

June 25, 2025

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Docket No.36946 ViaSat Carrier Services, Inc. FCC 2025 Form 481 Filing Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification and Request for High-Cost Fund Recertification SAC 229032

Dear Secretary Tanner:

As a courtesy and pursuant to FCC requirements under 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 & 54.422, enclosed please find for filing a copy of Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.'s 2025 FCC Form 481 - Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification for study area code 229032.

This letter is also submitted to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314 that Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. ("Company") is eligible to receive federal high-cost (Connect America Fund) support.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.313, enclosed is an affidavit attesting that the Company only used support received in Georgia during the preceding calendar year (2024) and will only use support received in Georgia in the coming calendar year (2026) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC by October 1 of this year that Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. is eligible to receive high-cost support for 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly with any questions about this filing at mpd@commlawgroup.com.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Donahue

Counsel for ViaSat Carrier Services, Inc.



AFFIDAVIT

State of California


County of San Diego

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Robert Blair, who deposed and said:

My name is Robert Blair, I am the President and Secretary of Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. ("Company"). I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

1. The Company certifies that it only used high-cost support received in Georgia during the preceding calendar year **(2024)** for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.
2. Further, the Company certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company in Georgia will be used in the coming calendar year **(2026)** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Robert Blair
President and Secretary
Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.

Please See Attached Notary



California Jurat with Affiant Statement

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of San Diego

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 24 day of June, 2025

By Robert Blair proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.



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Signature of Notary Public

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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)

Lifeline (Section 54.422)

Contact Information

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

Contact Name(030)

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Phone #(035)

(720)493-6150

Contact Email Address (039)

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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)

229032 GA 610 Functionality.pdf

PDF only

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Operating Companies (800)

Carrier Names

Reporting Carrier (810)

Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.

Holding Company (811)

ViaSat, Inc.

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)

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

Operating Company

Operating Company (812)

Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.

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

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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)

229032 GA 1010 Voice Service.pdf

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.

Attach Detailed Description for Broadband Rate Comparability Compliance (1030)

229032 GA 1030 Broadband.pdf

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Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

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Do terrestrial backhaul options exist?

Yes

No

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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)

229032 GA 1210 Lifeline Terms.pdf

PDF only

AND/OR

Link to Public Website(1220)

www.viasat.com/CAF

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:

Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers (1221)

Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan (1222)

Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan (1223)

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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)

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)

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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

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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

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

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

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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

Robert Blair

Title

President and Secretary

Received Date

2025-06-23

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

(610) Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations

Viasat has in place contingency plans for credible emergency situations for each of the major network facilities that are geographically distributed across the United States. These plans contain activation, required staffing, escalation, and communication procedures to deal with such emergencies. Additionally, all of the company's ground-based facilities are equipped with independent power generators and sufficient fuel to operate for several days so as to mitigate power outages. The design of these facilities contains multiple levels of redundancy and autonomy that also mitigate the need for dedicated human interaction.

(1010) Detailed Description for Voice Services Rate Comparability Compliance

Viasat began providing the supported services to select census blocks December 15, 2022, and then expanded its service area on November 29, 2023 and November 18, 2024. Viasat complied with all Commission requirements, including, but not limited to, ensuring that its voice service rates were no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate. For 2024, Viasat's Voice Service was priced at \$54.99 per month for stand-alone service, and at \$35.00 per month when purchased with its Broadband Service.

(1030) Detailed Description for Broadband Service Rate Comparability Compliance

Viasat began providing the supported services to select census blocks on December 15, 2022, and then expanded its service area on November 29, 2023 and on November 18, 2024. Viasat complied with all Commission requirements, including, but not limited to, ensuring that its broadband service rates were consistent with the FCC's urban rate benchmarks for broadband service. For 2024, Viasat's Broadband Service was priced at \$88.99 per month and came with 660GB of data.

(1210) Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

The following is an excerpt from Viasat's Customer Agreement, the CAF-II Lifeline Addendum:

CAF-II Lifeline Addendum

This Addendum for Viasat's Lifeline Program only applies to customers who are qualified for, and are receiving, Viasat Internet or Voice Service through the Connect America Fund program (such as the Connection 25 or Voice-Only Connection Plans), or other similar program as designated by Viasat, and through a state or federal lifeline program ("Lifeline Service"). For Lifeline Service, all terms and conditions of the Customer Agreement apply, except as noted herein, as well as these supplemental terms:

1. **Lifeline Program.** Lifeline is a federal government-assistance program dedicated to making phone and internet service more affordable for low-income households. This benefit provides eligible households with a monthly discount of either \$5.25 for Voice-Only service or \$9.25 for Internet, but not both. Qualifying households living on Tribal lands are eligible for an enhanced discount of up to \$34.25 per month, and they may also qualify for a one-time \$100 discount on their installation fees. Some states also offer additional state Lifeline discounts. As part of your receiving Lifeline Service, Viasat will discount your monthly Service fee for your Internet or Voice Service the amount of the then-current federal or state discount (as applicable). The Lifeline Service discount will appear on your bill as a separate line item. The Lifeline discounts, and the related Connection 25 and Voice-Only Connection Plans, are provided by Viasat's subsidiary Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. Your acceptance of the Lifeline discount(s) on your account means that you agree with and understand the terms herein.
2. **Eligibility Requirements.**
 - a. You understand that Lifeline is a government assistance program, that the service is non-transferrable, that only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, and the program is limited to one discount per household.
 - b. You are only eligible for Lifeline Service if you (or your dependent or other person in your household) currently get benefits from the government program(s) listed on the Lifeline Program Application Form (FCC Form 5629), if your annual household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines (the amount listed in the Federal Poverty Guidelines table on the Lifeline Program Application Form (FCC Form 5629)), or if you qualify under applicable state Lifeline eligibility criteria.
 - c. You understand that your household can only get one Lifeline Service benefit, and, to the best of your knowledge, your household is not getting more than one Lifeline Service benefit. A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians.
 - d. You agree that if you move or have a change in any of the information associated with your Lifeline benefit (e.g., household information, contact information), you will provide Viasat with your new information within 30 days.
 - e. You understand that you must notify Viasat within 30 days if you do not qualify for Lifeline Service anymore, including if:
 - i. You, or the person in your household that qualified, no longer qualify for any reason (such as, no longer qualifying through a government program or based on household income level).
 - ii. Either you or someone in your household gets more than one Lifeline Service benefit (including, more than one lifeline broadband internet service, more than one lifeline telephone service, or both lifeline telephone and lifeline broadband internet services).
 - f. You agree that Viasat can give the Lifeline Service program administrator, or the applicable state administrator, ("Administrator") all of the information you provided on the Lifeline Program Application Form (FCC Form 5629) or applicable state Lifeline application form. You understand that this information is meant to help run the Lifeline Service program and that if you do not let Viasat give it to the Administrator, you will not be able to receive Lifeline Service benefits. You can also apply for Lifeline Service directly with the Administrator through the National Verifier, available at <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/national-verifier/>, or through the applicable state Lifeline website.
 - g. You agree that Viasat may enter information in the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) system, or exchange information with the applicable state administrator, for purposes of enrollment, reverification, status updates, and any other required process for you to receive the Lifeline discount. You understand Viasat is required to enter the same personal information you entered in the National Verifier or provided to the applicable state administrator to qualify you for the Lifeline discount. The discount cannot be applied to your Viasat account until you have been successfully enrolled into the NLAD system or the applicable state system.
 - h. You agree that all the answers and agreements that you provided on Lifeline Program Application Form (FCC Form 5629) are true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You understand that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to get Lifeline Service program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, jail time, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.
 - i. You agree that you were truthful about whether or not you are a resident of Tribal lands, as defined in section 2 of the Lifeline Program Application Form (FCC Form 5629).
3. **Reverification.** Viasat, the National Verifier, or the applicable state administrator may have to check whether you still qualify at any time. If you need to recertify or renew your Lifeline Service benefit, you understand that you have to respond by the applicable deadline communicated to you or you will be removed from the Lifeline Service program and your Lifeline Service benefit will stop.

4. **Transferability.** You may transfer your Lifeline benefit to another Lifeline service provider at no charge for the transfer of benefits to another provider.
5. **De-enrollment.** If you become ineligible for the Lifeline Program, you have an obligation to contact Viasat directly and de-enroll from the Lifeline-supported service. Further, the following situations might result in your being de-enrolled from Lifeline Discounts:
 - a. If Viasat has a reasonable basis to believe that you are no longer eligible, Viasat will send you a notice of impending termination of the Lifeline benefit. You will have 30 days from the date of the impending termination letter to demonstrate continued eligibility by re-certifying your continued eligibility. Viasat must terminate your Lifeline benefit if you fail to demonstrate continued eligibility within the 30-day time period.
 - b. If the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the administrator of universal service, or the applicable state administrator provides notification to Viasat that you have more than one discounted account, that you are no longer eligible, or that more than one member of your household is receiving the Lifeline discount, Viasat must de-enroll you from the Lifeline program within five business days.
 - c. You have an obligation to re-certify annually that only one member of your household receives program-supported service and that you continue to be eligible. If you fail to respond to Viasat's, the National Verifier's, or the applicable state administrator's request for certification, Viasat, the National Verifier, or the applicable state administrator will provide you with notification that you have 60 days from the date of the notification to provide the requested certification. If you fail to provide the requested certification within the 60-day notification period, Viasat will de-enroll you from the Lifeline program within five business days from the end of the 60-day notification period.
6. **Viasat Voice and Lifeline.** If you subscribe to Viasat Voice (which provides unlimited local and long distance calling to destinations in all 50 states plus Canada) and receive the Lifeline discount, you may contact Viasat at 855-851-7419 to block calls or other calling services that may result in additional fees. Call blocking, also known as toll limitation, is offered at no charge to Lifeline customers. Further, you may purchase a battery backup option. Details are available at <https://www.viasat.com/home-internet/battery-backup/>.
7. **Early Termination Fees and Lifeline.** As a Lifeline customer, early termination fees do not apply to you, and you may terminate your service with Viasat at any time, without penalty. However, you must still comply with your other obligations pursuant to the Customer Agreement, including payment of any remaining balance due and timely return of your equipment.
8. **Usage Requirement.** If, as a result of discounts or other adjustments, you do not pay a fee for your Lifeline-covered services, you must use your internet service at least once every consecutive 30 days during which you are enrolled in Lifeline in order to receive the Lifeline discount. If, for any reason you do not use your Internet Service at least once every consecutive 30 days, you may not receive the Lifeline discount for that month; however, you may receive it in subsequent months so long as you cure your non-usage within 15 days. You will receive a notice if your account does not show usage for any consecutive 30-day period, and you must cure your non-usage within 15 days of that notice, or Viasat is required to de-enroll you from Lifeline and remove your discount.
9. **Voice-Only Discount End-Date.** The Voice-Only Lifeline discount of \$5.25 will be ending as of November 30, 2025 in most locations. If you are receiving the Voice-Only Lifeline discount, beginning on December 1, 2025, it will be removed from your account. The Lifeline discount of \$9.25 per month for eligible customers who purchase Internet is not currently scheduled to expire. You may transition to the Connection 25 Internet plan, or the Connection 25 Internet plan with a Voice Add-On at any time, so long as you remain Lifeline eligible.
10. **Disputes.** If you are unable to resolve a dispute with Viasat, you may contact your local Public Utilities Commission ("PUC"). Contact information is below. The PUC will address Lifeline-related issues that include (1) eligibility disputes; (2) program offering issues; and (3) limited equipment-related issues.

You may contact the commission for your state via the options listed here:

https://www.viasat.com/content/dam/us-site/residential/documents/2021-09-10_State_Public_Utility_Contact_Information_for_Connect_America_Fund_Customers.pdf

11. **Conflict.** If there is a conflict between the terms of the Customer Agreement and this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall control.