

June 28, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
472 W. Washington  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: 2016 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Annual Report Filing; Docket No. GNR-T-16-01  
Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (472295)

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Company") hereby files with the Commission the 2016 ETC Annual Report Filing(s), as follows:

A copy of the FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Collection Form filed with the USAC and FCC, completed pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422, as applicable, and redacted for public viewing to protect confidential and proprietary financial information, along with the Officer Affidavit per Commission Order 29841.

The non-redacted, confidential information is submitted to the Commission separately via express delivery, pursuant to Rule 67 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure and Idaho Code § 9-340D(1).

Request is hereby made that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administration Company, prior to October 1, 2016, that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the year 2017.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to my attention as shown below.

Sincerely,



Michelle Motzkus  
Legal & Regulatory Administrator  
307-883-6690

Enclosure

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES - CONNECTING LIVES



State of Wyoming )  
 : ss.  
County of Lincoln )

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 (ETC) 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 Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (dba Silver Star Communications) ("the Company") an eligible telecommunications carrier 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. The 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 the 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 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.

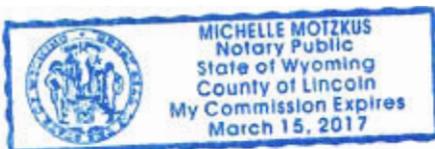
  
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Ron B. McCue

President/COO

6-28-16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of June, 2016.

  
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Notary Public for Wyoming, residing at Lincoln County  
My Commission expires 3-15-17



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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	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? 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 checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	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.

472295id112.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	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

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

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

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Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

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Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers  
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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

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<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

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

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	472295id610.pdf

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**(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

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<b>(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1000>      Voice services rate comparability certification      Yes

<1010>      Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

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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

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Name of Attached Document

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<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	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).

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<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b> <b>Lifeline</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	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	472295id1210.pdf          Name of Attached Document
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<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
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“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.

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

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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**

<b>&lt;2010&gt;</b> 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%;" type="text"/>	
<b>&lt;2011&gt;</b> 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%;" type="text"/>	
<b>&lt;2022&gt;</b> 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%;" type="text"/>	
<b>&lt;2023&gt;</b> 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%;" type="text"/>	
<b>&lt;2024A&gt;</b> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
<b>&lt;2024B&gt;</b> 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: 40px;" type="text"/>
<b>&lt;2025A&gt;</b> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
<b>&lt;2025B&gt;</b> 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: 40px;" type="text"/>
<b>&lt;2015&gt;</b> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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**(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

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**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)} No - No 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)

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

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

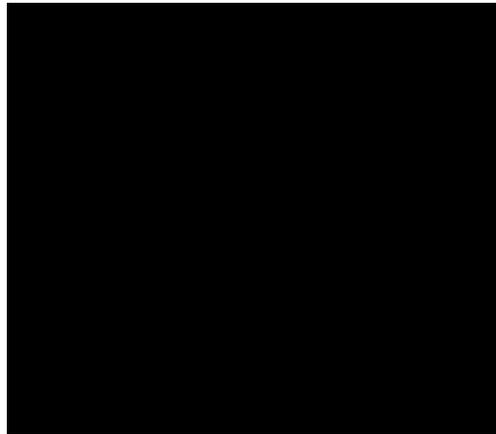
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<b>(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)</b>	FCC Form 481
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**Financial Data Summary**

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



**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION –  
SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
and pursuant to 47 CFR § 0.459(a)**

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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

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**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

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**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

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
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:	COLUMBINE TELEPHONE CO., INC. DBA TETON TELECOM
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE <span style="float: right;">Date 06/27/2016</span>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Jefferson England
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CFO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	3078836675 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	472295 <span style="float: right;">Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016</span>
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.	

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<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	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	
<p>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.</p>	
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	
<p>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.</p>	
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

**Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.**  
dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

**SAC 472295 - Idaho**

**2016 Progress Report  
Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (2015-2019)**

**Narrative Description  
(FCC Form 481 – Line 112)**

47 CFR 54.313(a)(1)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In 2015, Universal Support disbursement to Silver Star totaled \$3,719,788 (a combination of High Cost Loop, Interstate Common Line Support, Safety Net Additive and Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation components). [REDACTED]

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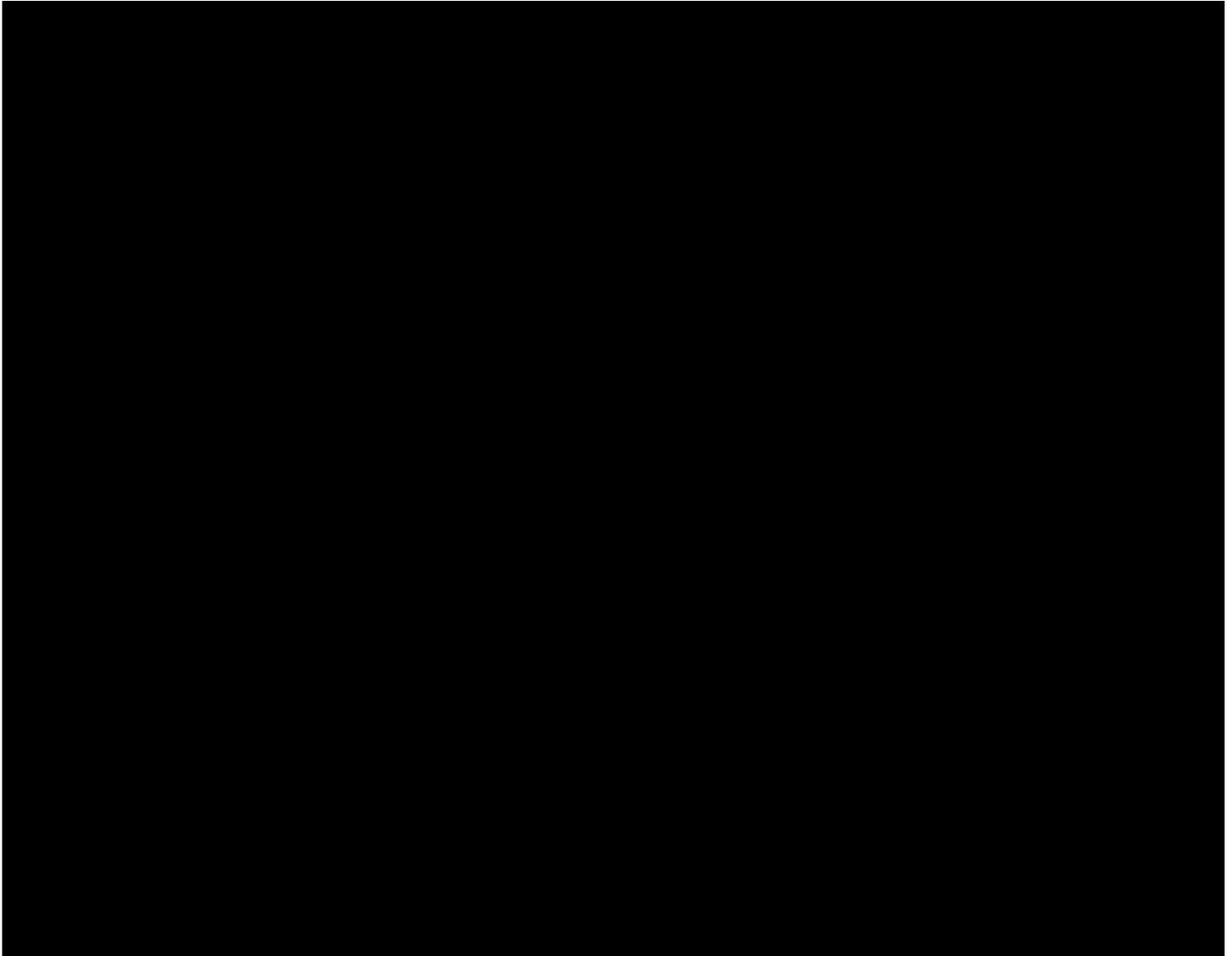
2016 Progress Report on 5-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan  
Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications

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(FCC Form 481 - Line 112)

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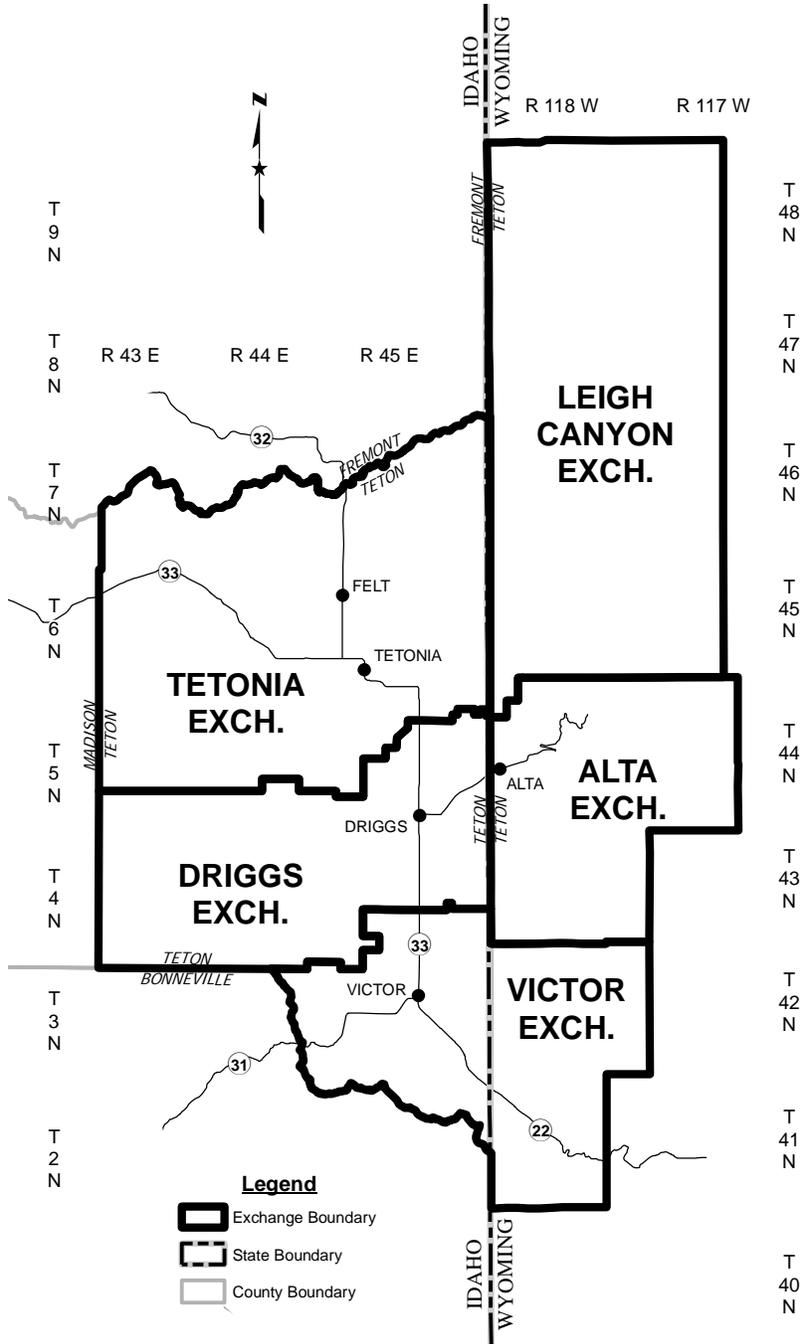
2015 Annual Capital Expenditures



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Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.  
 Study Area Boundary  
 SAC 472295



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**Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules**

**Statement of Compliance**

(FCC Form 481 – Line 510)

Silver Star has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules; including rules regarding verification of orders for telecommunications service as required of submitting carriers (i.e., Slamming) {Section 64.1100}, compliance with the FCC’s Truth-in-Billing Requirements {64.2400}, compliance with the FCC’s customer proprietary network information (CPNI) Requirements {64.2009}, and all other customer protection rules including employee training and policy manual development as applicable.

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**SAC 472295 – Idaho**

**Functionality in Emergency Situations**

**Statement of Compliance**

(FCC Form 481 – Line 610)

Silver Star has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable service quality standards, which may include customer remedies and improvement plans. Specifically Silver Star complies with Rule 500.01 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission rules requiring it to furnish to its customers safe, adequate and continuous service in accordance with accepted good practice, and to that end, maintains its entire plant and system in such condition as to enable it to furnish such service, and inspect its system and facilities in such manner and with such frequency as may be necessary to obtain knowledge of their current condition and adequacy. Silver Star is capable of functioning in emergency situations, by maintaining both battery and generator back-up power, which ensure reasonable functionality of voice services without an external power source. Additionally, Silver Star can reroute voice and broadband traffic around damaged facilities and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

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**(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	ID	All Exchanges	39.99	0.0	39.99	10.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	All Exchanges	44.99	0.0	44.99	20.0	5.0	999999.0	Other, No limit on usage
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	ID	All Exchanges	54.99	0.0	54.99	50.0	10.0	999999.0	Other, No limit on usage
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**SAC 472295 – Idaho**

**Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program Terms & Conditions**

**Statement of Compliance**

(FCC Form 481 – Line 1210)

Silver Star provides unlimited local calling for lifeline-eligible residential customers, discounted by the federally authorized amount of \$9.25, and state telephone assistance discounts, where applicable. Silver Star’s lifeline-discounted monthly telephone service provides access to emergency, operator, interexchange, and directory assistance services. The service does not include enhanced calling features such as voice mail, caller ID, call forwarding, internet or long distance telephone service. Toll Limitation service is provided at no charge for lifeline customers, upon customer request and pursuant to FCC guidelines.

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**Milestone Certification**  
**Statement of Compliance**  
(FCC Form 481 – Line 3010b)

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i), Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications, SAC 472295, hereby certifies that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual 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 comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron B. McCue".

Ron B. McCue  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Dated June 13, 2016

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**SAC 472295 – Idaho**

**Annual Report of Company Financial Conditions and Operations**

**Line 3026 (54.313(f)(2) Compliance)**

(FCC Form 481)

This section, consisting of seven (7) pages, is redacted in its entirety.



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June 28, 2016

VIA Electronic Comment Filing System

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

Re: WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90  
2016 ETC Annual Report – Columbine Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area Code 472295

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and PURSUANT TO 47 CFR § 0.459(a)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Submitted herewith pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422 and Protective Order DA 16-296 and 47 CFR § 0.459(a) are copies of the redacted version and confidential portions of the Annual ETC Report – FCC Form 481 for Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (the “Company”).

Confidential treatment under Protective Order is sought for the financial data provided pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2) and for information provided pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(a)(1) as contained in the 2016 Progress Report: Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (2015-2019) and Narrative. The Progress Report and Narrative contain highly sensitive competitive and financial information not otherwise publicly available, the disclosure of which could be used against the Company by potential competitors and could have a significant negative impact on its operations.

The redacted version of the report is filed via the FCC’s ECFS, as noted above. Copies of the report have been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Please direct any questions about this filing to me at the phone number below or by email to: mamotzkus@silverstar.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Motzkus".

Michelle Motzkus  
Legal & Regulatory Administrator  
307-883-6690

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