FCC Form 555
December 2013

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Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form
All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections
Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

Vermont

State

(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service).

3 SAC codes	3 companies (see attached)
Study Area Code(s) (SAC)	ETC Name(s)
TDS Telecommunications Corp, Inc.	TDS Telecom, TDS
Holding Company Name(s)	DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

Affiliated ETCs (*include names and SACs, attach additional sheets if necessary*)	see attached

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification

Section 1: ***All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 1– Initial Certification***

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place either to:

A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline or

B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial**

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Section 2: ***All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 2– Annual Recertification***
Do not leave empty columns. If an ETC has nothing to report in a column, enter a zero.

A	B	C
Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year	**Number of Lines Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to Wireline Resellers**	**Number of Subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497 that were initially enrolled in current Form 555 calendar year**
395	0	0

Initial the certifications below that apply to your ETC and complete the tables corresponding to the certification below. Depending on the state, BOTH CERTIFICATION A AND B MAY APPLY.

A) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial ___**

D	E	F =D-E	G	H = (F+G)	I
Number of Subscribers ETC Contacted Directly to Recertify Eligibility Through Attestation	**Number of Subscribers Responding to ETC Contact**	**Number of Non-Responding Subscribers**	**Number of Subscribers Responding That They Are No Longer Eligible**	**Number of Subscribers De-enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility**	**Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt**
0	0	0	0	0	0

AND/OR

In the space below, please list the program eligibility data sources, such as ETC access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator or the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI) these sources are used to verify subscriber eligibility. If any of subscribers are subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in columns D through I as appropriate and not in columns J through L.

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to re-certify consumer eligibility by relying on The State of Vermont DCF. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** [illegible]

J	K	L
Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility was Reviewed By State Administrator ETC Access to Eligibility Data or by USAC	**Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Finding of Ineligibility by State Administrator, ETC Access to Eligibility Data or USAC**	**Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt**
396	29	1

OR

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial ____**

Section 3: *ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SECTION 3 – De-enroll percentage*
What is the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC?

M	N	O	P = N + O	Q = ((P ÷ M) * 100)
Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 *(From Column A)*	**Number of Subscribers De- Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility** *(From Column H)*	**Number of Subscribers De- Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of a Finding of Ineligibility** *(From Column K)*	**Total Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled**	**Percentage of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled that were Claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497**
395	0	29	0	7.34

Section 4: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE APPROPRIATE CHECK BOX; PRE-PAID ETCS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF SECTION 4

Is the ETC Pre-Paid?

Yes ☐ ***No*** ☑ *(A Pre-Paid ETC does not assess or collect a monthly fee from its Lifeline subscribers)*

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in column S below.

Non-Usage Results Applicable to Pre-Paid ETCs:

R	S
Month	**Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage**
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Signature Block: *ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SIGNATURE FIELDS*
By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above.

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Signed,

Signature of Officer

Vice-President
Title of Officer

Jennifer Lautenschleger
Person Completing this Certification Form

Joel P. Dohmeier
Printed Name of Officer

1/30/2014
Date

608-664-4148
Contact Phone Number

ETC Identification

SAC	ETC Name
140058	Ludlow Telephone Co.
140061	Northfield Telephone Co.
140062	Perkinsville Telephone Co., Inc.

Holding Company Name(s)

SAC	Holding Company Name

DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

SAC	Name

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
190217	Amelia Telephone Corporation
300585	Arcadia Telephone Company
452171	Arizona Telephone Company
361350	Arvig Telephone Company
532404	Asotin Telephone Company (OR)
522404	Asotin Telephone Company (WA)
330844	Badger Telecom, LLC
230469	Barnardsville Telephone Company
330849	Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC.
220346	Blue Ridge Telephone Company
330851	Bonduel Telephone Company, LLC.
361362	Bridge Water Telephone Co.
330856	Burlington, Brighton & Wheatland Telephone Company, LLC
250284	Butler Telephone Company, Inc.
280448	Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc.
220351	Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc.
320744	Camden Telephone Company, Inc.
330859	Central State Telephone Company, LLC
310685	Chatham Telephone Company
401698	Cleveland County Telephone Company, Inc.
100005	Cobbosseecontee Telephone Company
320776	Communications Corporation of Indiana
310672	Communications Corporation of Michigan
320809	Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana
290559	Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc
300607	Continental Telephone Company
401699	Decatur Telephone Company, Inc.
462184	Delta County Tele-Comm, Inc.
150089	Deposit Telephone Company, Inc.
330875	Dickeyville Telephone, LLC
330914	EastCoast Telecom of Wisconsin, LLC
150092	Edwards Telephone Company, Inc.
330880	The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC
330930	Grantland Telecom, LLC
100010	Hampden Telephone Company
542321	Happy Valley Telephone Company
100011	Hartland & St. Albans Telephone Company
532377	Home Telephone Company
320777	The Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.
320778	Home Telephone Company, Inc.
542322	Hornitos Telephone Company
290566	Humphreys County Telephone Company
310677	Island Telephone Company
120045	Kearsage Telephone Company
361413	KMP d/b/a Mid-State Telephone Company
260411	Leslie County Telephone Company
522427	Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.
260412	Lewisport Telephone Co.

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SAC	Name
300613	Little Miami Communications Corporation
140058	Ludlow Telephone Company
170183	Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company
240533	McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.
522430	McDaniel Telephone Company
320788	The Merchants and Farmers Telephone Company
123321	MCTA
120047	Merrimack County Telephone Company
432010	Mid-America Telephone, Inc.
330881	Mid-Plains Telephone, LLC
361433	Mid-State Telephone Company
330909	Midway Telephone Company, LLC
330917	Mt. Vernon Telephone Company, LLC
330915	Mosinee Telehphone Company
287449	Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc.
220375	Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company
193029	New Castle Telephone Co.
421928	New London Telephone Company
140061	Northfield Telephone Company
240535	Norway Telephone Co. Inc
250311	Oakman Telephone Company, Inc.
300645	Oakwood Telephone Company
431984	Oklahoma Communication Systems, Inc.
421934	Orchard Farm Telephone Company
150114	Oriskany Falls Telephone Corporation
250314	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
140062	Perkinsville Telephone Company, Inc.
150118	Port Byron Telephone Company
472230	Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc.
210338	Quincy Telephone Company
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330943	Riverside Telecom, LLC
320816	S & W Telephone Company, Inc.
260417	Salem Telephone Co.
230498	Saluda Mountain Telephone Co.
330945	Scandinavia Telephone Company, LLC
230500	Service Telephone Co.
310726	Shiawassee Telephone Company
100024	Somerset Telephone Company
283301	Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc.
330952	Southeast Telephone Co. of Wisconsin, LLC
452174	Southwestern Telephone Company
240544	St. Stephen Telephone Company
330955	State Long Distance Telephone Company
330954	Stockbridge & Sherwood Telephone Company, LLC
421951	The Stoutland Telephone Company
462207	Strasburg Telephone Company
170206	Sugar Valley Telephone Company

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SAC	Name
290578	Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.
290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
330958	Tenney Telephone Company, LLC
100007	The Island Telephone Company
300662	The Vanlue Telephone Company
320829	Tipton Telephone Company, Inc.
150129	Township Telephone Company, Inc.
320830	Tri-County Communications Corporation
120049	Union Telephone Company
330963	Utelco, LLC.
150133	Vernon Telephone Company, Inc.
190253	Virginia Telephone Company
100031	Warren Telephone Company
330968	Waunakee Telephone Company, LLC.
100034	The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company
320837	West Point Telephone Company
240551	Williston Telephone Company
120050	Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.
361507	Winsted Telephone Company
542323	Winterhaven Telephone Company
310738	Wolverine Telephone Company
432034	Wyandotte Telephone Company
539002	UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION'
529001	YAKIMA MSA I.P. dba US CELLULAR
339007	UNITED STATES CELLULAR OPERATING CO.
359016	UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION
429007	USOC OF GREATER MISSOURI
379019	USCOC- NE
299010	US CELLULAR OPERATING COMPANY, LLC-TN
159015	NY RSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP
239006	US CELLULAR OPERATING COMPANY, LLC - NC
129002	US CELLULAR OPERATING COMPANY, LLC- NH
349007	USCC - IL
209005	USCC-WV
199004	UNITED STATES CELLULAR OPERATING CO, LLC-VA
109002	USCC-BANGOR CELLULAR TEL. CO.
439004	USCC-USCOC OF OK RSA #10,1NC
419012	USCC - USCOC of Greater Iowa, Inc.
159014	ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY RSA CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP