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June 24, 2016

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

**DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2016 ETC Annual Report of Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co, Study Area Code 359078**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co, Kiesling Associates LLP files the attached FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please direct any questions about this filing to the undersigned at 515-223-0159 or cclauson@kiesling.com.

Sincerely,

KIESLING ASSOCIATES LLP

*Cheryl A. Clauson*

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	359078	
<015>	Study Area Name	MARNE AND ELK HORN TELEPHONE CO.	Received & Inspected
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Janeell Hansen	JUN 30 2016
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	7127656161 ext.	FCC Mailroom
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	janeell@metc.net	
	Form Type	54.422	

janelle@metc.net

For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

<220>	<a>	<b1>	<b2>	<b3>	<b4>	<c1>
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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010>	Study Area Code	359278
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<020>	Program Year	2017
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7127656161 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jane11@metc.net
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<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**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0386/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jane11@metc.net
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	359078
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7127656161 EXT.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janeell@metc.net
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	

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OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<020>	Program Year	2017
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	712/656161 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janeall@netco.net
<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janell@etc.net
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available
<812>	Operating Company	Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Company

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection FormFCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0086 / OMB Control No. 3050-0019  
July 2013

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&lt;900&gt; Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation
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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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OMB Control No. 3060-0886 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janeil@metc.net

<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification

<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

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OMB Control No. 3060-0866/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janell@metc.net

<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<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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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janell@netc.net

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

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. ☒

**(2008) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**  
**Data Collection Form**  
*Including Rate-of-Retire Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

FCC Form 481  
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0619  
 July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7127556161 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jane11@netc.net

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)(iii). 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)

(2006) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

Data Collection Form

(Including lists of relevant carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers)

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July 2013

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

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

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

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017B&gt; 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.

&lt;2018&gt; 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)

&lt;2019&gt; 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)

&lt;2020&gt; 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)

&lt;2021&gt; 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)

&lt;2026&gt; 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)

&lt;2027&gt; 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)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required InformationName of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

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

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



(3029) Para D: Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

Area Collection Form

FCI Form 481

OMB Control No. 3050-0556/OMB Control No. 3050-0519

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jane11@metc.net

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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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7127656161 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	janelle@metc.net

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	<b>FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0966/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013</b>
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Kiesling Associates LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	<u>Kiesling Associates LLP</u>
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>MARNE AND ELK HORN TELEPHONE CO.</u>
Signature of Authorized Officer:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	<u>Janell Hansen</u>
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	<u>CEO</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	<u>7127646161 ext.</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>359078</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>MARNE AND ELK HORN TELEPHONE CO.</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	<u>Kiesling Associates LLP</u>
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	<u>Cheryl Clauson</u>
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	<u>Regulatory Consultant</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>5152230159 ext.</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>359078</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
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## Attachments

**FCC Form 481, Line 1210: Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**

**Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program**

Financial assistance through the Lifeline program is available to help eligible Iowans afford and maintain basic telephone service. Lifeline participation enables Iowans to stay connected to jobs, family, community resources, and government and emergency services. Lifeline is a federal government program that assists qualified Iowans by providing a monthly credit of \$9.25 on the local telephone bill. Lifeline benefits are limited to one wire line or wireless phone per qualified household. Households currently receiving more than one Lifeline service must select a single Lifeline service provider and de-enroll from the program with any other provider(s).

Households eligible for the Lifeline program include those who participate in other federal public assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Consumers may also qualify based on their level of income. For more information, please see the Board's [2015 Lifeline Week news release](#).

A Lifeline [application form](#) is available from your local telephone service provider, the Iowa Utilities Board, or most [Community Action Agencies](#) in the state. To apply, simply complete the application form and then return it to your chosen participating provider. Additionally, residents of Tribal lands who are eligible for Lifeline, should check with their local telecommunications provider to inquire about additional benefits, including potential Link-Up telephone-installation benefits.

Re-certification forms are sent to all Lifeline subscribers each year. In order to continue receiving Lifeline assistance, these forms must be completed and returned to the subscriber's local telecommunications provider within 30 days. If the re-certification form is not returned, the telecommunications provider will discontinue the subscriber's Lifeline assistance.

Information about the [number of customers receiving Lifeline assistance](#) is reported by each Iowa telephone company. For more information, call the Iowa Utilities Board toll free at 1.877.565.4450, or visit [www.fcc.gov/lifeline](http://www.fcc.gov/lifeline) or [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org).

Number of local minutes provided: Unlimited local calling

Equal access toll calls are available and are billed at carriers' standard rates for Lifeline subscribers.

SERVICE CHARGES

A. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

1. The Federal Lifeline Assistance Program is a plan which assists qualified low-income applicants with reductions in their monthly local exchange service rate. The assistance applies for a single telephone line at the applicant's principal place of residence. Qualified applicants shall have their monthly local exchange service rate reduced by the federal support amount defined in 47 CFR 54.403.

2. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for assistance, an applicant must provide documentation showing the applicant (1) meets income-based criterion currently defined as at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, OR (2) participates in at least one of the following programs as defined by 47 CFR 54.409:

- a. Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, state supplemental assistance)
- b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- d. Federal public housing assistance
- e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP)
- f. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF)
- g. National School Lunch Program

The Lifeline customer is responsible for notifying the Company if the customer ceases to participate in any of the public assistance programs listed above.

A Lifeline customer may only receive assistance from one wireline or one wireless telephone provider per household.

3. Application for Assistance

An applicant shall request telephone assistance through completion of a certification form provided by the Company as governed by 47 CFR 54.410.

4. Rates

- a. The Lifeline customer will receive a monthly credit toward their local exchange service rate. The total monthly credit identified in 47 CFR 54.403 shall be used to reduce the Lifeline customer's rate.
- b. Toll blocking shall be included with this service offering without charge. No service deposit would be required if applicant voluntarily elects toll blocking with the initiation of Lifeline Service.

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