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June 18, 2012

To: Office of the FCC Secretary  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC 20554

USAC  
2000 L Street NW 200  
Washington, DC 20036

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
USF/ICC Transformation Order  
FCC 54.313 for ROR Carrier

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Per FCC requirements, we are filing our certification for our annual reporting requirements pursuant to 54.313 (a) (2)-(6). Attached is the certification along with a copy of those pages from our annual report to the North Dakota Public Service Commission addressing outage reporting, unfulfilled service requests, and customer complaints (No 4, 5, & 6 on the last page).

Sincerely,

Ann Faught  
General Manger  
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.  
2894 146 Ave SE, Absaraka, ND 58002  
701 896-3404

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**Annual Reporting Requirements pursuant to § 54.313(a)(2)-(6)**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

§ 54.313(a)(2) – Outage reporting

My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.

My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement. A copy of the report is attached.

§ 54.313(a)(3) – Unfulfilled service requests

My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.

My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement. A copy of the report is attached.

§ 54.313(a)(4) – Customer complaints per 1000 connections

My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.

My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement. A copy of the report is attached.

§ 54.313(a)(5) – Service quality standards and consumer protection rules

I certify that the reporting carrier is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

§ 54.313(a)(6) – Ability to function in emergency situations

I certify that the reporting carrier can function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 CFR §54.202(a)(2). Specifically, the reporting carrier 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.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above and, to the best of my knowledge the information reported on this form is accurate. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below. **(Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)**

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.	ND	381601

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.)

Signed,



[Signature of Corporate Officer]

**Ann Faught**

[Printed Name of Corporate Officer]

**General Manager**

[Title of Corporate Officer]

Date:

**6/18/12**

Carrier's Name Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.  
Carrier's Address 2894 146th Ave SE, Absaraka, ND 58002  
Carrier's Telephone Number (701) 896-3404

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ESSENTIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO., INC.**

The undersigned, on behalf of the telecommunications company named below (the Company), does hereby state and certify, as follows:

1. The Company will provide service on a timely basis to requesting customers within the Company's designated service area where the Company's network already passes the potential customer's premises, and
2. The Company will provide service, within a reasonable period of time, if the potential customer is within the Company's designated service area but outside the Company's existing network coverage, and if service can be provided at a reasonable cost.
3. The Company is able to remain functional in emergency situations and has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.
4. The Company is satisfying and will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards.
5. The Company acknowledges that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) may require it to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the proposed designated service area.
6. The Company has met and will meet the requirements of eligible telecommunications carrier advertising.

**Exhibit A Information**

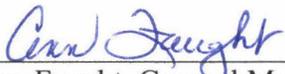
The following information is provided in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

1. A description of the amount of high-cost universal service support received by the Company in the prior calendar year and a description of how that support was used for the provision, maintenance, or upgrading of the Company's facilities and services. (An explanation of any changes from reports previously provided to the Commission is also included).
2. An estimate of the amount of federal high-cost universal service support the Company anticipated receiving in the following calendar year (the calendar year following this report) and a description of how that support is projected to be used for the provision, maintenance, or upgrading of the Company's facilities and services pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
3. Exhibit A also contains, for the prior calendar year and the subsequent calendar year (the calendar year following this report), identification of specific construction or upgrade projects; a description of how service will be improved by each project; the start date and completion date for each improvement; the amount of investment for cash improvement; the specific geographic area where each improvement was made or will be made; and the estimated population that will be served by each improvement. (For an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC), this information is submitted at the study area level.

4. Detailed information of any outage, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least thirty (30) minutes in duration for each designated service area for any facilities the Company owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect:
  - a. At least ten percent (10%) of the end users served in a designated service area, or
  - b. A 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5(e).This report includes:
  - a. The date and time of the onset of the outage.
  - b. A brief description of the outage and its resolution.
  - c. The particular services affected.
  - d. The geographic areas affected by the outage.
  - e. Steps taken to prevent a similar outage in the future.
  - f. The number of customers affected.
5. The number of requests for service from potential customers within the designated service area that were unfilled during the past year. A detail of how the Company attempted to provide service to those potential customers is also included.
6. The number of complaints per thousand handsets or lines.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and is submitted on behalf of the Company named below. The information is submitted in the year 2011.

Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

 9-6-11  
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Ann Faught, General Manager

2010 Specific construction or upgrade projects are listed, as follows:

Construction or Upgrade Project Name	Start Date	Completion Date	Amount of Investment	Geographic Area of Improvement	Estimated Population Served	Description of How Service Will Be Improved
None						

2012 Specific construction or upgrade projects are listed, as follows:

Construction or Upgrade Project Name	Start Date	Completion Date	Amount of Investment	Geographic Area of Improvement	Estimated Population Served	Description of How Service Will Be Improved
Miscellaneous Cable	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	10,000.00	Study Area 1601	81	Increased & Improved Service Offerings base.
Total			10,000.00			

4. **Outages.** Detailed information of any outages, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5(e), of at least thirty (30) minutes in duration of each designated service area for the facility which the Company owns that potentially affect:

- a. At least ten percent (10%) of the end users served in a designated service area, or
- b. A 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5(e).

Brief Description of Outage and Resolution of Outage	Date and Time of Onset	Particular Services Affected	Geographic Area Affected By Outage	Number of Customers Affected	Steps Taken to Prevent Similar Outages in the Future
None					

(If any FCC outage reports were filed showing this information, they may be attached instead.)

5. The number of requests for service from potential customers within the designated service area that were unfilled in the past year was **none**.

6. The number of complaints per one thousand handsets or lines was **less than one**.