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**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

October 15, 2013

**Via Hand Delivery**

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

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42  
2013 ETC Annual Report of Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.  
Study Area Code 492264**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. “Leaco”, JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>1</sup> Leaco seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.<sup>2</sup> The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System. Also attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment of section 54.313(a)(2) outage reporting under section 0.459.<sup>3</sup>

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall  
JSI Vice President  
301-459-7590  
[jkuykendall@jsitel.com](mailto:jkuykendall@jsitel.com)

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.



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2013 ETC Annual Report of Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.  
Study Area Code 492264  
Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), on behalf of its client, Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Leaco” or “the Company”), hereby requests, pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules,<sup>1</sup> withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the report submitted in fulfillment of the above-referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).<sup>2</sup>

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company’s annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules (“Report”).<sup>3</sup>
2. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) must file with the Commission the reporting information which is contained in the attachment to the Report pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 and as specified in the August 6, 2013 Public Notice.<sup>4</sup>
3. The information contained in the attachment to the Report for which Leaco seeks the withholding from public inspection is data pertaining to the Company’s outages provided at FCC Form 481 attachment Line 200, Service Outage Reporting.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>4</sup> See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Filing Deadline of October 15, 2013 for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to File High-Cost and Low-Income Annual Reports, and Announces Filing Deadline of December 16, 2013 for States and ETCs to File Annual Use Certifications*, DA 13-1707 (rel. Aug. 6, 2013) (“August 6, 2013 Public Notice”).

Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information pertains to the network and operations of a telecommunications company that has competitors that could benefit if they were able to have access to this information.
5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. Because the telecommunications market is highly competitive, release of this information could substantially harm the Company's telecommunications business.
6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The attachment has also been filed with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission under seal.
7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
9. The Commission has previously concluded that there is a presumptive likelihood of substantial competitive harm from disclosure of outage information.<sup>5</sup> The Commission also determined the disclosure of outage reporting information to the public could present an unacceptable risk of more effective terrorist activity and could therefore result in potential harm to the public and the national defense.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to FCC Form 481 attachment at Line 200, Service Outage Reporting. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



John Kuykendall  
JSI Vice President  
301-459-7590  
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<sup>5</sup> See *In the Matter of New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications*, ET Docket No. 04-35, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 04-188, rel. Aug. 19, 2004, para. 45.

<b>FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010> Study Area Code	492264
<015> Study Area Name	LEACO RURAL TEL COOP
<020> Program Year	2014
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Dale Snider
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	575-370-5010
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	DSnider@leaco.org

<b>ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS</b>	<b>54.313 Completion Required</b>	<b>54.422 Completion Required</b>
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<i>(check box when complete)</i>		
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		
<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	
<420> Mobile	<input type="text"/>	
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed	<input type="text"/>	
<450> Mobile	<input type="text"/>	
<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="492264NM510"/>	<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="492264NM610"/>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input 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	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <input type="text"/>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input 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"/>

<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	575-370-5010
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	DSnider@leaco.org

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

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 (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, 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 (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.










<b>(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	DSnider@leaco.org

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, 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, No, NA)

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481
	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box 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 492264NM1210

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Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP <http://www.leaco.net/index.php/telephone/affordable-services>

“Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, 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> <b>Data Collection Form</b> <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>	DSnider@leaco.org

**CHECK the boxes below 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**

<b>&lt;2010&gt;</b>	2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)}	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2011&gt;</b>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}**

<b>&lt;2012&gt;</b>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2013&gt;</b>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2014&gt;</b>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2015&gt;</b>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

<b>&lt;2016&gt;</b>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

<b>&lt;2017&gt;</b>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2018&gt;</b>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2019&gt;</b>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>&lt;2020&gt;</b>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF , 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>&lt;2021&gt;</b>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	_____
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<b>(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation</b>	FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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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.**

**Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**

<p>(3010) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 3012,</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3011) contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(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.</p>		
<p>(3012) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p>492264NM3017</p>
<p>(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?  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 :</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p>
<p>(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3020) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3021) Management letter 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:</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(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,</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

<b>Certification - Reporting 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 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>Karen Gunkel</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:	Karen Gunkel
Name of Reporting Carrier:	LEACO RURAL TEL COOP
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 10/10/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Dale Snider
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	575-370-5010
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	492264 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
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:	LEACO RURAL TEL COOP
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Karen Gunkel
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 10/10/2013
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Karen Gunkel
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Consultant- Revenue Requirements
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	512-338-0473
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	492264 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
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.	

## Attachments



**Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.****Response to Lines 500-510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules****Compliance**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”<sup>2</sup> The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”<sup>4</sup>

**Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with current service quality and consumer protection provisions under state and federal law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) consumer protection rules delineated in Title 17, Chapter 11, Part 16 of the New Mexico Administrative Code; 2) quality of service regulations found in Title 17, Chapter 11, Part 22 of the New Mexico Administrative Code; 3) slamming and cramming protections outlined in Title 17, Chapter 11, Part 8 of the New Mexico Administrative Code; 5) infrastructure and high speed data service

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at n. 72.

requirements listed in Title 17, Chapter 11, Part 17 of the New Mexico Administrative Code; 6) the Truth-in-Billing Requirements in 47 CFR § 64.2401; and 7) CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

**Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.****Response to Lines 600-610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2).<sup>1</sup> The Company’s network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, the Company is able to function under emergency operations in accordance with part 17.11.22.10 of the New Mexico Administrative Code. Specifically, these regulations require telecommunications service providers to maintain a minimum of four hours of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements and to have available a mobile power unit which can be delivered and connected within four hours. The New Mexico regulations also require all local exchange carriers to establish and maintain a written emergency procedure plan and to train employees on such procedures. All such plans are on file with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

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<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.”



**Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service**

**(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)**

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative’s tariff(s) on file with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates<sup>(1)(2)</sup>:

<b>Exchange Name</b>	<b>R-1 Rate</b>	<b>Res. EAS Charge</b>
Antelope Ridge	\$ 26.00	\$ 2.54
Dexter	\$ 15.28	\$ 3.82
Hagerman	\$ 15.28	\$ 3.82
Maljamar	\$ 15.28	\$ -
Tatum	\$ 15.28	\$ -

<sup>(1)</sup> Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to New Mexico Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

<sup>(2)</sup> Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the weblink provided.

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**LEACO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. (SAC 492264)**

**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3015-3017**

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