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

Re: Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10- 208. Before the Federal Communications Commission.
Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection, 2015

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC") (dba ASTAC Wireless LLC-SAC 619010), GVNW Consulting, Inc. hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection" information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy is also being submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Alaska.

ASTAC requests confidential treatment pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for those items in the annual Board Meeting Minutes not related to the Tribal Engagement Obligation required by section 54.313(a)(9). As a matter of policy, the information contained in the Board Meeting Minutes is only available to the membership of the Cooperative, not the general public.

In accordance with the Protective Order, two redacted copies marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" and one non redacted confidential version marked "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" are being filed with the Commission. A redacted copy has also been filed via the Electronic Comment Filing System.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-612-4418.

Sincerely,

Ken Snow
GVNW Consulting, Inc.

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Enclosures
cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)
J. Smith, GVNW

FCC Form 481 Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

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| <010> | Study Area Code | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data | Clover McNall |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> | 9075642680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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| ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS | | Status Completion Required | Status Completion Reported |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (check box when complete) | |
| <100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting | (complete attached worksheet) | ✓ | |
| <200> Outage Reporting (voice) | (complete attached worksheet) | | |
| <210> ✓ <-- check box if no outages to report | | ✓ | |
| <300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) 0 | | | |
| <310> Detail on Attempts (voice) | (attach descriptive document) | | |
| <320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband) | | | |
| <330> Detail on Attempts (broadband) | (attach descriptive document) | | |
| <400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice) | | | |
| <410> Fixed 0.0 | | ✓ | |
| <420> Mobile 0.0 | | | |
| <430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband) | | | |
| <440> Fixed | | | |
| <450> Mobile | | | |
| <500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance | (check to indicate certification) | ✓ | |
| <510> 619010ak610.pdf | (attached descriptive document) | ✓ | |
| <600> Functionality in Emergency Situations | (check to indicate certification) | ✓ | |
| <610> 619010mk610.pdf | (attached descriptive document) | ✓ | |
| <700> Company Price Offerings (voice) | (complete attached worksheet) | ✓ | |
| <710> Company Price Offerings (broadband) | (complete attached worksheet) | | |
| <800> Operating Companies and Affiliates | (complete attached worksheet) | ✓ | ✓ |
| <900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? ◉ ○ | (If yes, complete attached worksheet) | ✓ | |
| <1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification | Yes | ✓ | |
| <1010> | (attach descriptive document) | | |
| <1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) ◉ ○ | (If not, check to indicate certification) | | |
| <1110> | (complete attached worksheet) | | |
| <1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers | (complete attached worksheet) | | ✓ |
| Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet | | | |
| *Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers* | | | |
| <2000> | (check to indicate certification) | | |
| <2005> | (complete attached worksheet) | | |
| Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet. | | | |
| <3000> | (check to indicate certification) | | |
| <3005> | (complete attached worksheet) | | |

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2014

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|---|---|---|
| <010> | Study Area Code | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2018 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075662680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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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, 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.

(2016) Network Outage Reporting System (NORS)
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 | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | AERIAL Wireless LLC - CA |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <080> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <085> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <080> | 9075642680 ext. |
| <089> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <080> | clover@astac.net |

<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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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[700] Price Offerings Including Your Rate Data
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0936 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9078642680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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|---|---|---|
| <701> | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date | 1/1/2016 |
| <702> | Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge | 39.99 |

<703>

| 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 |
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-- See attached worksheet

(710) Broadband Price Offering
Data Collection Form

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075662680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

<711>

| State | Exchange (RUC) | 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) |
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(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2015

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|---|---|---|
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| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2015 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075542680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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|---|---|---|
| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |
| <812> | Operating Company | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |

<813>

| Affiliates | SAC | Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
|---|---|---|
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— See attached worksheet —

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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July 2013

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| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075642680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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

North Slope Borough

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

619010ak920 .pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached 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. | Yes |
| <922> | Feasibility and sustainability planning; | Yes |
| <923> | Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; | Yes |
| <924> | Compliance with Rights of way processes | Yes |
| <925> | Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements | Yes |
| <926> | Compliance with Facilities Siting rules | Yes |
| <927> | Compliance with Environmental Review processes | Yes |
| <928> | Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes | Yes |
| <929> | Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements. | Yes |

[illegible] Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0936/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2008

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|---|---|---|
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| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNoll |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9079642690 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | cloverwestac.net |

<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).

(1210) Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 497
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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|---|---|---|
| <010> | Study Area Code | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover Moffatt |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075641660 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <080> | clover@astac.net |

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

619010alo1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP www.astac.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. ☑

[illegible]

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|---|---|---|
| <010> | Study Area Code | [illegible] |
| <015> | Study Area Name | [illegible] |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | [illegible] |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | [illegible] |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | [illegible] |

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

[redacted]

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|---|---|---|
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| <019> | Study Area Name | ARTAC Wireless ILEC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover Rowell |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9078642880 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@artac.net |

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(e)) 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))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012) 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)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (Yes/No) [illegible]

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No) [illegible]

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

If the response is yes on line 3013, 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 other 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

[redacted]

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|---|---|---|
| <010> | Study Area Code | 619010 |
| <011> | Study Area Name | ASSAC Wireless I&C - CO |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clovyce McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075642600 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | cloyce@assac.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

[redacted]

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|---|---|---|
| <010> | Study Area Code | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <080> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <095> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <080> | 9075642550 ext. |
| <099> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <080> | clover@astac.net |

**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: ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/11/2015

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Clover McNeil

Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9075642550 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 619010 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.

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| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover Hoffell |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075642680 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

**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:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filing Due Date for this form:

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Attachments

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| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McFell |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075642580 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | clover@astac.net |

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| <701> | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date | 1/1/2015 |
| <702> | Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge | 39.99 |

<703>

| 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AK | Anaktuvuk Pass | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Atqasuk | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Barrow | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Deadhorse | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Kaktovik | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Nuiqsut | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Point Hope | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Point Lay | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |
| AK | Wainwright | | FR | 39.99 | 0.0 | 2.34 | 0.0 | 42.33 |

[800] Operating Companies
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 | 619010 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | ASTAC Wireless LLC - CL |
| <020> | Program Year | 2016 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Clover McNeil |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9075642680 ext. |
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |
| <812> | Operating Company | Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. |

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| Affiliates | SAC | Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
|---|---|---|
| Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. | 613001 | ASTAC, Arctic Slope Tel (HCL, ICLS, LSS, ICC) |
| Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. Internet | 613001 | ASTAC, ASTAC Internet |
| Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. Wireless | 619010 | ASTAC, ASTAC Wireless (HCL, ICLS, LCC) |
| ASTAC LD LLC | | ASTAC LD |
| Kasuuti, LLC | | Kasuuti |
| Ningiq, LLC | | Ningiq |

**54.313(a)(5) Satisfactions of Consumer Protection and Service Quality Standards**

**Consumer Protection**

Voice

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions. This applies to all lines of business (voice, broadband, wireless and lifeline).

**Service Quality Standards**

Voice

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. complies with the service standards of the State of Alaska promulgated in Alaska Statues, Title 3 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Part 7 Regulatory Commission of Alaska, 3 AAC 52.200-3, AAC 52.340, Telephone Utilities and Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53.700 State Telecommunications Modernization. This applies to all lines of business (voice, broadband, wireless and lifeline).

Functionality in Emergency Situations

In 7 of our village locations (Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Atqasuk, Nuiqsut, Kaktovik and Anaktuvuk Pass) we have fully redundant Redcom local exchange switches. The central offices that these switches are installed in are equipped with back up batteries designed to support an 8 hour power disruption. In addition, each location has a standby generator that will come on line automatically in the event of the loss of commercial power. These generators are equipped with external fuel tanks that will provide for 4 or 5 days of unattended operation. We have village reps in these villages that can check the site during an emergency and have fuel delivered if necessary.

In our two largest exchanges, Barrow and Deadhorse we have fully redundant DMS 10 local exchange switches. The central offices these switches are installed in are equipped with back up batteries to support an 8 hour power disruption. In addition, each location has a standby generator that will come on line automatically in the event of loss of commercial power. These generators are equipped with external fuel tanks that will provide for 4 or 5 days of unattended operation. It addition these locations are manned 7 days a week for emergency response.

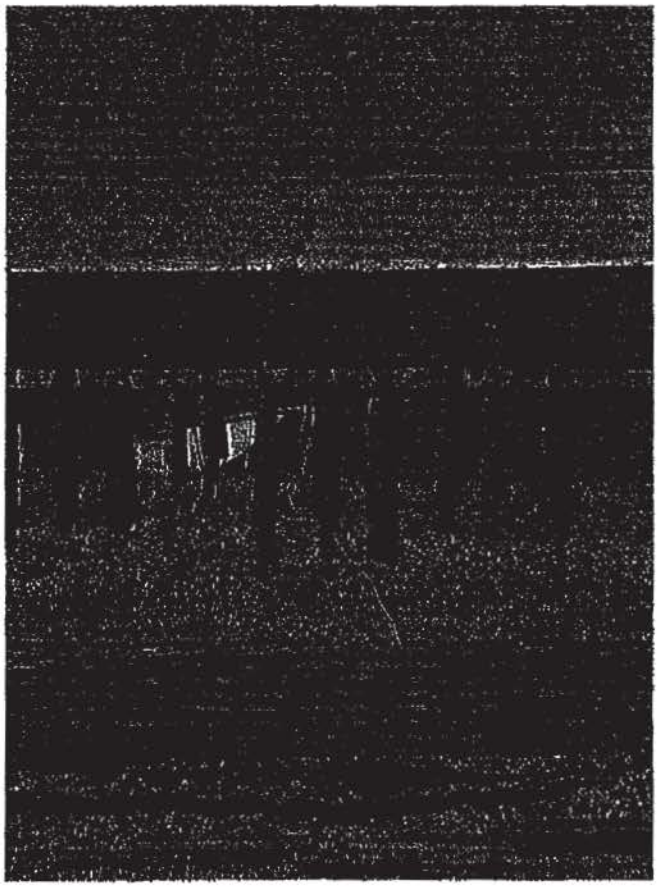
In both Barrow and Deadhorse we have battery back at all remote locations and any locations without permanent standby generators are supported by portable generators.

In all locations we work with the two long distance carriers to reroute traffic as required to recover from network outages or traffic spikes. We have redundant routes to both major carriers.

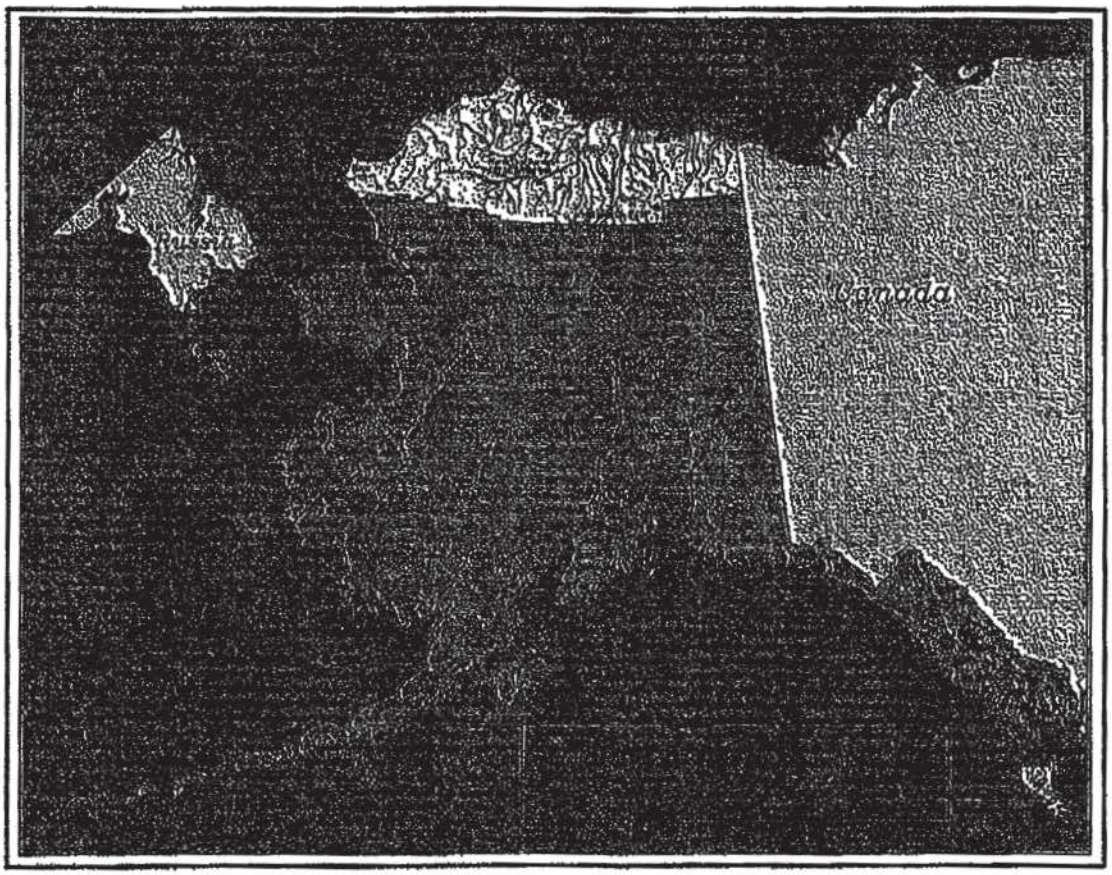
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.

Certification of Tribal Engagement

For the Year Ending December 31, 2014



**Service Area Description:** Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) serves the North Slope Region of Alaska. Our service area encompasses over 89,000 square miles and has seven traditional Native villages, the City of Barrow and the oilfields of Prudhoe Bay scattered across that expanse. With the exception of Prudhoe Bay, which is built out from the terminus of the Dalton Highway, all other villages can only be reached year round by aircraft.




**Tribal Entities:** There are ten federally recognized Tribal Entities within ASTAC's serving area. Each of the seven villages and Barrow has a Native Village organization. Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA) is the Tribal Entity that manages the Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Barrow and the Inupiat Communities of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) serves as an "umbrella" government for eight remote Inupiat villages known as the Inupiat "community" spread out along the Arctic Ocean and in the Interior, just above the Arctic Circle.

**The Process:** Following the guidelines in DA 12-1165, ASTAC's Executive Leadership Team made multiple attempts to either coordinate telephonic meetings for Tribal Engagement or meet the requirement through proxy of the engagement process by the tribal entity to the village's elected Director to the ASTAC Board. Tribal leadership points of contact were updated to reflect current information (Tab 1). A cover letter was created to explain the new process and asking for the Tribal Entity's cooperation in meeting our Tribal Engagement obligations. The cover letter borrowed heavily from DA 12-1165. The cover letter was attached to a Tribal Pre-meeting questionnaire which also extracted the questions from DA 12-1165 for Native leaders to consider prior to the telephonic engagement meeting. These two documents were sent on October 17, 2014. An example of the cover letter and a blank Tribal Pre-meeting Questionnaire can be found at (Tab 2).

The cover letter and pre-meeting questionnaire did not elicit a response from any of the Tribal entities who have not asked to be represented by their Tribe's Director on the ASTAC Board. Following the mailing of the first letter, ASTAC had a regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22d, where the Board approved numerous ongoing engagement items. Minutes for the Open portion of the meeting, including Board approval of engagement activities can be found at (Tab 3). At this same Board meeting, Directors residing in the 5 communities who had been non-responsive to the engagement interaction were asked to do a personal follow up with the Tribal entity and all agreed to do so. The next step in the process was to do a second mailing of the engagement letter on December 10, 2013 with a cover letter reintroducing what we were trying to achieve (Tab 4). Following this mailing, Charlie Carpenter, Chief of Network Operations requested a telephonic meeting. Telephonic logs for each Tribal Entity who did not proxy representation to their elected Director can be found at (Tab 5).

Following multiple attempts to engage Tribal Leadership from October through December 2014, we were successful in connecting with 60% (six) of the ten Tribal entities. A recurring theme that was expressed in 2012 through 2014 was the appropriateness of using the ASTAC elected Board member as a representative of many of the Tribal entities, since the Board member is also a member of the Tribal entity, has received telecom specific training, and sets the direction for the Cooperative based on the will of the people who elect them. We received a written request to do so from the Native Villages of Barrow and Wainwright and verbal authorization from the Native Villages of Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, and Anaktuvuk Pass (Tab 6).

I certify that the above description of ASTAC's Tribal Engagement is a fair and accurate documentation of our efforts and that a copy of this certification has been provided via USPS to all of our Tribal entities.

December 31, 2014

Stephen L. Merriam, CEO

Date

Tab 1

## 2014 Tribal Leadership Roster

ICAS-Barrow
Doreen Lampe, CEO

ASNA
Marie Carroll, Director

Native Village Tribal Council-Presidents

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas Olemaun | Barrow |
| Edward Rexford Sr. | Kaktovik |
| Howard Patkotak | Wainwright |
| Margaret Pardue | Nuiqist |
| Jack Schaffer | Pt. Hope |
| Margaret Ahngasak | Atqasuk |
| Pres. Village Council | Anaktuvuk Pass individual stepped down, no one at this time |
| Leo Ferreira | Pt. Lay |

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October 17, 2014

Tab 2

Mr. Howard Patkotak, President
Village of Wainwright
P.O. Box 143
Wainwright, AK 99782

Dear Mr. Patkotak;

This letter is intended to help facilitate engagement between Tribal government officials and ASTAC, which provides service on Tribal lands with the use of Universal Service Fund (USF) support. In 2012, ASTAC met with all tribal entities on the North Slope. Based on feedback we received from Tribal leadership, we are amending our process to better collaborate with you.

A number of tribal entities pointed out that ASTAC has an elected Director to our Board representing your community. All Directors receive extensive industry training in telecommunications, meet four times yearly to set direction for the Cooperative and could potentially be a great resource in directing the Cooperative relative to your planning. It was highly suggested that the Director coordinate with you and speak for your tribal entity, engaging the Cooperative management team on your behalf. This would be much more responsive to your evolving needs due to the quarterly standing Board meetings where you could be represented. It would also save the membership a significant amount of money. For instance, in-person tribal engagement in 2012 cost the Cooperative almost $28,000. Five of the ten tribal entities for the North Slope have adopted this approach in 2013, saving the membership significant money better used to upgrade the network for future offerings.

If this alternative approach makes sense to you, please email me at steve@astac.net and confirm your interest in using our Board member as your organization's representative for telecommunications issues, and we will take it from there. Thanks for your consideration of this tailored approach.

Best Regards,

Stephen Merriam, CEO

ASTAC, Serving the North Slope of Alaska since 1980