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Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Docket No. 36946
Sage Telecom Communications, LLC FCC Form 481

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.422, please find for filing in the above-referenced docket Sage Telecom Communications, LLC's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Annual Report (FCC Form 481).

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 770-232-9200 or etc@telecomcounsel.com.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Rachael Sears

Rachael Sears, Regulatory Specialist
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Enclosures

Filing Type and Contact Info

Filing Type

This information has been preselected based on High Cost and Lifeline program support paid out in the previous calendar year. If you think the filing type is incorrect, please contact USAC.

- [ ] High Cost (Section 54.313)
- [x] Lifeline (Section 54.422)

Contact Information

Include contact information for the person best able to answer questions about this form.

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Service Outage Reporting (Voice) (200)

Reportable Outages

For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? (210)

○ Yes ○ No

Upload Service Outage Data (220)

Service Outage Data Template

CSV only

Number of Complaints per 1,000 Customers (400)

Report Voice Complaints

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. (400)

Enter complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice (410)

Enter complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice (420)

Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules (500)

Certify

Compliance with Minimum Service Standards (515)

Does the carrier comply with applicable minimum service standards?

Yes No

Functionality in Emergency Situations (600)

Certify

Functionality in Emergency Situations Certification (600)

Is the carrier able to function in emergency situations?

○ Yes ○ No

Descriptive Document for Functionality in Emergency Situations (610)

PDF only

Operating Companies (800)

Carrier Names

Reporting Carrier (810)

Holding Company (811)

Validate the information listed above (811) by selecting one of the following:

- Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is correct. (811A)
- Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is NOT correct. (811B)

The correct Holding Company/Affiliate name is (811C):

- This study area does not have a Holding Company/Affiliate name. (811D)

Operating Company

Operating Company (812)

Upload Operating Company Data (813A, 813B, 813C) (Optional)

Operating Company Data Template

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Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Land Services

Does the filing entity offer Tribal land services? (900)

Yes No

Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves (910)

Tribal Government Engagement Obligation (920)

PDF only

Confirm Statuses

Select Yes, No, or NA for each of the below to confirm the status described on the attached PDF (920) demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(5) includes:

Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions (921)

Yes No NA

Feasibility and sustainability planning (922)

Yes No NA

Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner (923)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Rights of way processes (924)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements (925)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Facilities Siting rules (926)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Environmental Review processes (927)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes (928)

Yes No NA

Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements (929)

Yes No NA

Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability (1000)

Certify Voice

Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification (1000)

Is the carrier's pricing of fixed voice services no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service? If you answer No to line 1000, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

Attach Detailed Description for Voice Services Rate Comparability Compliance (1010)

PDF, XLS, XLSX only

Certify Broadband

Broadband Comparability Certification (1020)

Does the carrier's broadband services pricing meet one of the following criteria? If you answer No to line 1020, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.

- ( ) Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau.
- ( ) Yes - Pricing is no more than the non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states or U.S. Territories where the eligible telecommunications carrier receives support.
- ( ) No - Unable to certify broadband rate comparability
- ( ) Not Applicable.
- ( ) Yes - CETC Alaska Plan participant certifies that one plan it offers is substantially similar to a service plan offered by at least one mobile wireless service provider in the cellular market area of Anchorage, Alaska and offered for the same or a lower rate than the matching plan in the cellular market area.

Attach Detailed Description for Broadband Rate Comparability Compliance (1030)

PDF, XLS, XLSX only

Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

Certify

Terrestrial Backhaul Certification (1100)

Do terrestrial backhaul options exist?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

Select the appropriate response to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to Section 54.313(g) (1130)

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

Alaska Plan Satellite Backhaul Certification (1140)

Is the carrier providing service consistent with its approved performance plan in the portion(s) of its study area that relies exclusively on satellite backhaul?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

Lifeline Terms and Conditions (1200)

Upload Document or Link Website

Upload a descriptive document(s) AND/OR reference a specific link to your company's website.

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans (1210)

PDF **Sage 1210 2024 Generic.pdf** (117 KB)

PDF only

AND/OR

Link to Public Website(1220)

Confirm Information

Check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to Section 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- [x] Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers (1221)
- [x] Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan (1222)
- [x] Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan (1223)

Price Cap Data (2005)

Certify

Select the appropriate responses below to note compliance as a recipient of 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(c), (d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (2015)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.312(a)?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) NA

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (2016)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(d)?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) NA

Enter total amount of Phase II support, if any, that the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2022. (2017C)

$x.xx

$x.xx

Price Cap Community Anchor Institutions (2018A)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

- ( ) Yes - Attach New Community Anchors
- ( ) No - No New Community Anchors
- ( ) Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (2018B)

Attach a document to this line to 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.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

Rate of Return Data (3005)

Certify

Select from the drop down menus or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure 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.

Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator? (3007)

◯ Yes ◯ No

Name of Consultant (3007A) **Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party (3007B)**

+Another Consultant

Certification of Public Interest Obligations (3010A)

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Sections 54.313(f)(1)(i)?

◯ Yes - Attach Explanation ◯ No - Attach Explanation
◯ Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (3010B)

PDF, XLS, XLSX, DOC, DOCX only

Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions (3012A)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

- ( ) Yes - Attach New Community Anchors
- ( ) No - No New Community Anchors
- ( ) Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

Please Provide Attachment (3012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(1)(ii), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

As defined in 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(2), is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier? (3013)

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

Does your company file the RUS annual report? (3014)

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

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

- [ ] Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) (3015)
- [ ] Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3016)

Annual Report (3017)

PDF, XLS, XLSX, DOC, DOCX only

Is your company audited? (3018)

- ( ) 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:

- [ ] Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers (3019)
- [ ] Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3020)
- [ ] Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit (3021)
- [ ] 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 (3022)
- [ ] Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant (3023)
- [ ] Underlying information subjected to an officer certification (3024)
- [ ] Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows (3025)

Worksheet Listing (3026)

PDF, XLS, XLSX, DOC, DOCX only

Financial Data Summary

Enter the specified financial data below which is located on your RUS Report (attached on Line 3017) or your reviewed/audited financial statements (attached on Line 3026).

Revenue (3027)

Operating Expenses (3028)

Net Income (3029)

Telephone Plant In Service (TPIS) (3030)

Total Assets (3031)

Total Debt (3032)

Total Equity (3033)

Dividends (3034)

Rural Broadband Experiment Data (4005)

Certify

Public Interest Obligations (4001)

Per FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29 and 78), recipient certifies that it is offering broadband 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.

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

RBE Community Anchor Institutions (4003A)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

- ( ) Yes - Attach New Community Anchors
- ( ) No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (4003B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

Alaska Plan Participants (5005)

Certify Terrestrial Backhaul

Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (RoR Carriers) (5011)

Indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul.

○ Yes ○ No

Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (CETC Carriers) (5012)

If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain portion of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul.

○ Yes ○ No

Upload Backhaul Technology Data (5013A - 5013C)

Backhaul Data Template

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Phase II Auction Reporting (6005)

Certify

Enter the total amount of Phase II Auction Support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures. (6010)

$x.xx

Phase II Auction and New York Funds Certification (6011)

Certify regarding whether the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support.

Yes No

Community Anchor Institutions (6012a)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchor No - No New Community Anchor

Using the template, upload a document with a number, name and address for each community anchor institution. (6012b)

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

FCC Form 470 Postings (6013)

For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer this certification request.

Yes No Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (6014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify that the Phase II-funded network that the Phase II auction recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.

Yes No Not Applicable

Phase-Down Support Reporting (7005)

Certify

Price Cap Carrier and Fixed Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Transitional Support Requirement Certification. (7010)

This certification request applies to any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that elects to continue receiving support pursuant to Section 54.312(d) or Section 54.307(e)(2)(iii) starting July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter on July 1 for each subsequent year they receive such support. These carriers must use this support throughout specific high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they continue to have the federal high-cost ETC obligation to provide voice service pursuant to Section 54.201(d) at rates that are reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas. Per Section 54.313(m), does the carrier certify that they used all such support received in the previous year to provide voice service in compliance with the above obligation?

Yes No

Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (8005)

Certify Fixed

Capital Expenditures (8010)

Enter the total amount of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

$x.xx

Available Funds Certification (8011)

Certify (either yes or no) regarding whether the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support.

Yes No

Community Anchor Institutions (8012A)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (8012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

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FCC Form 470 Postings (8013)

For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

Yes No Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (8014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes or no) that the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2-funded network that the Stage 2 recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.

Yes No Not Applicable

Support Reimbursement Certification (8020)

54.313(n): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 fixed support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund.

Yes No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8030)

54.313(n): Recipients of fixed support from Stage 2 of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

Yes No

Certify Mobile

Support Reimbursement (8040)

54.313(n): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund.

○ Yes ○ No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8050)

54.313(n): Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

○ Yes ○ No

Mobile Disbursements Certification (8060)

54.313(o): Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

○ Yes ○ No

Transitional Support (8070)

Recipients of transitional support under Section 54.1516 shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are or will be reimbursed by other sources of support, or expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund. Transitional support recipients shall certify that they have conducted an annual review to determine that their disaster preparation and recovery documentation is up to date, as required by Section 54.1515(a) through (c) or Section 54.1524. Answer yes or no if carrier is compliant with 54.313(q).

○ Yes ○ No

Spending Plans for Recipients of Legacy Frozen Phase-Down Support (8080)

For annual reports due in 2024, 2025, and 2026, recipients of frozen high-cost support under Section 54.1504(b) shall certify that such support received after June 1, 2023 was used for resiliency and redundancy measures and to maintain their voice and broadband network footprint.

○ Yes ○ No

Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (9005)

Certify Fixed

Capital Expenditures (9010)

Enter the total amount of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

$x.xx

Available Funds Certification (9011)

Certify (either yes or no) regarding whether the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support.

Yes No

Community Anchor Institutions (9012A)

Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (9012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

FCC Form 470 Postings (9013)

For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

Yes No Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (9014)

Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes or no) that the Connect USVI Fund Stage 2-funded network that the Stage 2 recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.

Yes No Not Applicable

Support Reimbursement Certification (9020)

54.313(n): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund.

Yes No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9030)

54.313(n): Recipients of fixed support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

Yes No

Certify Mobile

Support Reimbursement (9040)

54.313(n): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund.

Yes No

Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9050)

54.313(n): Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by Section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

Yes No

Mobile Disbursements Certification (9060)

54.313(o): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

Yes No

Transitional Support (9070)

Recipients of transitional support under Section 54.1516 shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are or will be reimbursed by other sources of support, or expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund. Transitional support recipients shall certify that they have conducted an annual review to determine that their disaster preparation and recovery documentation is up to date, as required by Section 54.1515(a) through (c) or Section 54.1524. Answer yes or no if carrier is compliant with 54.313(q).

○ Yes ○ No

Spending Plans for Recipients of Legacy Frozen Phase-Down Support (9080)

For annual reports due in 2024, 2025, and 2026, recipients of frozen high-cost support under Section 54.1504(b) shall certify that such support received after June 1, 2023 was used for resiliency and redundancy measures and to maintain their voice and broadband network footprint.

○ Yes ○ No

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Reporting (10005)

Certify RDOF

Capital Expenditures (10010)

Starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the July 1 after the recipient's support term has ended, recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must submit the total amount of support, if any, the recipient used for capital expenditures in the previous calendar year. This is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(B).

$x.xx

Available Funds Certification (10011)

Please provide a response (either yes or no) to this certification request for any recipient of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support that the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(ii).

Yes No

Community Anchor Institutions (10012A)

Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the eligible telecommunications carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A).

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors No - No New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment (10012B)

Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Community Anchor Template

XLSM only

FCC Form 470 Postings (10013)

For the filing due July 1st following full implementation of this requirement, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) to this certification request. Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund must respond affirmatively that they 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 (as described in Section 54.501) located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, and that such bids were at rates reasonable comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income) November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(C). This certification will not be required until the July 1st following the E-Rate program year that this obligation has been fully implemented. Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries et al., WC Docket. Nos. 13-184, 10-90, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, 15566-67, para. 72 (2014).

○ Yes ○ No ○ Not Applicable

Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (10014)

Starting the first July 1st after a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund recipient meets its final service milestone until the July 1st after the support recipient's support term has ended, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) that the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund-funded network that the support recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(iii).

○ Yes ○ No ○ Not Applicable

Certifications

Supply Chain Certifications

Section 54.9: Prohibition on the Use of Funds

I certify under penalty of perjury that no universal service support has been or will be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company designated by the Federal Communications Commission as posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain since the effective date of the designations.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

(●) Yes ( ) No

Upload Waiver Document

PDF only

Section 54.10: Prohibition on the Use of Certain Federal Subsidies

I certify that no federal subsidy made available through a program administered by the Commission that provides funds to be used for the capital expenditures necessary for the provision of advanced communications services has been or will be used to purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain, any covered communications equipment or service, or maintain any covered communications equipment or service previously purchased, rented, leased, otherwise obtained, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.10.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

(●) Yes ( ) No

Upload Waiver Document

PDF only

Section 54.11: Requirements to Remove and Replace

Prior to answering, review section 54.11 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR Section 54.11). Answer Yes if either (1) you comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do not use covered communications equipment or services, or (2) section 54.11(d) applies to you, meaning you are not yet subject to section 54.11(a) because you are a Reimbursement Program recipient with an unexpired removal, replacement, and disposal term per section 1.50004(h) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR Section 1.50004(h)). Answer No if you do not comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do use covered communications equipment or services.

(●) Yes ( ) No

Accuracy Certifications

Certify

☑ 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.

☑ I understand that making willful false statements in any part of this report and/or in these certifications is punishable by fine or imprisonment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections 416(c), 503(b)(1)(B), and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

Signature

Officer Name	Title
Danielle Perry	Chief Compliance Officer

☑ I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name with a pen.

Form 481 section 1210

Sage Telecom Communications, LLC d/b/a TruConnect

Lifeline Offering

Terms & Conditions maintained at www.truconnect.com

Plan	Minutes	Text	Data	Net Cost to Lifeline Customer	Effective
Lifeline Basic	Unlimited	Unlimited	4.5GB	**$ 0.00**	**Jan 2021**
Lifeline + EBB	Unlimited	Unlimited	12.5GB	**$ 0.00**	**May 2021**
Lifeline + ACP	Unlimited	Unlimited	12.5GB	**$ 0.00**	**Jan 2022**
Lifeline + ACP	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	**$ 0.00**	**April 2022**

Plans Include:

- Free SIM card
- Unlimited Calls to Canada, Mexico, Korea, Vietnam, and China (first 10 unique numbers each month)
- Free calls to Company Customer Service
- Free calls to 911 emergency services
- Free access to Voicemail, Caller-ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, and 3-Way Calling
- Free Domestic Long Distance
- Data at 3G speeds or higher
- Free Wefi® App
- Free MyAccount App

Additional voice and data usage available for purchase

Voice, Data, and International Talk refill options can be purchased using a subscribers MyAccount App or using the MyAccount website https://my.truconnect.com/