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

14-58-10-90-07-135-05-337-03-109-CC Docket Nos. 01-92-96-45-GN Docket No. 09-51-WT Docket No. 10-208

RE: **Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 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:

Blanca Telephone Company, 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,

Eric N. Votaw, Senior Manager for  
Moss Adams LLP

Enclosures

cc Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division  
Blanca Telephone Company

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting**  
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<015> Study Area Name	BLANCA TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2016
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**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

	54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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		<i>(check box when complete)</i>	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) <input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice) <input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband) <input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband) <input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		
<410>	Fixed <input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<440>	Fixed <input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450>	Mobile <input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance <i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	<input type="text" value="462182C0510.pdf"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations <i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	<input type="text" value="462182C0610.pdf"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification <input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	<input type="text" value="462182C01010.pdf"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<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>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

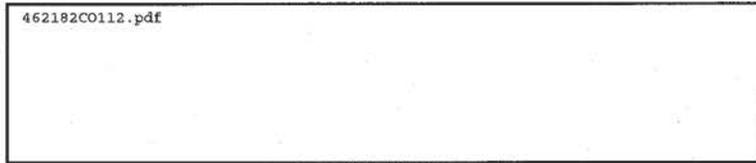
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 <020> Program Year 2016  
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 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 2099556116 ext.  
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> eric.votaw@mossadams.com

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no)    
 If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5  
 <111> 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.

Yes
Not Applicable









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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

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

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

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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

462182C01200.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"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 <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<b>&lt;039&gt;</b> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	eric.votaw@osadams.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

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**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

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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

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

LINE 3000 RATE OF RETURN DATA

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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.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>alan wehe</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:	alan wehe
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BLANCA TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	alan wehe
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	7193793739 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	462182 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:	BLANCA TEL CO
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Moss Adams LLP
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Eric Votaw
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Senior Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	2099556116 ext.
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## Attachments

LINE 100 INITIAL FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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Response Line 510  
Blanca Telephone Company  
Study Area 462182

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Blanca Telephone Company ("Blanca") is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Blanca provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. Blanca also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by placing CPNI explanation onto its website at [www.gojade.org](http://www.gojade.org) which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition Blanca 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.

Blanca also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Blanca offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. 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. Blanca keeps its tariffs 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) Blanca is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Blanca trains staff on Red Flag and CPNI 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.

Blanca also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Blanca 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  
Blanca Telephone Company  
Study Area 462182

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) Blanca Telephone Company ("Blanca") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Blanca central by use of a fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 8 hours of emergency power. In addition, Blanca field electronics have 8 of back-up power by use of mobile generators and batteries. Blanca also has ATM fiber network and its staff is properly trained to respond to any outages in less than one hour. In addition Blanca has connectivity to the neighboring exchanges to pass traffic and also has connectivity to the LATA Tandem which further provides capabilities of handling traffic. Lastly, Blanca is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has developed procedures for employees to follow during emergency 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) Blanca Telephone Company ("Blanca") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Blanca central by use of a fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 8 hours of emergency power. In addition, Blanca field electronics have 8 of back-up power by use of mobile generators and batteries. Blanca also has ATM fiber network and its staff is properly trained to respond to any outages in less than one hour. In addition Blanca has connectivity to the neighboring exchanges to pass traffic and also has connectivity to the LATA Tandem which further provides capabilities of handling traffic. Lastly, Blanca is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has developed procedures for employees to follow during emergency situations.







Response to Line 1010  
Blanca Telephone Company  
Study Area 462182

### Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10) Blanca Telephone Company ("Blanca") 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. Blanca's current total local end-user rate<sup>1</sup> of \$16.58 (which includes a local fee of \$16.11, mandated state fees of 0.47 and mandatory extended area 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."

SECTION 6.0 - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(D)(N)

6.1 Lifeline Assistance Program

Lifeline Assistance is a government assistance program developed to reduce rates for primary residential telephone service to qualifying subscribers who receive income-based benefits. The Company participates in this program to increase the availability of telecommunications services to all consumers in its service area.

6.1.1 General Description

- (A) The Lifeline Assistance reduces an eligible customer's monthly rates for local service. An eligible customer receives a federally subsidized credit toward the monthly cost of basic telephone service.
- (B) The Link Up support has been eliminated due to the result of the Lifeline/Link Up Order released by the Federal Communications Commission on February 6, 2012. This order eliminates the Link Up as of April 1, 2012
- (C) Eligible customers may obtain Toll Blocking or Limited Toll Blocking free of charge. Toll Blocking is a service that does not allow any toll calls (1+, or 0+). Limited Toll Blocking provides the customer with limited ability to make toll calls by dialing 0+, and using a calling card, credit card, or prepaid calling card. Billed number screening is applied to all lines equipped with Toll Blocking or Limited Toll Blocking. Billed number screening prevents most third party, and collect calls from being charged to the access line.
- (D) Eligible customers that elect to take Toll Blocking will not be required to pay a service deposit.
- (E) Service will not be disconnected for nonpayment of toll as long as the eligible customer continues to pay the local service charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.

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SECTION 6.0 - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONT'D)

6.1 Lifeline Assistance Program (Cont'd)

6.1.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

- (A) The Telephone Company will begin providing the services and Lifeline Assistance Program discounts described in Section 4.1 preceding on the date this tariff is approved or becomes effective by operation of law.
- (B) The Telephone Company will waive the Service Order Charges to change to or from the Lifeline Assistance Program due to change in eligibility status.
- (C) The Telephone Company will keep accurate records of the revenues they forgo in reducing their customary charges as a result of this program in conformity with 47 CFR §54.403 and §54.411. Pursuant to 47 CFR §54.401(d) the Telephone Company will provide the records to the federal Administrator.

If the Company receives notification from the program administrator that the subscriber is receiving Lifeline service from another eligible telecommunications carrier or that more than one member of the subscriber's household is receiving Lifeline service, the subscriber will be de-enrolled from Lifeline Assistance without notice within five (5) business days following the Company's receipt of that notice.

- (D) The Company will process all applications and apply the appropriate credit on the customer's monthly bill. A secondary service charge is not applicable for existing customers who subscribe to Lifeline Assistance.

6.1.3 Limitations

- (A) The discounts are applicable only on the end user's principal residence line.
- (B) Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.
- (C) One low income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connections only.
- (D) A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residential customers.

SECTION 6.0 - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONT'D)

6.1 Lifeline Assistance Program (Cont'd)

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6.1.4 Obligations of the End User

The end user seeking the Lifeline Assistance Program discounts are responsible for providing acceptable documentation as proof of their eligibility.

The Company will confirm a subscriber's continued eligibility to receive Lifeline service on an annual basis by requiring the subscriber to sign a certification as to his/her present qualifications for Lifeline service. Upon a determination of ineligibility, the credit will be discontinued on the bill if the customer fails to provide proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days following written notification to the customer.

(A) To constitute a qualifying low-income customer eligible to receive Lifeline services, a customer must meet the requirements set forth in either paragraph 1 or 2 below:

1. A customer's household income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size;

(a) For purposes of these rules, "income" is defined as all income actually received by all members of a household. This includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, social security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, work's compensation benefits, gifts, lottery winnings, and the like. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances, irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing, and the like.

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SECTION 6.0 - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONT'D)

6.1 Lifeline Assistance Program (Cont'd)

6.1.4 Obligations of the End User (Cont'd)

- (b) A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen (18) years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen (18) living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians.

2. Lifeline Assistance is also available to all residential customers who participate in any of the following low income assistance programs. A subscriber will also be considered to be eligible even if he does not personally participate in any of the following programs, so long as an individual who lives in his household, and for whom he is financially responsible, does participate in at least one of these programs.

- (a) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- (b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- (c) Medicaid
- (d) Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
- (e) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- (f) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- (g) National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

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SECTION 6.0 - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONT'D)

6.1 Lifeline Assistance Program (Cont'd)

6.1.4 Obligations of the End User (Cont'd)

3. In addition to meeting the qualifications provided in paragraph 1 or 2 of this section, in order to constitute a qualifying low-income customer, a customer must not already be receiving a Lifeline service, and there must not be anyone else in the subscriber's household subscribed to a Lifeline service.

6.1.5 Rate Regulations

- (A) The monthly discount to eligible subscribers will be \$9.25 on the basic local exchange rate and the Federal Communications Commission subscriber line charge.
- (B) The Colorado Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program Access Line Charge will be charged in addition to all recurring Basic Local Exchange Service access line charges, with the exception of (i) state and local governmental bodies; and (ii) those subscribers eligible for the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program. Monthly Charge Per Access Line is the applicable rate as specified by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Current Rate: \$0.00

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#### Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Blanca Telephone Company ("Blanca") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how Blanca is meeting its obligations for meeting its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.

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