

Grand Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code 431994

Response to Lines 920 – Tribal Lands Reporting

Grand Telephone Company, Inc. (“Company”) serves the Cherokee Nation located in northeastern Oklahoma. The Company’s outreach efforts per the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(9), are outlined in the attached correspondence documents.

Jason S. Anderson, CPA

From: Jason S. Anderson, CPA <jsanderson@grand.net>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 2:05 PM
To: Louie Slagle (lou-slagle@cherokee.org)
Cc: Tim Etris (tdetris@grand.net)
Subject: Introductions

I'm not sure if you knew or not, but Rex Brixey retired as GM of Grand Telephone Company, Inc. last year. Tim Etris and I took over upon his retirement as the Co-Managers and would like to take this moment to introduce ourselves to you.

We also wanted to reach out and see if there is any way Grand Telephone can be of assistance to the Cherokee Nation in this coming year.

As you are the contact Grand usually deals with during the Cherokee National Holiday, we understand if you would rather refer us to someone else who may deal more directly with the needs that Grand Telephone can provide to Cherokee Nation.

Thank you for your time, and please do not hesitate to contact us any time you have questions and/or needs that Grand Telephone can help with.

Sincerely,

Jason

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Jason S. Anderson, CPA
Co-Manager
Grand Telephone Company, Inc.
OMNI III Cable T.V., Inc.
GTC, Inc.
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Jason S. Anderson, CPA

From: Cara Cowan Watts <caracowanwatts@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Tim Etris; Jason S. Anderson, CPA
Subject: Fwd: Introductions

Cara Cowan Watts
caracowan.com

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Cara Cowan Watts <caracowanwatts@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 26, 2014 at 10:45 AM
Subject: Re: Introductions
To: "Jon B. James" <jon-james@cherokee.org>

Osdal! :D I am unsure who to connect them to or what is overall needed. Will you reach out to them and help guide them?

Wado! Happy New Year!

Cara Cowan Watts
caracowan.com

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On Fri, Dec 26, 2014 at 10:31 AM, Jon B. James <jon-james@cherokee.org> wrote:
Thanks Cara. We do a lot of business with Grand Telephone and have been for over 10 years. They have been very helpful and gracious...

Jon B. James
CIO/Executive Director
Cherokee Nation
P. O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74464

----- Original message -----

From: Cara Cowan Watts <caracowanwatts@gmail.com>
Date: 12/26/2014 7:46 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Jason S. Anderson, CPA" <jsanderson@grand.net>, "Chuck Hoskin Jr." <chuck-hoskin@cherokee.org>, Bill Baker <Bill-Baker@cherokee.org>, "Jon B. James" <jon-james@cherokee.org>
Cc: Tim Etris <tdetris@grand.net>, Harley Buzzard <harley-buzzard@cherokee.org>, "Curtis G. Snell" <curtis-snell@cherokee.org>, Canaan Duncan <canaan-duncan@cherokee.org>
Subject: Re: Introductions

Jason and Tim, I am happy to assist!

I have added Chief Baker, Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin, Jon James Director of IT for Cherokee Nation (I believe this title is correct.) and the two Delaware County Councilmembers so they are both aware of the dialogue and may assist.

Please email me if you need anything. There is a lot of opportunity in telecom for both business and consumers or community.

WADO for helping grow Delaware County and thus the Cherokee Nation!

Sincerely,

Cara Cowan Watts
caracowan.com <<http://caracowan.com>>

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On Wed, Dec 17, 2014 at 3:04 PM, Jason S. Anderson, CPA
<jsanderson@grand.net<<mailto:jsanderson@grand.net>>> wrote:

It was very nice meeting you at the Boys & Girls Ground Breaking Ceremony...and as I mentioned...we are wanting to reach out and see if there was any way Grand Telephone could be of assistance to the Cherokee Nation in the coming year.

Rex Brixey, who retired as GM here at Grand last year, had previously started correspondence with Secretary of State Charles Head before his sudden accident. Tim Etris and I took over as Co-Managers upon Rex's retirement and would like to take this time to re-introduce ourselves to you.

Given your background in telecom...meeting you was very fortunate in my opinion...and hopefully we can find some time in the near future to discuss some plans to help the Cherokee Nation businesses in the area...as well as the qualifying members in the area...find ways to not only save some money but possibly obtain even better service.

We'd also like to look to the future and see if there's anything Cherokee Nation might see as a need that we may be able to provide.

We completely understand if you would rather refer us to someone else who may more directly be involved in this type of business relationship, knowing as a member of the tribal council your time may be limited.

We look forward to discussing any issues, please do not hesitate to contact us any time you have questions and/or needs that Grand Telephone can help with.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson

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Sherri Stephens

From: Tim Etris <tdetris@grand.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 3:49 PM
To: stephens@grand.net
Subject: FW: RE: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

From: Joel Bean [<mailto:Joel-Bean@cherokee.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 3:23 PM
To: 'Tim Etris'
Subject: RE: RE: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

You got it, it will be in the mail today.

From: Tim Etris [<mailto:tdetris@grand.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:51 PM
To: 'Sherri Stephens'
Cc: Joel Bean
Subject: RE: RE: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

Joel
Thanks for getting the easement back to us so quickly. Please send a hard copy to Grand Telephone so Sherri can file it at the courthouse.
Thanks again

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Tim Etris
Co-Manager, Vice-President/Plant Superintendent
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From: Sherri Stephens [<mailto:stephens@grand.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Tim Etris
Subject: Fwd: RE: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

Date:Wed, 29 Jan 2014 09:51:50 -0600

From:Joel Bean <Joel-Bean@cherokee.org>

To:'Sherri Stephens' <stephens@grand.net>

Attached is a scanned copy of the signed easement, if you need the original let me know and I will mail it to you.

Joel

From: Sherri Stephens [<mailto:stephens@grand.net>]

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 1:48 PM

To: Joel Bean

Cc: Tim Etris

Subject: Cherokee Nation Utility Easement (Sam Hider Clinic, Jay, Oklahoma)

Mr. Bean,

As per your telephone conversation with Mr. Tim Etris, Co-Manager, Grand Telephone Company, Inc., please find attached a copy of the above mentioned Utility Easement between Cherokee Nation and Grand Telephone Company, Inc. Please have utility easement signed before a notary public and return one original copy by mail to be filed at the Delaware County Clerk's office. If you would like a copy of the filed copy, please let me know.

The legal description that was given to our office is also attached. You can see that it was filed at the Delaware County Clerk's office in Book 2018, Page 792. When typing this easement I thought there might be a problem with part of the description. I called to verify this and there was a problem with the line "THENCE SN00° 05'42" W". I have it marked with "*". There should not be a " S (South)". I did not have a copy of the warranty deed, but verified this with Michelle Baker at the County Clerk's office today, January 24, 2014, by telephone. I took it out of the utility easement that I typed between Cherokee Nation and Grand Telephone Company, Inc.

Please verify this with your legal description and if you would please send me a copy of your legal description to go with my copy of the utility easement I would appreciate it.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Tim Etris at 918.253.4231, or e-mail tdetris@grand.net.

I will be out of the office until Monday, February 3.

Thank you,

Sherri L Stephens, Executive Asst

Grand Telephone Company, Inc.

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Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service

(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Grand Telephone's tariff(s) on file with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates:⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Exchange Name	R-1 Rate	Res. EAS Charge
Disney	\$ 16.00	\$ -
Jay	\$ 16.00	\$ -

⁽¹⁾ Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Oklahoma Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

⁽²⁾ Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

GRAND TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
Local Exchange Tariff

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

I. LIFELINE SERVICE

C. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service in Non-Tribal Areas (Continued)

- a. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid/SoonerCare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF"), National School Lunch Program ("NSL"), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for the Lifeline Service credit; or
 - b. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation services, under programs providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
 - c. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - d. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependent unless over sixty years of age.
2. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
 3. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
 4. Lifeline customers are required to provide documentation for the purpose of determining their continuing eligibility for the Lifeline credit, upon request of the Company, no less frequently than annually.
 5. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

D. Lifeline Credits in Non-Tribal Areas

	<u>Monthly Credit</u>
Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25

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Local Exchange Tariff

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

I. LIFELINE SERVICE

E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands (Continued)

4. The Lifeline credits will be discontinued upon receipt by the Company of notice by the Customer that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline credits.
5. The Lifeline credits will be automatically discontinued unless the customer annually certifies they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline credits. All such annual re-self certifications must be submitted to the Company within the time frames determined by the Company.
- 6.. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charge will apply for this change in service.

F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands

Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands has been established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), therefore eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate credits, depending on the programs the customer participates in, as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

1. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits has Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief Act (68 O.S. §5011, et seq.), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

Federal Lifeline Credit:	<u>Monthly Credit⁽¹⁾</u>
	\$9.25

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00	(See footnote (2) below)
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Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate, less \$1.00. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.
Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$2.00, as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Grand Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

Grand Telephone Company (SAC 431994)

**Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly
Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions¹ to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. Grand Telephone Company did not newly begin providing any community anchor institutions with access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.

¹ The FCC has defined community anchor institutions in Section 54.5 of its Rules as "schools, libraries, health care providers, community colleges, other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities."

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 3017

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY