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October 4, 2013

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform - Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Nebraska Central Telephone Company (Company) please find enclosed two copies of Company's FCC Form 481, along with the redacted versions of the Confidential Financial Information.

One copy of the FCC Form 481, containing Confidential Financial Information is being filed under separate cover.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 308-468-6114 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew D. Jader
Vice President - Administration
Nebraska Central Telephone Company

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Mail Room FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010> Study Area Code	371574
<015> Study Area Name	NEBRASKA CENTRAL TEL
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313	54.422
	Completion Required	Completion Required

			(check box when complete)	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report			
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)			
<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)			
<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband)			
<400>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410>	Fixed	0.0		
<420>	Mobile			
<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)			
<440>	Fixed			
<450>	Mobile			
<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="371574NE510"/> <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="371574NE610"/> <i>(attached descriptive document)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband) <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			
<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>			
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability <i>(check to indicate certification)</i>			
<1010>	<input type="text"/> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>			
<1100>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	<input type="text"/> <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers <i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			<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>			
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no)
 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)

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.

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each of 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;	Select (Yes, No, NA)
<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.	

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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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)

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans 371574NE1210
 Name of attached document (.pdf)
 <1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

"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, telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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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
 <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))
 <2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))
 <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))
 <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))
 <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(iii), 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.

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions _____
 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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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	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3010)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i), 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"/>
(3011)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) 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: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3015)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	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		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3018)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3019)	Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	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: 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.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Attach the worksheet listing required information		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)			<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)			<input type="checkbox"/>

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
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:	NEBRASKA CENTRAL TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Nancy McGregor-Jader
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Treasurer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	3084686341
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	371574 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.	

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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) _____ 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: _____	
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: _____
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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: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

**Nebraska Central Telephone Company
371574**

**Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and
Consumer Protection Rules**

Service Quality Standards

The Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.
- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during normal business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's voice messaging system which is monitored by on-call employees.
- Directs trouble reports to on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.



**Nebraska Central Telephone Company
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Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power

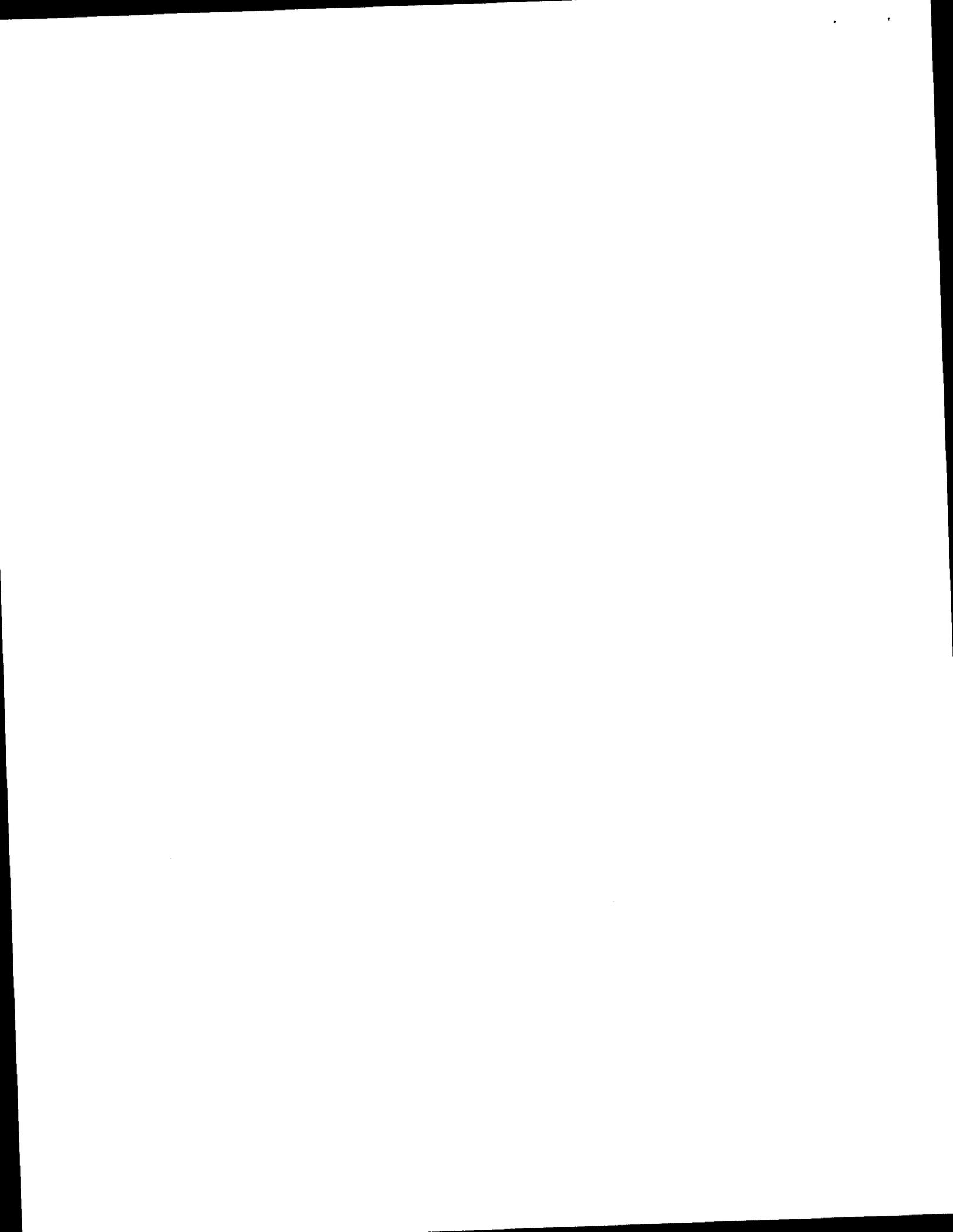
All central offices have a fixed stand-by generator. Batteries in the central offices are sized to provide approximately eight hours of back-up in the event the stand-by generators fail. Digital loop carrier locations and fiber to the premise network interface devices have battery back-up sized to provide eight hours of battery back-up in the event of a power failure. The company has portable generators that can be placed at digital loop carrier locations to provide power in the event of an extended external source power outage.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

The company has multiple connection points to the PSTN. Capacity may be diminished in the event of a damaged facility but a single facility failure will not isolate the company from the PSTN. Seventeen of the company's twenty exchanges are on a fiber optic ring which is used to connect the exchanges to the host switches. One of the exchanges that is not on a ring has two fiber routes connecting it to the rest of the company network.

Traffic Spikes

The switch the company is using has the capacity to handle much larger number of lines than the company has provisioned on it. The number of toll trunks in service is well above the traffic engineered count.



Nebraska Central Telephone Company
371574

Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Terms and Conditions

Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers of Nebraska Central Telephone Company. NTAP assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in NTAP. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

NTAP Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program Free Lunch program
- State assistance programs (if applicable)

To receive an NTAP application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or <https://ntap.gisworkshop.com/>

NTAP applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for NTAP if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,512	\$19,373	\$17,861
2	\$20,939	\$26,163	\$24,098
3	\$26,366	\$32,954	\$30,335
4	\$31,793	\$39,744	\$36,572
5	\$37,220	\$46,535	\$42,809
6	\$42,647	\$53,325	\$49,046
7	\$48,074	\$60,116	\$55,283
8	\$53,501	\$66,906	\$61,520
For each additional person, add	\$5,427	\$6,791	\$6,237

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tribal subscribers should contact Nebraska Central Telephone Company for additional information on Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of NTAP Program Service

Nebraska Central Telephone Company's Voice NTAP service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Nebraska Central Telephone Company's Voice NTAP Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the NTAP service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

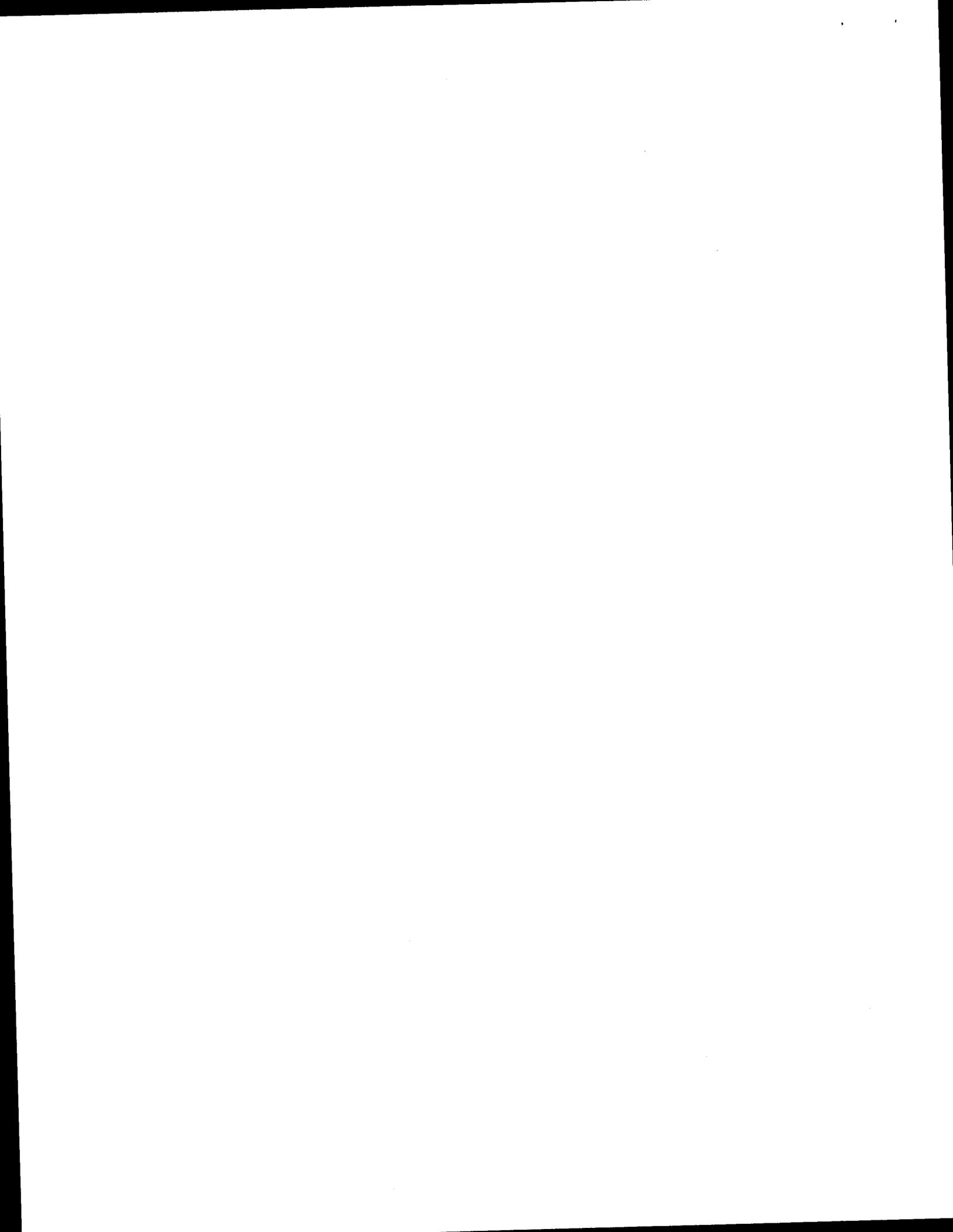
Subscribers may receive the NTAP credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Nebraska Central Telephone Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of NTAP Eligibility

NTAP recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for NTAP will result in termination of the NTAP recipient's monthly NTAP discount and de-enrollment from NTAP.

Additional NTAP Program Information

NTAP is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.



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This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.

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INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

Nancy Jader

3/28/2013

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
ANSL	30.25	19.00					
ARCD	27.50	17.50					
ASTN	28.50	17.50					
BOLS	29.50	18.50					
BRWL	30.25	19.00					
CMST	30.25	19.00					
DANN	29.50	18.50					
ELBA	29.50	18.50					
ERSN	30.25	19.00					
GBBN	30.25	19.00					
LITC	27.50	17.50					
MSCY	28.50	18.00					
NBRWL	30.25	19.00					
NLOP	30.25	19.00					
RAVN	28.50	18.00					
RKVL	28.50	18.00					
SCOT	30.25	19.00					
SHTN	30.25	19.00					
SRGN	30.25	19.00					
TAYL	30.25	19.00					
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA REDACTED-FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile
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PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j.	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)			
	Interstate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	
	Intrastate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	

PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	

PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority
with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES

NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	
3. Add: Depreciation	
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain)	0
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22. Other (Explain)	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27. Other (Explain)	
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30. Ending Cash	

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