

Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations

MTPCS, LLC (“MTPCS”), as required in Section 54.313(a)(6), is “able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)”¹ in connection with their provision of voice and broadband services. Although MTPCS was designated by states rather than the Commission, it has safeguards providing for functionality in emergency situations.

MTPCS has deployed power generators throughout its network and also has the capability to deploy temporary facilities quickly and flexibly to the extent necessary for its network to remain functional during emergencies. These generators and facilities ensure that (1) a reasonable amount of back-up power is be available to ensure functionality without an external power source; (2) MTPCS is able to reroute voice traffic² around damaged facilities; and (3) MTPCS is capable of managing spikes in voice traffic resulting from emergency situations.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

² Certifications and demonstrations regarding broadband services are not required in carrier’s reports for calendar year 2012.