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Telephone Company

JUNE 3, 2016

Ms. Jean Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83720
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RE: 2016 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Annual Reporting Requirements with the IPUC

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Filer Mutual Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Company" or "Filer") hereby provides copies to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") of the filing to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation ("USAC") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 54.313 and 54.422. I have also included the signed Affidavit pursuant to Commission Order 29841. Filer Mutual Telephone Company, Study Area Code 472220, is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) as designated by the FCC, and is eligible to receive federal universal service high-cost support pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), Title 47, Sections 54.301, 54.305, and Part 36, sub-part F. Please review the attached filing and include Filer Mutual Telephone Company in your Annual Use Certification Letter to USAC and the FCC.

This filing is made pursuant to Rule 67 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure I.D.A.P.A. 31.01.01.067. Filer Mutual Telephone Company respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information (the "Request") included in its filing pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 9-340 paragraph (D). Enclosed is a copy of each page that contains confidential information printed on yellow-colored paper stamped "TRADE SECRETS", which has been placed in a sealed envelope, stamped confidential can be reviewed by Commission staff. This information is considered confidential due to the proprietary and customer specific information contained therein. The undersigned hereby asserts that he is familiar with the material claimed not to be available for public inspection, examination and copying, and that he, in good faith, believes that there is a basis in law for that claim, namely that the information contained therein constitutes a "trade secret" as defined in *Idaho Code* § 9-340 paragraph (D), and is subject to protection.

Filer Mutual Telephone considers all information that relates to its financial position and subscriber information to be proprietary and confidential in nature. Public disclosure of such information would likely cause substantial harm to the financial position of the Company. The Company is requesting that this information be retained as confidential.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Steve Cowger
General Manager/COO



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State of Idaho)
County of Twin Falls) ss

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 Filer Mutual Telephone Company, 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. Filer Mutual Telephone Company 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 Filer Mutual Telephone Company 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, 2017, through December 31, 2017, 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.

Steven Couger General Manager
COO
Name/Title

6/3/2016
Date



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of June 2016
Donna J. Duffy
Notary Public for Filer Mutual residing at Filer Idaho
My Commission expires 08/13/2016

REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

VIA ECFS

June 16, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**
WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4): Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report included in FCC Form 481

Confidential Information – Subject to Protective Order Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Filer Mutual Telephone Company (the Cooperative), Study Area Code 472220is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket No. 14-58. *The version of the Cooperative's FCC Form 481 submitted via ECFS is a redacted version of the filing that contains no confidential information.*

The Cooperative, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report and (2) the financial annual report, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan progress report is being made pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's

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March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58. These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that Filer Mutual Telephone Company maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.

Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA, Filer Mutual Telephone Company requests that the text and data extracted from its five-year service quality improvement plan progress report be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Cooperative maintains as confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.

In accordance with Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the following information is provided in support of this request:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan progress report related to the Cooperative's access line counts, existing broadband capabilities, and current and planned financial investments in its network that will improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity for its customers.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket No. 14-58 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan progress report contains granular information on the Cooperative's access line counts and/or existing broadband capabilities as well as recent and planned capital investments in its network to improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity. It also contains a

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map of the Cooperative's service area detailing progress toward meeting broadband deployment targets at the wire center level. This is closely guarded, privileged information that the Cooperative does not make publicly available.

- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more wireless Internet service providers. Most RLECs also face competition from at least one other wireline broadband provider, such as a larger cable company, who will typically seek to "cherry pick" the lower cost portions of the study area. In addition, all RLECs face competition throughout their territories from satellite broadband providers.

- (5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan progress report would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Cooperative's access line count, its existing broadband capabilities, and its recent and planned network investments that improve service quality, coverage, and/or capacity for subscribers. This would give competitors valuable confidential information with which to develop their own strategies for investing in the service area, thereby bringing substantial competitive harm to the Cooperative.

- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Cooperative has continually treated the extracted information in its five-year plan progress report as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors. Access to the information is limited to employees that require it and to non-employees with confidentiality obligations such as lenders, consultants, auditors, and attorneys. In addition, when such information is required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority it has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public.

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- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan progress report is not available to the public, and third-party access is limited as described in (6) above.

- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Cooperative requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. The information in the five-year plan progress report details the Cooperative's most recent network upgrades in relation to its previously submitted service quality improvement plan. It may also contain upcoming planned network improvements during the five-year period ending 2019. This information would provide a very useful baseline for competitors for several years beyond that period.

- (9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

Financial Annual Report

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Filer Mutual Telephone Company seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

Filer Mutual Telephone Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

¹ *Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 (rel. Mar. 22, 2016).

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Each page of the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

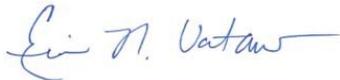
The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

In the filing submitted via ECFS, all pages containing confidential information bear the legend "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Eric N. Votaw, Senior Manager
For Moss Adams, LLP

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Enclosures

cc: Bob Kraut, Filer Mutual Telephone Company

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	472220
<015> Study Area Name	FILER MUTUAL TEL -ID
<020> Program Year	2017
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Robert Kraut
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2083264331 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(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"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please 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.

472220ID100.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(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 much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice		0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice		
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband		0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband		

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	472220ID510.pdf

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	472220ID610.pdf

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

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<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 or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 472220ID1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 472220ID1030.pdf

Name of Attached Document

(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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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) 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 www.filertel.com

"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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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental 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)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with 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.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Yes - Attach Certification

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)} Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} (Yes/No) Yes No

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No) Yes No

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:

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

(3016) Document(s) with 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 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion 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

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPI
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends



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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. 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: FILER MUTUAL TEL -ID	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/09/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Steve Cowger	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/COO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2083264331 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472220	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
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) _____ 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 Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

LINE 100 INITIAL FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Response Line 510
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Voice Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer Mutual Telephone Company (“Filer”) is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. Filer also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by placing CPNI explanation onto its website at www.filertel.com which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition Filer trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

Filer also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Filer offers service in its Local Exchange Price List. The price list explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Filer keeps its Price lists available for public inspection at its business offices.

Broadband Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer trains staff on applicable rules for broadband services issues on an annual basis. In addition Filer has placed on its website at www.filertel.com its network practices and policies regarding FCC’s Net Neutrality Rules.

Filer also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Filer offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers (“ISP”). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA’s website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Response Line 610
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Functionality in Emergency Situations:

Voice Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Filer Mutual Telephone Company (“Filer”) meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to FILER central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power. In addition, FILER field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. FILER also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. FILER has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. FILER also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. FILER has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. FILER has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations. FILER is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations.

Broadband Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY (“FILER”) meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to FILER central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power that is also used to provide service to the broadband network. In addition, FILER field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. FILER also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute broadband traffic should a fiber cut occur. FILER has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. FILER also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. FILER has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. FILER has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations.

Response to Line 1030
Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID
Study Area 472220

Broadband Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (1) Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID (“Filer”) charges a residential rate of \$49.95 for broadband providing 12 Mbps download, 2 Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is lower than \$77.80, which is the 2015 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.¹

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2015 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services and Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 15-470 (rel. April 16, 2015).

Response to Line3010
Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID
Study Area 472220

Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("FILER") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how CTTC is meeting its obligations for meeting its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.



Response to Line3012
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Anchor Institutions

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(ii) Filer Mutual Telephone Company (“Filer”) provides this document that contains the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year :

Filer did not begin providing access to broadband service to any community anchor institutions in the preceding calendar year.

LINE 3005 RATE OF RETURN DATA

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