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June 26, 2014

Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42
 2014 ETC Annual Report of Minburn Telephone Company
 Study Area Code 351245

Dear Secretary:

On behalf of Minburn Telephone Company ("Minburn"), we have attached for filing confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Minburn seeks confidential treatment under the FCC's Protective Order for the information filed pursuant to Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's regulations¹. Minburn also seeks confidential treatment under the Commission's existing confidentiality rules at 47 CFR 0.457 and 47 CFR 0.459 for the information filed pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(1). The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leah Richter
 Telco Consultant
 Phone: (605) 995-1793
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 Leah.Richter@Vantagepnt.com

Enclosure(s)

cc: Ms. Debra Lucht, Assistant Secretary/General Manager, Minburn Telephone Company
 Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

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¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order).

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0219 July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 351245
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<020> Program Year 2015
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS 54,313 Completion Required 54,422 Completion Required

Form containing various reporting items such as Service Quality Improvement Reporting, Outage Reporting, Unfulfilled Service Requests, and Complaints per 1,000 customers. Includes checkboxes and input fields.

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Reporting items for Price Cap Carriers including Rate-of-Return Carriers.

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

Reporting items for Rate of Return Carriers.

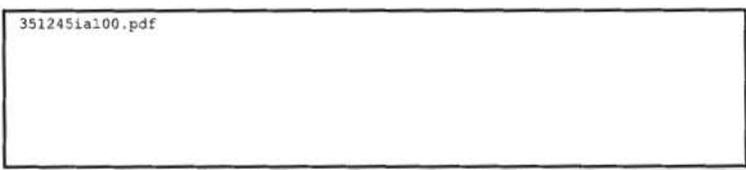
(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input 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

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), 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

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

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

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), 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 Data Collection Form <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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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 document(s), 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.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

Data Collection Form

OMB Control No. 3060-0386/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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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.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for 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

351245ia3017.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

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

(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) Document(s) for 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:

(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,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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:	
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.	

Certification - Agent / 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 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>Leah Richter</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:	Leah Richter
Name of Reporting Carrier:	MINBURN TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/23/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Debra Lucht
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	General Manager/Asst. Sec.
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	5156772264 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	351245 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
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:	MINBURN TEL CO
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Leah Richter
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/23/2014
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Leah Richter
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Telco Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	6059951793 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	351245 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
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

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MINBURN TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 351245)

ATTACHMENT LINE 100

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

CERTIFICATION OF MINBURN TELEPHONE COMPANY**Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2013****Sec. 54.313(a)(5) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

Carrier completes installation requests and responds to service orders from existing and new locations within 2 business days of the request. Carrier provides bill notification 30 days in advance of any customer rate changes. Carrier provides notice to customers of their billing practices through their terms and conditions located on their Carrier's website and in their retail office. An annual Lifeline Notice is also printed in the local newspaper annually. Carrier's procedures for receiving emergency calls during non-business hours include having a technician on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any after hour calls are directed to a voicemail which is sent via wave file to the technician on call. The technician then responds to all service related calls.

Carrier follows Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules and also files the annual CPNI certification with the FCC pursuant to the FCC's current CPNI rules and regulations. Attached is an annual notice to customers on matters related to customer privacy. Carrier has also implemented an Identity Theft Prevention Program in accordance with the federal Red Flags Rule.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2014.

/s/Debra Lucht

Debra Lucht, General Manager/Assistant Secretary, Minburn Telephone Company

SAC: 351245



MINBURN TELEPHONE CO
 ACCOUNT NO: 120154
 TELEPHONE NO: (515)677-2264
 BILL DATE: 04/01/2014
 Page: 2 of 10

CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION

Minburn Communications (MC) knows the importance of personal privacy to our customers. MC keeps all account information strictly confidential to the fullest extent possible and uses industry-accepted technology to safeguard customer data. Recent changes in federal law concerning telecommunications companies regulate the use of account information to selectively market specific products and services to specific customers. What kind of information are we referring to? This information, legally referred to as Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI). This includes data such as which long distance carrier you have chosen, what calling features you use and which calling plans, if any, you have subscribed to.

Who uses this information and is it protected? Only MC can see or use this information. It is never released to outside companies. You have the right, and we have the duty under federal law, to protect the confidentiality of this type of information.

What do I need to do? No action on your part is necessary unless you wish to restrict MC use of this type of information to contact you for the purpose of tailoring our service offerings to your individual needs. Should you wish to restrict use of your CPNI, please contact your local office. Woodward: Phone 438-2200 Minburn: Phone 677-2264 Or email minburn@minburncomm.com

Your request should be sent within 30 days of receipt of this notice. Restricting CPNI may make you ineligible to receive information from MC about new products and services, packaged offerings, and various promotions.

How does this affect services I receive? Whatever you decide will not affect the provision of any services to which you subscribe. Your approval or denial for use of CPNI will remain valid until you tell us otherwise. You will still receive monthly bill inserts, quarterly newsletters, and other publications that are sent to all customers at the same time, so you will be kept up-to-date on what is happening in the company. We look forward to being able to serve your telecommunication needs more efficiently with new products and services based on the information we know about your account.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective Date _____

NAME

ADDITIONAL NAME

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY STATE ZIP

CERTIFICATION OF MINBURN TELEPHONE COMPANY**Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2013****Sec. 54.313(a)(6) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(6) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2). Carrier is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Carrier has backup battery (or equivalent power) reserve in its central office, which enables it to maintain a minimum of two hours of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source if external power is lost. Carrier's network is engineered to handle reasonable excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Carrier has redundancy in its network for use in re-routing traffic when facilities are damaged.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2014

/s/Debra Lucht

Debra Lucht, General Manager/Assistant Secretary, Minburn Telephone Company

SAC: 351245

CERTIFICATION OF MINBURN TELEPHONE COMPANY**Reporting Period January 1 – December 31, 2013****47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) - Voice Services Rate Comparability**

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that the pricing of Carrier's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

On March 20, 2014, the WCB announced that the average local end-user rate plus state regulated fees of the surveyed incumbent LECs in urban areas is \$20.46. This was also published in the FCC's Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Seventh Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Adopted April 23, 2014 and Released June 10, 2014. Carrier's voice service rates are less than two standard deviations in relation to the applicable 2014 national average urban rate as established by the WCB.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2014.

/s/ Debra Lucht

Debra Lucht, General Manager/Asst. Secretary

Minburn Telephone Company

SAC: 351245

(1200)Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Program Consumers**Study Area Code: 351245****Study Area Name: Minburn Telephone Company**

Attached is Minburn Telephone Company's Lifeline brochure and application form. Additional information is available on their website and they also place advertisements in the local newspapers as well as providing information to the local Community Action (CAP) agency that assists Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications.

Minburn Telephone Company's Rates and Pricing:

http://www.minburncomm.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=42

http://www.minburncomm.com/images/FORMS_2013/mivoice%20application.pdf

Company Name: _____

Iowa Lifeline Assistance Certification Form

The information on this application is strictly confidential and will only be used to assess your eligibility for Lifeline Assistance. Any documentation received will not be kept, shared or stored.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name:

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Residential Address: (may not be a P.O. Box)

 (Street) (Apt. #) (City) (State) (Zip)

Check one below:

Permanent Address Temporary Address (must verify address every 90 days)

Is this address occupied by multiple households? _____ Yes _____ No

Billing Address (if different than Residential Address):

 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone number or existing account number: _____

Date of Birth:(mm/dd/yyyy) _____ **Last 4 digits of Social Security #:** _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Are you or anyone in your household currently participating in any of the following programs?
 (Check one & attach documentation*)

- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance Section 8
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL) Free Lunch Program; **OR**

2. Is your income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines?
 _____ Yes _____ No (*Proof of income is required)

If yes, how many persons are in your household? _____

3. Are you or anyone else in your household currently receiving any Lifeline telephone assistance from any other wireline or wireless telephone provider?
 _____ Yes _____ No

***NOTE:** Any documentation received with the certification form will not be kept or stored by the local telecommunications provider.

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury the information contained within this certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

- I have read the information on this certification form and understand that I must meet the qualifications listed on this form to receive assistance from this program.
- I understand that the individual named on the documentation provided demonstrating program-based eligibility, if not me, is part of my household.
- I understand that willfully providing false or fraudulent information to receive a Lifeline benefit is punishable by law.
- I understand that Lifeline is a federal government benefit program and willfully making false statements in order to obtain that benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment, or that I can be barred from the program.
- I agree to provide documentation of my eligibility, when required to do so.
- By participating in this government program, I agree to allow my provider to give my full name, full residential address, date of birth and the last four digits of my social security number to the national database. I understand that failure to comply will deny me the Lifeline benefit.
- I certify that my household is receiving no more than one Lifeline-supported service and understand that violation of this requirement will result in de-enrollment from the program and could result in criminal prosecution.
- I understand that I may not transfer my service to any other individual.
- I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my eligibility for Lifeline at any time and failure to re-certify my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and termination of Lifeline benefits.
- I understand that I must notify my telecommunications provider within 30 days if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline service, if I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or if another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit, and that I may be subject to penalties if I fail to do so.
- If I move to a new address, I agree to provide my new address to my telephone provider within 30 days.
- I understand completion of this certification form does not constitute immediate acceptance into this program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Prompt return of this certification form to your local telephone provider is necessary to ensure proper credits to your account. Certified low-income telephone assistance subscribers will receive a re-certification form annually from their local telecommunications provider and must return that form to their telecommunications provider within 30 days to ensure the continuation of assistance benefits.

SERVICE PROVIDER USE ONLY

Telephone # Associated with Lifeline service: _____

Initiation Date: _____ De-enrollment Date: _____

Type of documentation Reviewed: Award Letter Voucher Benefits card Income Statement Other _____

Identifying Information of Document Submitted: _____

Documentation Expiration date (if applicable): _____

Name on Documentation (if different from name of applicant): _____

Method documentation was provided: In Person Fax Mail Electronically

Reviewed by: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Eligibility documentation destroyed by: _____ Date destroyed: _____

Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program

Lifeline

Lifeline is a plan that assists qualified low-income lowans by providing a monthly reduction of \$9.25 on their local telephone bill.

You may only receive low-income assistance from one wireline or wireless telephone provider per household.*

***NOTE:**

A "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, you must meet income-based criterion currently defined as at or below 135 % of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table inside) **OR** participate in at least one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

In addition, you must not currently be receiving Lifeline assistance, and no other person in your household can be subscribed to the Lifeline program.

To Apply for Lifeline:

1. Complete the certification form attached to this brochure, (please include any supporting documents) and submit it to your local telecommunications provider's business office. This address can be found in your local telephone directory.
2. Re-certification forms are mailed to all subscribers every year. When you receive a re-certification form, complete and return it to your local telecommunications provider within 30 days. Your telecommunications provider will suspend your eligibility for low-income assistance if you do not return the re-certification form.

Federal Government Lifeline Program for Low-Income Telephone Assistance

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135 percent of federal poverty guidelines

(As of January 24, 2013)

Number of people living in home	Household Income (at or below)
1	\$15,512
2	\$20,939
3	\$26,366
4	\$31,793
5	\$37,220
6	\$42,647
7	\$48,074
8	\$53,501
* For each additional person	Add \$5,427

Application Checklist

Please provide the following information:

1. A signed and completed Lifeline assistance certification form.
2. A copy of one of the following if applying based on the size and income level of a customer's household:
 - Last year's federal or state income tax return
 - Current annual income statement from employer
 - Paycheck stubs for most recent three consecutive months
 - Social Security statement of benefits
 - Veteran's Administration statement of benefits
 - Retirement or pension statement of benefits
 - Unemployment or worker's compensation statement of benefits
 - Letter of participation in general assistance
 - Divorce decree or child support documentation

3. Supporting documentation of program-based eligibility if applying based on participation in any programs listed on the back of this brochure.

Acceptable documentation of program eligibility includes the current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program, a notice, letter or documents of participation in a qualifying assistance program, or another official document demonstrating that you, or one or more of your dependents, or your household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program. **These documents will not be kept or stored by the local telecommunications provider.**

For questions, please call your local telecommunications provider.



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