FCC Form 555
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Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form
All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections
Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

150133
Study Area Code (SAC)
*(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for **each SAC** through which it provides Lifeline service).*

New York
State

Vernon Telephone Co.
ETC Name

TDS Telecom; TDS
DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name
(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)

TDS Telecommunications Corporation
Holding Company Name
(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)

Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs? Yes ☒ No ☐

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
See Attached	

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

Section 1: **Initial Certification** *All ETCs must complete this section*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or

B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial JD

Section 2: Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

A	B	C	D	E = (A – B – C – D)
Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year *(February data month)*	**Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers**	**Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were initially enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year** *(These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)*	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC**	**Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year**
33	0	0	3	30

Recertification Results:

F	G	H = (F-G)	I	J = (H+I)
Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation	**Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact**	**Number of non-responding subscribers**	**Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible** *(This should be a subset of Block G.)*	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt**
31	24	7	1	8

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC**
0	0

Note: *If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.*

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

Certification:

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

A.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.
Initial JD

AND/OR

B.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on: *(List database or name of administrator here)* _____. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.
Initial _____

OR

C.) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.
Initial _____

Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

M = (F+K)	N = (J+L)	O = ((N ÷ M) * 100)
Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC ***(This should equal the number reported in Block E)***	**Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de- enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility**	**Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response**
31	8	25.81

Section 4: Pre-Paid ETCs

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box; pre-paid ETCs must complete all of Section 4. Pre-paid ETCs generally do not assess or collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are pre-paid ETCs and must complete the chart below.

Is the ETC Pre-Paid? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

P	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Subscribers	

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed. Joel Dohmeier

Signature of Officer

Joel Dohmeier, Vice President
Printed Name and Title of Officer

Joel.dohmeier@tdstelecom.com
Email Address of Officer

January 27, 2016
Date

Nicole Mauritz
Person Completing This Certification Form

608.664.2415
Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
190217	Amelia Telephone Corporation
300585	Arcadia Telephone Company
452171	Arizona Telephone Company
361350	Arvig Telephone Company
532404	Asotin Telephone Company (OR)
522404	Asotin Telephone Company (WA)
330844	Badger Telecom, LLC
330849	Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC.
220346	Blue Ridge Telephone Company
330851	Bonduel Telephone Company, LLC.
361362	Bridge Water Telephone Co.
330856	Burlington, Brighton & Wheatland Telephone Company, LLC
250284	Butler Telephone Company, Inc.
280448	Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc.
220351	Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc.
320744	Camden Telephone Company, Inc.
330859	Central State Telephone Company, LLC
310685	Chatham Telephone Company
401698	Cleveland County Telephone Company, Inc.
100005	Cobbosseecontee Telephone Company
320776	Communications Corporation of Indiana
310672	Communications Corporation of Michigan
320809	Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana
290559	Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc
300607	Continental Telephone Company
401699	Decatur Telephone Company, Inc.
462184	Delta County Tele-Comm, Inc.
150089	Deposit Telephone Company, Inc.
330875	Dickeyville Telephone, LLC
330914	EastCoast Telecom of Wisconsin, LLC
150092	Edwards Telephone Company, Inc.
330880	The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC
330930	Grantland Telecom, LLC
100010	Hampden Telephone Company
542321	Happy Valley Telephone Company
100011	Hartland & St. Albans Telephone Company
123321	Hollis Telephone Company, Inc.
320777	The Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.
320778	Home Telephone Company, Inc.
542322	Hornitos Telephone Company
290566	Humphreys County Telephone Company
310677	Island Telephone Company
120045	Kearsarge Telephone Company
361413	KMP d/b/a Mid-State Telephone Company
260411	Leslie County Telephone Company
522427	Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.
260412	Lewisport Telephone Co.
300613	Little Miami Communications Corporation

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SAC	Name
140058	Ludlow Telephone Company
170183	Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company
240533	McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.
522430	McDaniel Telephone Company
320788	The Merchants and Farmers Telephone Company
120047	Merrimack County Telephone Company
432010	Mid-America Telephone, Inc.
330881	Mid-Plains Telephone, LLC
361433	Mid-State Telephone Company
330909	Midway Telephone Company, LLC
330917	Mt. Vernon Telephone Company, LLC
330915	Mosinee Telehphone Company
287449	Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc.
220375	Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company
193029	New Castle Telephone Co.
140061	Northfield Telephone Company
240535	Norway Telephone Co. Inc
250311	Oakman Telephone Company, Inc.
300645	Oakwood Telephone Company
431984	Oklahoma Communication Systems, Inc.
150114	Oriskany Falls Telephone Corporation
250314	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
140062	Perkinsville Telephone Company, Inc.
150118	Port Byron Telephone Company
472230	Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc.
210338	Quincy Telephone Company (FL)
220338	Quincy Telephone Company (GA)
330943	Riverside Telecom, LLC
320816	S & W Telephone Company, Inc.
260417	Salem Telephone Co.
330945	Scandinavia Telephone Company, LLC
310726	Shiawassee Telephone Company
100024	Somerset Telephone Company
283301	Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc.
330952	Southeast Telephone Co. of Wisconsin, LLC
452174	Southwestern Telephone Company
240544	St. Stephen Telephone Company
330955	State Long Distance Telephone Company
330954	Stockbridge & Sherwood Telephone Company, LLC
462207	Strasburg Telephone Company
170206	Sugar Valley Telephone Company
290578	Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.
290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
330958	Tenney Telephone Company, LLC
100007	The Island Telephone Company
300662	The Vanlue Telephone Company
320829	Tipton Telephone Company, Inc.
150129	Township Telephone Company, Inc.

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SAC	Name
320830	Tri-County Communications Corporation
120049	Union Telephone Company
330963	Utelco, LLC.
150133	Vernon Telephone Company, Inc.
190253	Virginia Telephone Company
100031	Warren Telephone Company
330968	Waunakee Telephone Company, LLC.
100034	The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company
320837	West Point Telephone Company
240551	Williston Telephone Company
120050	Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.
361507	Winsted Telephone Company
542323	Winterhaven Telephone Company
310738	Wolverine Telephone Company
432034	Wyandotte Telephone Company
109002	U.S. Cellular
239006	Wilmington Cellular Telephone Company
239006	Jacksonville Cellular Telephone Company
209005	Hardy Cellular Telephone Company
359016	Farmers Cellular Telephone Company, Inc.
359016	Iowa RSA No. 12 Limited Partnership
529001	McDaniel Cellular Telephone Company
539002	USCOC of Oregon RSA #5, Inc.
529001	USCOC of Washington-4, Inc.
359016	Iowa RSA No.9 Limited Partnership
339007	United States Cellular Operating Company, LLC
339007	Kenosha Cellular Telephone, L.P.
339007	Madison Cellular Telephone Company
109002	Maine RSA #1, Inc.
109002	Maine RSA #4, Inc.
129002	NH #1 Rural Cellular, Inc.
539002	Oregon RSA #2, Inc. (OR)
529001	Oregon RSA #2, Inc. (WA)
339007	PCS Wisconsin, LLC
339007	Racine Cellular Telephone Company
109002	Bangor Cellular Telephone, L.P.
359016	Cedar Rapids Cellular Telephone, L.P.
349007	United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC
359016	Dubuque Cellular Telephone, L.P.
299010	United States Cellular Operating Company of Knoxville
299010	Tennessee RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
299010	United States Cellular Telephone Company (Greater Knoxville), LP.
539002	United States Cellular Operating Company of Medford
529001	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
349007	USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC
359016	USCOC of Greater Iowa, LLC (IA)
349007	USCOC of Greater Iowa, LLC (IL)

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
379019	USCOC of Greater Iowa, LLC (NE)
349007	USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC (IL)
429007	USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC (MO)
239006	USCOC of Greater North Carolina, LLC
439004	USCOC of Greater Oklahoma, LLC
339007	USCOC of LaCrosse, LLC
419012	USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC (KS)
379019	USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC (NE)
529001	USCOC of Richland, Inc.
439004	Texahoma Cellular LP
199004	USCOC of Virginia RSA #3, Inc.
529001	Western Sub-RSA Limited Partnership
159014	St. Lawrence Seaway RSA Cellular Partnership
159015	New York RSA 2 Cellular
542343	Volcano Communications Company