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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42
2013 ETC Annual Report of Valley Telephone Company, LLC
Study Area Code 220324**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Valley Telephone Company, LLC "Valley", 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.¹ Valley seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.² The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² *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).

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS 54.313 Completion Required 54.422 Completion Required

			(check box when complete)	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<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)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)			
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text"/>			
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)			
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<450> Mobile	<input type="text"/>			
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<510>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<610>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)			
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)			
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)			
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)			
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)			
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)		<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>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 220324
 <015> Study Area Name VALLEY TEL CO, LLC
 <020> Program Year 2014
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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.

<input type="checkbox"/>

**(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 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)

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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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	FCC Form 481
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.wowway.com/wow/terms-and-conditions>

"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.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	July 2013

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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)}	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2011>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}		
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}		
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}		
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2020>	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"/>
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

Data Collection Form

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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, 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>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (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>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) (3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></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 (3020) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (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: 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, (3022) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant (3023) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. (3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <p>220324a13026</p>

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	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:

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:	VALLEY TEL CO, LLC
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 10/11/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Bruce Schoonover
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Vice-President Regulatory Compliance
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	706-645-3966
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	220324 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.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0988/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) _____ 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: _____
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: _____	
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

VALLEY TELEPHONE CO., LLC
220324

Valley Telephone Co., LLC

Demonstration of Complying With Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”² 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.³ 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.”⁴

Valley Telephone Co., LLC (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Tariff pursuant to the requirements of the Alabama Public Service Commission’s Rules and Regulations, Telephone Rules, Rule T-12, Filing of Telephone Tariffs and The Code of Alabama 1975 Section 37-1-81, which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which require adherence to minimum service standards as identified in the

¹ *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*”).

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *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.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

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Alabama Public Service Commission's Rules and Regulations, Telephone Rules, Rule T-21, protection against cramming and other deceptive practices as identified in Rule T-16(C)(11); (3) truth-in-billing requirements as identified in Rule T-16; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company offers the following as examples of how it meets the service quality and consumer protection requirements. Company maintains and updates appropriate tariffs with all rates, terms and conditions on file with the Alabama Public Service Commission and maintains a copy of such tariff for public inspection at Company offices. Company also sends all required bill messages and/or customer notifications, including but not limited to, do-not call list, cramming, truth-in billing, Low Income Support/Lifeline, etc. Company also maintains a CPNI Manual and Red Flag Manual. Company also provides trouble reports to the Alabama Public Service Commission.

VALLEY TELEPHONE CO., LLC
220324

Valley Telephone Co., LLC Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Valley Telephone Co., LLC 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)¹ and the Alabama Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations, Telephone Rules. 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 will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company’s central office(s) that have twenty-four (24) hour maintenance coverage or have an automatic start engine alternator can provide a minimum of three (3) hours of batter reserve in accordance with the Alabama Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations, Telephone Rules, Rule T-21(L)(2). All other central office(s), as and if applicable, have a minimum of eight (8) hours of battery reserve In accordance with Rule T-21(L)(2).

¹ 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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VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 220324)

ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY