

ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)

**Section 1: Certification Required For ALL Recipients of High Cost Support (ILECs and CETCs)**

Section 54.313(a)(5)-(6) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requires Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") to be able to make certifications regarding service quality standards and consumer protection rules and the Cooperative's ability to function in emergency situations. The Cooperative makes these certifications below:

I, Willard Bass, am an officer of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and hereby certify:

- That the Cooperative is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.
- That the Cooperative is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2).<sup>1</sup>

Name of Officer (Print): Willard Bass

Title: Board President

Signature: 

Date: 6-20-12

<sup>1</sup> Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

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**Section 2: State-Designated ETC Reporting**

In its *Clarification Order*, the FCC required state-designated ETCs that are subject to a state requirement to report to the state some or all of certain information annually, to file a copy of any relevant information with the FCC in 2012.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, state-designated ETCs must file information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests, and complaints as required in Section 54.313(a)(2)-(4) of the FCC's rules if the state requires ETCs to report some or all of this data.

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is located in Texas. This state commission's rules do not require state-designated ETCs to file an annual report containing some or all of the following information: information concerning outages, unfulfilled requests and/or complaints. Accordingly, the Cooperative is not subject to this reporting requirement.

**Certification of Officer as to the Statements Made Above and Accuracy of Any Data Provided Concerning Outages, Unfulfilled Requests, and/or Complaints**

<b>Name of Officer (Print):</b>	<u>Willard Bass</u>
<b>Title:</b>	<u>Board President</u>
<b>Signature:</b>	<u></u>
<b>Date:</b>	<u>6-20-12</u>

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<sup>2</sup>*Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service – Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 3, 2012) (“*Clarification Order*”) at para. 10

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**Section 3: Voice Rate and Line Count Data**

Pursuant to Section 54.313(h) of the FCC's rules, all rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier recipients of high cost loop support must report all of their rates for residential local service for all portions of their service area, as well as state fees as defined pursuant to Section 54.318(e), to the extent the sum of those rates and fees are below the rate floor as defined in Section 54.318, and the number of lines for each rate specified. Carriers shall report lines and rates in effect as of June 1.

As of June 1, 2012, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. **does** have residential local service tariffed rates, as well as state fees as defined pursuant to §54.318(e), that are below the \$10 urban rate floor and provides that information below:

Residential Local Service Charge: \$9.80

Number of Lines: 7,906

**Certification of Officer as to the Statements Made Above and Accuracy of Any Data Provided  
Concerning the Rate Floor:**

Name of Officer (Print): Willard Bass

Title: Board President

Signature: *Willard R Bass*

Date: 6-20-12

Please note that this information data was provided to the FCC and USAC by NECA. Providing this information in this filing satisfies the requirement to provide a copy of this information to the state.