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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

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**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2015 ETC Annual Report of Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company, Study  
Area Code 359059**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company, Kiesling Associates LLP files the attached FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

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

Sincerely,

KIESLING ASSOCIATES LLP

*Cheryl A. Clauson*

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 <035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> 7127443131 ext.  
 <039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> tcc@fmtc.com

**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)			
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice) (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband) (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		
<410>	Fixed 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420>	Mobile 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		
<440>	Fixed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450>	Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	359059ia510.pdf (attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations (check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	359059ia610.pdf (attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband) (complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> (if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification Not Applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**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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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(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.	










900 Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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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

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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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  
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.fmctc.com/customercenter/financialaid.asp>

"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> Data Collection Form Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0386/DMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<b>&lt;039&gt;</b>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	tc@fsmtc.com

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

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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))

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)(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)  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

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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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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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

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

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0088/CFR 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) <u>Kiesling Associates LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Kiesling Associates LLP
Name of Reporting Carrier:	FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY-HARLAN
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/10/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Thomas Conry	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 7127443131 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 359059	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.	

**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: FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY-HARLAN	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Kiesling Associates LLP	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/10/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Cheryl Clauson	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Regulatory Consultant	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5152230159 ext.	
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## Attachments

**FCC Form 481, Line 510: Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6 requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The ETC will measure its service connection, held order, and service interruption performance monthly according to this section. Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements.

**FCC Form 481, Line 610: Certification Regarding Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6(5) requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with provisions to meet emergencies including but not limited to the provision of emergency power. Each central office shall contain a minimum of two hours of battery reserve and for offices without permanently installed emergency power facilities, there shall be access to a mobile power unit with enough capacity to carry the load which can be delivered on reasonably short notice and readily connected. Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements.



