX Communications, LLC.		VTX1, VTXC

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

7.3 LIFELINE SERVICE

7.3.1 General

A. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering sponsored by the FCC and available to qualifying low-income consumers.

B. Consumers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services or functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101(a)(1)-(8) (relating to Supported Services for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).

C. The Company shall offer toll restriction at no charge to all qualifying low-income consumers at the time such consumers subscribe to Lifeline Service. If the consumer elects to receive toll restriction, that service shall become part of the consumer's Lifeline Service.

D. A customer otherwise eligible to receive the Lifeline Service shall not be prohibited from obtaining and using telecommunication equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunication services.

E. Lifeline Service rate reductions only apply to basic service and do not apply to non-basic service such as long distance service whether tariffed or untariffed. Customers may obtain such non-basic services, including bundled service where available, at their discretion, although the Lifeline Service reduction applies only to the basic service charge of the bundled service.

F. The Lifeline Service rate reductions do not apply to service connection charges, except that customers eligible for the Link Up America program will receive a reduction in applicable service connection charges, as set forth in Section of this tariff.

G. Lifeline Service will not be available on a retroactive basis unless directed by the Low Income Discount Administrator or the Commission.

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

7.3 LIFELINE SERVICE (Continued)

7.3.1 General (Continued)

H. A consumer eligible for Lifeline Service is automatically eligible for Link Up Service. However, a consumer may qualify for and receive Lifeline Service independently of Link Up Service.

I. The Company will waive monthly number portability charges, subject to its tariff, for the Lifeline customer.

7.3.2 Eligibility Requirements

A. The discounted service will be provided for one (1) residential telephone line per household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence.

B. The service must be provided in the eligible consumer's name.

C. The applicant must certify that their annual income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, that they are an eligible resident of Tribal lands, or participate in, or have a person or child who resides in the customer household who participates in, one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal public housing assistance
- State Child Health Plan

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

7.3 LIFELINE SERVICE (Continued)

7.3.2 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

D. Procedures for Establishing Lifeline Discounts

1. Consumers within the Company's service area identified as eligible for Lifeline Service by the Texas Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) through the automatic enrollment process under Commission Substantive Rule 26.412, shall be provided Lifeline Service discounts unless the Company receives a customer request to be excluded from such discounts. Consumers who are eligible for Lifeline Service but do not have telephone service at the time the LIDA provides its eligibility list to the Company are responsible for contacting the Company and initiating a request for Link-Up Service from the Company.

2. The LIDA shall provide the Company with a monthly list of consumers eligible for Lifeline Service.

3. Consumers who do not participate in one of the designated programs but who meet annual income qualifications by having an income at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, may establish eligibility for Lifeline Service by contacting the LIDA and receive Lifeline Service discounts within 30 days of proof of eligibility.

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

7.3 LIFELINE SERVICE (Continued)

7.3.2 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

E. Lifeline Service Discounts (Continued)

1. Eligible consumers who subscribe to Lifeline Service will receive the following discounts as long as the total combined Lifeline discounts do not result in a rate of less than zero for a customer's basic local service: T

(a) Federal Support. The Company shall grant qualifying low-income consumer's monthly Lifeline support up to the support amount as directed by the Federal Communications Commission in Title 47 C.F.R Part § 54.403.

(b) State Reduction in monthly intrastate charges. The Company shall grant qualifying low-income consumers the state-approved reduction of monthly intrastate charges due pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.412(f)(1)(C).

(c) Additional Lifeline Area discount. The Company shall grant qualifying low-income consumers in the service areas of Verizon Southwest a monthly discount composed of up to 25% of any actual rate increase amount pursuant to the Texas High Cost Universal Service Plan Area Discount in 16 TAC § 26.412(f)(1)(D). T

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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7.4 TRIBAL LINK UP PROGRAM

7.4.1 Program Description

A. Tribal Link Up is a federally certified telephone assistance program designed to make basic telephone service accessible to low-income consumers who reside on tribal lands and who are currently not on the public switched network.

B. Under the Tribal Link Up program, charges assessed for commencing service include any charges that the Company customarily assesses to connect subscribers to the network. Deposits, if applicable, are not subject to Tribal Link Up program discounts.

C. Assistance is provided by:

1. Applying a discount to the applicable service connection charges. Eligible Tribal Link Up applicants will receive a reduction of 100% of the customary charges for connection of telephone service, up to a maximum of $100; and/or

2. Election by a qualifying consumer to defer payment of the charges assessed for commencing service. Customers may pay these charges in equal increments over an agreed number of months, not to exceed one year. Interest charges will not apply to the deferred payments.

D. A consumer may qualify for and receive Tribal Link Up service independently of Lifeline Service.

E. A customer otherwise eligible to receive the Tribal Link Up shall not be prohibited from obtaining and using telecommunication equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunication services.

F. The Company will provide Tribal Link Up assistance to all qualifying low-income consumers identified by the Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) within its service area pursuant to the provisions of this tariff.

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