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Ms. Jean Jewell
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 Washington Street
P.O. Box 83720
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RE: 2012 ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIERS

Dear Jean:

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative (Mud Lake), through its consulting firm GVNW Consulting, Inc., hereby submits its Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation Report and Affidavit, in compliance with the requirements set forth in IPUC Order No. 29841.

Mud Lake receives such high cost fund support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended. The Company is seeking ETC designation again to continue to receive this support so it can continue those functions into the future. The following ETC annual report information should fulfill the reporting requirements in IPUC Order No. 29841 and will show that the Company is using the funds appropriately. Mud Lake had previously submitted a partial filing and the attached data completes its remaining filing requirements.

If there are any questions concerning this report, or if additional information is required, please contact me by telephone at (719) 594-5800, or by email at aschein@gvnw.com.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Schein
Senior Consultant

Enclosures

cc: Randy Mead, Mud Lake Telephone

MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Annual Reporting Requirements for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

Section 1: Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Information:

Date of ETC Annual Report: 08/24/12

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative
59 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 235
Dubois, ID 83423
Randy Mead, General Manager
208-374-5401
rmead@mudlake.net

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative (Mud Lake) is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier providing basic telephone services. Mud Lake's NECA study area designation (SAC) is 472227. Mud Lake hereby reports the following information as requested in IPUC Order No. 29841.

Number of Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) recipients:

Mud Lake had 44 recipients.

Section 2: Description of Carrier's Local Usage Plan – Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (CETC) Only

This section is not applicable to Mud Lake (ILEC).

Section 3: Detailed Outage Information 54.209(a)(2)

Detailed Outage Information on any outage of at least (30) minutes in duration that affects at least ten percent of the end users, or that could affect access to 9-1-1 must report the following information: (a) the date and time of onset of the outage; (b) a brief description of the outage and its resolution; (c) the particular service affected; (d) the geographic areas affected by the outage; (e) steps taken to prevent a similar situation in the future; (f) the number of customers affected.

The Company had zero outages as defined in 47 C.F.R. 4.5 of at least 30 minutes and affecting at least ten percent of the end users in the company's service area or a 911 special facility during the reporting period.

Section 4: Unfilled Service Requests 54.202 (a) (1) (A)

The number of requests for service from potential customers within the ETC's service areas that were unfulfilled during the past year and written submission detailing how it attempted to provide service to those potential customers, as set forth in 47 C.F.R.54.202(a)(1)(i).

As per the requirements set fourth in 47 C.F.R 54.202 (a)(1)(i) the Company had zero unfilled service requests during the reporting period.

Section 5: Customer Complaints 54.209(a) (4)

The number of complaints per 1,000 access lines or handsets.

The Company had zero formal complaints during the reporting period.

Section 6: Service Quality and Consumer Protection Certification 54.202(a)(3)

Certification that the ETC is complying with the applicable service quality standards and consumers protection rules; e.g., the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless.

The Company certifies that it complies with the IPUC Customer Relations rules IDAPA 31.41.01 and applicable consumer protection and service quality standards. Please see attached Affidavit.

Section 7: Ability to Remain Functional in Emergencies Certification 54.201(a)(2)

Written submission detailing how the carrier is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. & 54.201 (a)(2).

Mud Lake utilizes battery back-up systems and standby generators in its central offices. This enables the company to sustain a power outage for at least 48 hours. Mud Lake is also part of the Syringa Network that provides a fiber ring through southern Idaho. Being on the Syringa ring provides the company the capability of re-routing traffic and providing continuous service in emergency situations due to damaged facilities.

Section 8: Federal USF High-Cost Support Certification 54.313, 54.314

Please see attached Affidavit.

Section 9: Two-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

The Company's Exhibit No. 1 is a progress report schedule outlining the most recent two-year network improvement plan.

The total amount of all federal high cost support received in the previous and current calendar year is identified below.

The amount of Federal High Cost Support received in 2011:

HCL = \$187,716

LSS = \$151,392

ICLS = \$256,650

The amount of Federal High Cost Support received through July 1, 2012:

HCL = \$68,850

LSS = \$75,696

ICLS = \$145,800

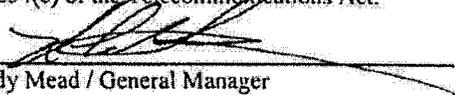
State of IDAHO)
) ss
County of CLARK)

CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND
CUSTOMER PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL
IN EMERGENCIES, AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST
SUPPORT.

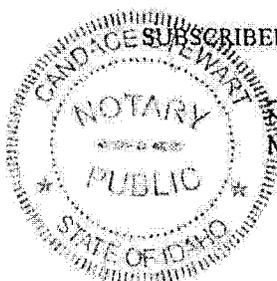
AFFIDAVIT OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE OFFICER

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the USAC and the FCC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:

1. I am an officer of Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative, an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.
2. I am familiar with the Company's day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.
3. Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.
4. I certify to the Commission that the Company is able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2).
5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.
6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.


Randy Mead / General Manager

6/22/2012
Date



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 22 day of June 2012.
Candace Stewart
Notary Public for 16721517 no. residing at Idaho
My Commission expires 06/30/16

Company: Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative
 Two - Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report
 Capital improvements that will be funded by high-cost support

Year 1: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013		Project start date	Project completion date	Estimated Cost of Project
<u>Exchange & Location</u>	<u>Note description of project improvement</u>			
1 Dubois	Install 14 miles of 24-strand fiber from Dubois to Spencer to improve DSL and Cell Tower services	9/1/2012	12/1/2012	\$125,000
2 Hamer	Install 8 miles of 24-strand fiber to Sage Junction to improve Cell Tower services	7/1/2012	9/1/2012	\$88,000
3 Mud Lake	Install 1 mile of 12-strand fiber to remote cabinet to improve Local & DSL services	8/13/2012	8/20/2012	\$15,000
4 Mud Lake	Install 4 miles of 12-strand fiber to remote cabinet to improve Local & DSL services	5/1/2013	6/30/2013	\$50,000
5 Montevieu	Upgrade connection for remote cabinet to fiber (fiber already installed-installing OC48 cards)	9/1/2012	9/15/2012	\$12,000

Year 2: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014		Project start date	Project completion date	Estimated Cost of Project
<u>Exchange & Location</u>	<u>Note description of project improvement</u>			
1 Dubois	Install fiber into Medicine Lodge canyon to implement 2017 DSL compliance plan	6/1/2013	8/31/2013	\$175,000
2 Dubois	Install remote DSL equipment to implement 2017 DSL compliance plan	9/1/2013	10/31/2013	\$50,000
3 Terreton	Install remote DSL equipment to implement 2017 DSL compliance plan	5/1/2014	10/31/2014	\$200,000