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<b>ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS</b>	<b>54.313</b>	<b>54.422</b>
	<b>Completion</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>

			<i>(check box when complete)</i>	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<input type="text" value=""/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<450>	Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	<input type="text" value="300591oh510.pdf"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	<input type="text" value="300591oh610.pdf"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	<input type="text" value="300591oh1010.pdf"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet</b>		
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		
<2000>		<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>
<2005>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>
<b>Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet</b>		
<3000>		<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>
<3005>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form

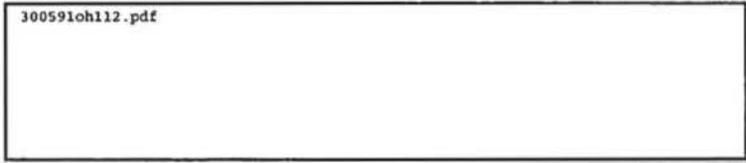
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	(yes / no )	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to 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.

Yes
Not Applicable









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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

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

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**<1120>** Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

**<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).

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b> <b>Lifeline</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

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Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

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

- <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.

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b> <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen 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}
- <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
- <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {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)}**

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

<b>(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its 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.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Milestone Certification [47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)]

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions [47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)]

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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)  Yes  No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), 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) for 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

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited? (Yes/No)  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

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and 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

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	[REDACTED]
(3028) Operating Expenses	[REDACTED]
(3029) Net Income	[REDACTED]
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	[REDACTED]
(3031) Total Assets	[REDACTED]
(3032) Total Debt	[REDACTED]
(3033) Total Equity	[REDACTED]
(3034) Dividends	[REDACTED]

<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: BUCKLAND TEL. CO.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/29/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Dennis Hager	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4196572222 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300591	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
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>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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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 or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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**Attachments**







Annual Progress Report Redacted in its Entirety

Buckland Telephone Company (SAC300591)

Line 510, Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Documentation of the company's compliance with certification requirements pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(a)(5).

In addition to the rules and regulations contained in Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, Fort Jennings Telephone Company is subject to the following Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

Ohio Administrative Code

- 4901:1-6-09 Eligible Telecommunication Carrier certification (high cost and Lifeline).
- 4901:1-6-12 Service Requirements for BLES (Basic Local Exchange Service), including installation and repair intervals, deposits, payments and disconnection.
- 4901:1-6-13 Warm line service.
- 4901:1-6-14 BLES pricing parameters, including late payment charges and reconnection fees.
- 4901:1-6-15 Directory Information.
- 4901:1-6-16 Unfair or deceptive acts and practices.
- 4901:1-6-17 Truth in billing requirements.
- 4901:1-6-18 Slamming and preferred carrier freezes.
- 4901:1-6-19 Lifeline requirements.
- 4901:1-6-20 Discounts for persons with communications disabilities.
- 4901:1-6-27 Provider of last resort (POLR).
- 4901:1-6-30 Company records and complaint procedures.
- 4901:1-6-31 Emergency and outage operations.
- 4901:1-7-03 Toll presubscription.
- 4901:1-7-24 Local number portability (LNP).
- 4901:1-7-26 Competition safeguards (CPNI).

Ohio Revised Code

- 4927.06 Unfair or deceptive trade practices.
- 4927.08 Basic local exchange service standards.
- 4927.09 Access to 9-1-1 service.
- 4927.11 Access to basic local exchange service.
- 4927.12 Alteration of rates for basic local exchange service.
- 4927.13 Lifeline service for eligible residential customers.
- 4927.14 Adoption of rules for rates for persons with disabilities.
- 4927.15 Rates, terms and conditions for 9-1-1 and other services.
- 4927.17 Notice of rates, terms or conditions of service; contact information to be provided on bills and notices.
- 4927.21 Complaints against telephone company.

The company has established policies and procedures designed to protect consumers, including publishing customer rights, formal complaint procedures, and policies related to privacy, slamming and network management.

The company observes strict compliance to all CPNI rules, including training for new employees, refresher training for current employees, maintaining written practices for handling CPNI and submitting

annual certifications to regulatory agencies. The CPNI manual is available for inspection at the company business office. The company uses third party verification to prevent slamming and uses a contracted service order administrator to process LNP requests within the time constraints contained in the rules. Customer billing is performed by a billing vendor that maintains software that complies with all truth in billing requirements, including the information that is required to be displayed on the customer bill. The company maintains a CALEA manual and utilizes a third party vendor to make sure that all CALEA requests are processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The CALEA manual and procedures are filed with the appropriate agencies and are also maintained at the company business office.

The company's Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff, PUCO No. 5, contains BLES pricing, 9-1-1, Lifeline and IntraLATA presubscription information, terms and conditions. The tariff is available at the company business office and in the tariff section of the PUCO website <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>.

Other sections of FCC Form 481 contain additional information regarding the following:

Lifeline terms and conditions - Line 1210

Emergency operations - Line 610

Buckland Telephone Company (SAC 300591)  
Line 610, Functionality in Emergency Situations

Documentation of the company's processes implemented to assure compliance with certification requirements pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(a)(6) and §54.202(a)(2).

Buckland Telephone Company has an employee call-out procedure in place to mobilize its entire workforce in the event of an emergency situation. The notification process utilizes landline, cellular and internet technologies. In the event of total failure of all communications technologies, company practices include having employees report to the central office to obtain further instructions.

The central office and core network functionality is supported by 8 hours of battery reserve and a 50 KW generator set capable of running continuously for 96 hours before needing to be refueled. Network nodes containing active electronic equipment are equipped with battery backup. The company maintains a number of portable generator sets that can be deployed to network nodes in the event a power outage exceeds the battery reserve capacity.

The facility network is designed as a diverse-routed fiber optic ring, capable of instantaneously switching traffic around damaged facilities. Employees are trained in fiber optic splicing and the necessary equipment is maintained on-site for rapid deployment and restoration. Separate facilities support the PSTN and broadband network connections to other carriers. In the event that all PSTN facilities are damaged, the switch is capable of both TDM and IP formats, providing the ability to reroute PSTN traffic via dedicated IP facilities to other carriers.

The network is capable of managing traffic spikes caused by emergency situations. This is accomplished by maintaining properly sized trunk groups to the PSTN and by providing substantial broadband backbone bandwidth capable of carrying overflow voice traffic in addition to data traffic.

The capabilities and procedures listed above apply to the Company's voice and broadband networks since many functions are intertwined. For example, the fixed, central office generator set provides power to both the voice switching and circuit equipment as well as the DSLAMs, routers, optical terminals and other broadband equipment. The same is true for the portable generator sets provide emergency power to the voice and broadband equipment located in the field network nodes. Personnel call-out and response is identical for situations that interrupt the voice as well as broadband network.



**BUCKLAND TELEPHONE**  
C O M P A N Y

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6-26-15

Buckland Telephone Company certifies that its residential voice service rates are less than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau (DA 15-470). The current voice service rate is \$12.99, which is below the national average urban rate floor of \$21.22. As such, it is well below two standard deviations above the national average urban rate (the reasonable comparability benchmark rate of \$47.48).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas G. Place', is written over the typed name.

Douglas G. Place  
General Manager  
Buckland Telephone Co.  
419-657-2222

Buckland Telephone Company (SAC 300591)  
 Line 1210, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Buckland Telephone Company (SAC 300591) has established terms and conditions for Lifeline customers that incorporate the federal and state requirements as documented in its Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff PUCO No. 5, Section 4, First Revised Sheet No. 1.

*The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No, 11-42, et. al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.*

In 2014, the company began participating in the National Lifeline Availability Database (NLAD). This database is designed to help the company identify and resolve duplicate claims for Lifeline Program-supported service and to prevent future duplicates. All applications for Lifeline service are verified using NLAD in order to prevent duplicate service from being established.

The Lifeline discount applies to Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) as defined by Ohio Revised Code 4927.01(A)(1). For residence customers, BLES consists of local dial tone service, flat-rate telephone exchange service, touch-tone dialing service, access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, provision of a telephone directory at no charge, listing in that directory, per call caller identification blocking services, access to telecommunications relay service and access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies. The company also provides an optional toll denial feature at no additional charge. The current rate for residential BLES is \$12.99 per month.

The company applies the Lifeline support amount as follows: first, to waive the End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge of \$6.50 and second, to discount the residential BLES charge with the remaining balance of the support amount, in compliance with 47 CFR §54.403(b).

Residential BLES customers may also add optional service features and subscribe to a variety of long distance calling plans offered by the company. No discount is applied to these services because the entire Lifeline support amount is exhausted after applying it to the EUCL and BLES charges.



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Pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i), Buckland Telephone Company certifies that it is able to provide broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream to all customers within its study area, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

In support of this certification, the Company's broadband network consists of fiber-to-the-premise and is capable of speeds in excess of 100 Mbps. Although a small percentage of customers remain on legacy ADSL service, all have access to the fiber network. The Company is migrating these customers to fiber as it retires the ADSL equipment. Requests for service are typically fulfilled within one to two business days, oftentimes on the same day as the request. The company provides unlimited usage with all of its broadband offerings.

Thank you,

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Buckland Telephone Company (SAC300591)  
Line 3012 - Community Anchor Institutions

No new community anchor institutions were added in the preceding calendar year or in the first six months of 2015.

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