



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

November 2, 2015

RE: Tribal Consultation on Oklahoma Map for Lifeline Docket

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), we again extend to you a respectful greeting. On June 22, 2015, the FCC issued its *Second Report and Order* as part of the Lifeline modernization process.<sup>1</sup> As part of the *Order*, the FCC adopted the Oklahoma Historical Map to define the “former reservations in Oklahoma,” with respect to the Lifeline program within section 54.400(e)<sup>2</sup> of the FCC’s rules.<sup>3</sup> With this letter, we specifically invite you to become involved in consultation with the FCC on these important Oklahoma Tribal lands mapping matters. We invite you to engage with the FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau, with whom the Office of Native Affairs and Policy closely works, so that we can develop an electronic map resource that accurately reflects the former reservation boundaries in Oklahoma. If there are additional Tribal leaders, administrators, or employees with whom we should directly interface, we ask that you direct them to respond to this letter so that we can work with the most appropriate individuals in your administration.

Now that the FCC has finished preparing a digital version of the adopted Oklahoma Historical Map, we invite your review, comments, and technical input to the digitized map’s specifications. An electronic copy of the shapefile of the Oklahoma Historical Map can be obtained through access to an online file-sharing system the FCC has established. You can obtain access to this system by emailing both Nathan Eagan (nathan.eagan@fcc.gov; 202-418-0991) and Jay Schwarz (jay.schwarz@fcc.gov; 202-418-0948) in the Wireline Competition Bureau. Please provide the name and title (if applicable) of the Tribal representative seeking access to the digital files, along with contact information including an email address, phone number, and mailing address.

The FCC invites technical comments, data, and other information about the specifications of the map. Specifically, to the extent that you have already prepared GIS files depicting maps of Tribal lands, we request that you share those with us so that, together in coordination with you, we can resolve any mapping discrepancies. The FCC also welcomes either digital or written comments to be submitted until Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Digital files (including maps, comments, and other technical information) can be submitted through the same system used to access the shapefile, while written comments can be submitted to Daniel Margolis, Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy. We anticipate having a final digitized version of the Oklahoma Historical Map by the end of December.

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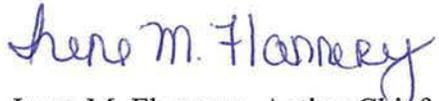
<sup>1</sup> *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 7818, 7897, para. 237 (2015) (*Lifeline Second Report and Order*).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.400(e)

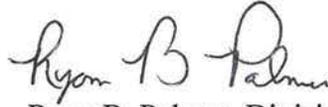
<sup>3</sup> *Lifeline Second Report and Order* at 7903, para. 257.

In order to answer any questions, the FCC will be holding a conference call on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M, Eastern Standard Time. If you are interested in joining this call, please contact Daniel Margolis in ONAP for the call-in information. He can be reached at [daniel.margolis@fcc.gov](mailto:daniel.margolis@fcc.gov) or 202-418-1377. For technical questions or issues, please contact Ying Ke in the Wireline Competition Bureau at [ying.ke@fcc.gov](mailto:ying.ke@fcc.gov).

Sincerely,



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