



**FILER MUTUAL**  
Telephone Company

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June 18, 2015

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: **Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 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**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer Mutual"), Study Area 472220, a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support, has electronically submitted FCC Form 481 to the Commission with redacted financial data, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422.

As specified in the Protective Order issued on November 16, 2012 by the Commission, two copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION"

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this particular matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Cowger, General Manager/COO  
For Filer Mutual Telephone Company

Enclosures

.cc Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division  
Ms. Grace Seaman, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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List ABCDE

<010> Study Area Code 472220

<015> Study Area Name FILER MUTUAL TEL -ID

<020> Program Year 2016

<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data Robert Kraut

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**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

54-513 Completion Required 54-522 Completion Required

(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) 0

<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 0.0

<450> Mobile 0.0

<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)

<510> 472220ID510.pdf (attached descriptive document)

<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations (check to indicate certification)

<610> 472220ID610.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> 472220ID1010.pdf (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)

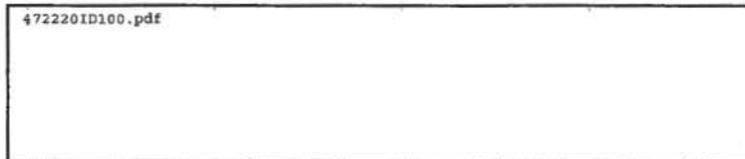
<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<b>&lt;110&gt; Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?</b>	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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) <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











<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).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP [www.filertel.net](http://www.filertel.net)

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

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,



<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,



<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.



**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

**Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	2083264331 ext. DKRAUT@riierrei.net

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

**(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation**  
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CHECK the boxes below to npte 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))

472220ID3010.pdf

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))

472220ID3012.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

472220ID3017.pdf

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

472220ID3026.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue



(3028) Operating Expenses



(3029) Net Income



(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)



(3031) Total Assets



(3032) Total Debt



(3033) Total Equity



(3034) Dividends



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<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:	FILER MUTUAL TEL -ID
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE <span style="float: right;">Date 06/17/2015</span>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Steve Cowger
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	General Manager/COO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	2083264331 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	472220 <span style="float: right;">Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015</span>
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.	

## Attachments

**Update** Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan – 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1)

Filer Mutual Telephone Company submits its five year progress report for Service Quality Improvement pursuant to C.F.R §54.313(a)(1) detailing its progress toward meeting its targets for improvement to Filer Mutual Telephone Company’s network throughout its service area.

The projects listed within the progress report are designed to continue to provide improved service quality, improved service coverage, and improve service capacity within the wirecenter boundaries of Filer Mutual Telephone Company. In addition, this progress report provides sufficient data that details capital and operational expenditures, the amount of USF received allocated between capital and operational expenditures. All USF funds received and detailed within this progress report were used in accordance with federal rules and regulations towards improving service quality, service coverage, and service capacity.

**Voice Network Upgrades : 2015**

Project Description	Area Served/Wire center	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Population Served	Progress notes
FTTH 4100 N/2200 East. Replace existing copper with fiber.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
FTTH Foxtail Phase 2. Replace existing copper with fiber.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Routines. Additions and network upgrades	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Routines. Additions and network upgrades	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

**Broadband Upgrades : 2015**

Response Line 100  
 Filer Mutual Telephone Company  
 Study Area 472220

Project Description	Area Served/Wire center	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Population Served	Progress notes
FTTH 4100 N/2200 East. Replace existing copper with fiber.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
FTTH Foxtail Phase 2. Replace existing copper with fiber.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Routines. Additions and network upgrades	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Routines. Additions and network upgrades	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The Company project that the capital expenditures, by Part 32 accounts for 2015 through 2019 related the above identified projects will

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>2110 Land &amp; General Support</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>2210 Central Office Switching</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>2230 Central Office Transmission</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>2410 Cable &amp; Wire Facilities</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The Company project that the Opex expenditures, by Part 32 accounts for 2015 through 2019 related the above identified projects will

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY2018	FY 2019
<b>Plant Specific</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Plant Nonspecific</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Depreciation</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Customer Operations</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Corporate Operations</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

### Line 113

Map outlining progress toward meeting plan targets attached. Homes with FTTH are included in the map. The five year plan currently projects FTTH to all homes that do not currently have access to broadband download speeds of at least 10 megabits in Idaho. This is being accomplished via a replacement of current copper infrastructure with fiber facilities. The map shows completed fiber projects to date.

Response Line 100  
Filer Mutual Telephone Company  
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**Lines 114-117**

**Filer Mutual Telephone Company, Inc. received USF Funds in 2015 in the amount of:**

High Cost Loop Support	[REDACTED]
ICLS Support	[REDACTED]
CAF Intercarrier Comp	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
Total	[REDACTED]

**Universal Service funds were used in 2015 for the following purposes:**

Capital Expenditures	[REDACTED]
Operational Expenditures	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
	[REDACTED]

Service Quality Improvement	[REDACTED]
Coverage Area Improvement	[REDACTED]
Service Capacity Improvement	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
	[REDACTED]

Explanation: Filer Mutual Telephone Company is using Universal Service funds for capital expenditures to replace existing copper infrastructure that is unable to deliver the bandwidth that our customers need to meet the growing demand for increased speed and capacity. This will also reduce troubles related to older copper plant and allow for increased quality of service to our existing customers. The operational expenses are used to meet our customers need for high quality, local, and responsive customer service, along with the administrative and maintenance expenses of our existing network. Universal service funds are not specifically tied to any individual capital or expense item. As we add new subdivisions and provide service to new customers, Universal Service funds help us reach out to these new areas. Therefore, Universal Service Fund support is a key component of the overall regulated operating and expense funding that allows Filer Mutual Telephone Company to continue to provide the advanced services that our customers deserve.

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**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. Filer also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by placing CPNI explanation onto its website at [www.filertel.com](http://www.filertel.com) which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition Filer trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

Filer also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Filer offers service in its Local Exchange Price List. The price list explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Filer keeps its Price lists available for public inspection at its business offices.

**Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer trains staff on applicable rules for broadband services issues on an annual basis. In addition Filer has placed on its website at [www.filertel.com](http://www.filertel.com) its network practices and policies regarding FCC's Net Neutrality Rules.

Filer also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Filer offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers ("ISP"). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA's website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Response Line 610  
Filer Mutual Telephone Company  
Study Area 472220

Functionality in Emergency Situations:

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to FILER central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power. In addition, FILER field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. FILER also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. FILER has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. FILER also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. FILER has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. FILER has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations. FILER is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations.

**Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY ("FILER") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to FILER central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power that is also used to provide service to the broadband network. In addition, FILER field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. FILER also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute broadband traffic should a fiber cut occur. FILER has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. FILER also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. FILER has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. FILER has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations.







**FILER MUTUAL**  
Telephone Company

Response to Line 1000  
Filer Mutual Telephone Company  
Study Area 472220

### Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10 ) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015. Filer's current total local end-user rate<sup>1</sup> of \$21.12(which includes a local fee of \$21.00, mandated state fees of \$0.12 and mandatory extended are service charges of \$0.00) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) "The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average."

**FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
TOGETHER WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

# OLSEN THIELEN & CO., LTD.

*Certified Public Accountants & Consultants*

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Filer Mutual Telephone Company  
Filer, Idaho

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Filer Mutual Telephone Company, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2014, and 2013, and the related statements of comprehensive income, members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Filer Mutual Telephone Company as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 5, 2015

*Olsen Thielen & Co., LTD*

**FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

ASSETS	2014	2013
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash		
Certificates of Deposit		
Due from Customers, Less Allowance of \$25,000 and \$23,000		
Other Accounts Receivable		
Current Portion of Note Receivable		
Inventories		
Prepaid Expenses		
Total Current Assets		
<b>INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Other Investments		
Note Receivable		
Total Investments and Other Assets		
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</b>		
In Service		
Plant Under Construction		
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
Net Property, Plant and Equipment		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Line of Credit		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt		
Accounts Payable		
Customer Deposits		
Accrued Expenses		
Total Current Liabilities		
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Long-Term Debt		
Postretirement Benefits		
Total Non-Current Liabilities		
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Memberships		
Patronage Capital		
Other Equity - Scholarship Fund		
Non-Patronage Capital		
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		
Total Members' Equity		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		

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**FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>		
Local Network		
Network Access		
Internet Services		
Lease Revenue		
Wireless Revenue		
Other Services		
Long Distance		
Computer Repair Services		
Miscellaneous		
Uncollectibles, Net		
Total Operating Revenues		
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Plant, Maintenance and Access		
Depreciation		
Customer		
Corporate		
Other Taxes		
Total Operating Expenses		
<b>OPERATING MARGIN</b>		
<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:</b>		
Interest and Dividend Income		
Gain on Sale of Investment		
Income in Limited Liability Company		
Other		
Interest Expense		
Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits		
Net Other Income and Expenses		
<b>NET MARGIN</b>		
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):</b>		
Unrealized Gains on Available-for-Sale Securities:		
Unrealized Gains Arising During Period		
Less: Reclassification Adjustment for Gains Recognized in Net Margin		
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available-for-Sale Securities		
Unrealized Loss on Postretirement Benefits		
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		

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FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

	<u>Member- ships</u>	<u>Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Other Equity Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Non- Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCE on December 31, 2012						
Net Margin						
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)						
Retirement of Patronage Capital						
Change in Memberships, Net						
BALANCE on December 31, 2013						
Net Margin						
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)						
Retirement of Patronage Capital						
Transfer of Unclaimed Capital Credits						
Change in Memberships, Net						
BALANCE on December 31, 2014						

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FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Margin		
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Margin to Net Cash		
Provided By Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		
Gain on Sale of Investment		
Income in Limited Liability Company		
Distributions from LLC Investment		
Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits		
Benefit for Postretirement Benefits		
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Due from Customers		
Other Accounts Receivable		
Inventory for Resale		
Prepaid Expenses		
Accounts Payable		
Accrued Expenses		
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to Property, Plant and Equipment		
Salvage, Net of Cost of Removal		
Increase in Materials and Supplies		
Purchase of Certificates of Deposit		
Sale of Certificates of Deposit		
Sale of Investment Securities		
Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits		
Sales of Other Investments		
Purchases of Other Investments		
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase in Customer Deposits		
Change in Line of Credit, Net		
Principal Payments of Long-Term Debt		
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt		
Retirement of Patronage Capital		
Change in Memberships		
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities		
NET CHANGE IN CASH		
CASH at Beginning of Year		
CASH at End of Year		

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