Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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| Connect America Fund |) | WC Docket No. 10-90 |
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| Lifeline and Link Up Reform |) | WC Docket No. 11-42 |
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| ETC Annual Reports and Certifications |) | WC Docket No. 14-58 |

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company, SAC 361491, ("the company") requests that the portion of its Form 481 pertaining to the 5-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan be granted confidential, non-public treatment pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, and related provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), including 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) ("Exemption 4"). Form 481 contains information regarding the company's Section 54.202(a) 5- Year Service Quality Improvement Plan including capital expenditures and operating expenses. Release of such information would supply a roadmap to competitors regarding confidential build out plans and study area demographics. In addition, the document contains confidential information that is not customarily disclosed to the public or made available within the telecommunications industry. Information in support of the company's request for confidential treatment pursuant to Section 0.459(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b), is provided below.

I. TWIN VALLEY-ULEN TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FORM 481 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 0.459 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

The material for which the company seeks confidentiality falls squarely within the requirements of Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules. As demonstrated below, the company has satisfied each of the elements of Section 0.459, and disclosure of this information would result in competitive harm to the company.

- (1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought. The company requests confidential treatment for the portion of Form 481 required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 related to the Section 54.202(a) 5- Year Service Quality Improvement Plan. The information bears the legend "Confidential Financial Information. The specific information falls into the categories of: 1. Capital Expenditures, 2. Operating Expenses and 3. Area Demographics
- (2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission. The information is required to be produced annually by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313. The proceedings are WC Docket No. 10-90 and WC Docket No. 11-42. The documents will also be submitted in WC Docket NO. 14-58
- (3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged. The information for which confidentiality is requested is "financial" and commercial in nature. The information is "confidential" in that it "would customarily not be released to the public." The courts have elaborated that material "is 'confidential' . . . if disclosure of the information is likely to have either the following effects: (1) to impair the government's ability to obtain necessary information in the future; or (2) to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained." Both of the considerations apply in this instance, as further explained in point (5) below.
- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition. All of the services provided by the company are subject to intense existing or potential competition.

¹ See Board of Trade of the City of Chicago v. Commodity Futures Trading Comm'n, 627 F.2d 392, 403 & n.78 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (courts have given the terms "commercial" and "financial, as used in Section 552(b)(4), their ordinary meanings).

² Critical Mass Energy Project v. NRC, 975 F.2d 871, 873 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (citing the Senate Committee Report).

³Nat'l Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Morton, 498 f.2d 764, 770 (D.C. Cir. 1974) (footnote omitted); see also Critical Mass Energy, 975 F.2d at 873.

- (5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm. If the information were publicly available, it would supply competitors with financial information not ordinarily available to the public. Specifically, rural telephone service has historically lent itself to "cherry picking" by competitors that choose to only serve low cost areas. Release of this specific build out and operating expense information would allow competitors to gain an unfair advantage.
- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure. The information for which the company seeks confidential treatment is information that the company does not customarily release to the public. The company also limits the internal circulation of this information to only those with a need to know.

Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(a), the items for which confidentiality is requested are being submitted with, and are covered by, this request. This request for confidentiality - as well as the documents subject to this request - are being filed in hard copy and/or electronic copy.

- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties. The documents and information for which confidentiality is sought are not made available to the public and have not been disclosed to third parties, except to those entities identified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(i). For those disclosures, the company has requested confidential treatment by the entities for the same information.
- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure. Given the sensitive nature of the information for which confidentiality is requested, the prospect of serious competitive harm, the company requests that confidential treatment apply indefinitely.

II. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, the company requests that the portion of Form 481 relating to the Section 54.202(a) 5 - Year Service Quality Improvement Plan be treated as confidential under the Commission's rules and precedent and withheld in their entirety from public inspection, and that any distribution of them within the Commission should be limited to a "need to know" basis. In the event that any person or entity requests access to the documents or seeks to make any or all of them part of the public record, the company requests to be notified immediately so that it can oppose such request or take other action as necessary to safeguard its interests and the interests of consumers.

Sincerely,

Tom Campbell

Telecommunications Consultant

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

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

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| <035> | Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> | 6516218511 ext. | | |
| <039> | Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> | tcampbell@otcpas.com | | |
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| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | tcampbell@c | tcpas.com | |
| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? | (ye | s/no) O | |
| <111> | If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? | (ye | es / no) O | |
| <112> | If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to 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. 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 of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service. | ompany is a | 361491mn112.pdf | |
| | Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), on lit 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. | ne | | Name of Attached Document |
| <113> | Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets | | | |
| <114> | Report how much universal service (USF) support was received | | ✓ | |
| <115> | How (USF) was used to improve service quality | | ✓ | |
| <116> | How (USF)was used to improve service coverage | | ✓ | |
| <117> | How (USF) was used to improve service capacity | | <u>√</u> | |
| <118> | Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year. | | | |

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| (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) | FCC Form 481 |
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| (700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data | FCC Form 481 |
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| (710) Broadband Price Offerings | FCC Form 481 |
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| <812> | Operating Company | | |

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| <910> | Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves | Earth Indian Reservation |
| <920> | Tribal Government Engagement Obligation | Name of Attached Document |
| If your o | company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes | |

§ 54.313(a)(9) includes: Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal <921> 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.

to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920,

demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to

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| | o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting ection Form | | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <1120> | Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) | | |
| <1130> | Please check this box 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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| (1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers | | | FCC Form 481 |
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| or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information p | | | |
| § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support. | | | |
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| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any | y voice 🗸 | | |
| telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | | | |
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| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of t | he plan. | | |
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| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such | plan. | | |
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| (2000) Pr | ice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation | | | FCC Form 481 |
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| CHECK th | ne boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect Amer | ica Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, Hig | h Cost support to offset ac | cess charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II |
| | support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(| | • • • | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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| | Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting | | | |
| <2010> | 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)} | | | |
| <2011> | 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)} | | | |
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| | Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a)) | | | |
| <2012> | 2013 Frozen Support Certification | | | |
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| <2015> | 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification | | | |
| | Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} | | | |
| <2016> | Certification Support Used to Build Broadband | | | |
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| <2017> | 3rd year Broadband Service Certification | | | |
| <2018> | 5th year Broadband Service Certification | | | |
| <2019> | Interim Progress Certification | | | |
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| (3000) Ra | ate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation | FCC Form 481 |
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| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | tcampbell@otcpas.com |
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| CHECK t | | t to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 |
| | CFR 9 54.313(1)(2). I further certify that th | e information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate. |
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| (3010) | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan | |
| (3010) | Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} | |
| | | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |
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| (3011) | Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3 § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addre | |
| | providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. | Social Community and for inductions to which began |
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| (3012) | Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)} | |
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| | | 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 document(s), 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) | <u>—</u> |
| (3016) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cast | sh Flows |
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| (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) |
| (3016) | | (163/10) |
| | 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 fo | urmat comparable to RIIS Operating Report for Telecommunications |
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| (3020) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca | ash Flows L_✓ |
| (3021) | Management letter 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 | <u> </u> |
| | 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 | |
| (2022) | 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 Ca | sh Flows |
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| (3026) | Attach the worksheet listing required information | |
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| Certification - Reporting Carrier | FCC Form 481 |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to | e Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients | |
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| 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: | | |
| 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: | |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form car | e 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. | |

| | ion - Agent / Carrier ection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

| I certify that (Name of Agent)Tom_Campbell also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibility agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided | is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. It is include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized to the authorized agent is accurate. |
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| Name of Authorized Agent: Tom Campbell | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: TWIN VALLEY-ULEN TEL | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE | Date: 06/24/2014 |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: Staci Malikowski | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Financial Officer | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2183468498 ext. | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 361491 | Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014 |

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

| Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recip | pients on Behalf of Reporting | g Carrier |
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| is agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service suppo | ort recipients on behalf of the rep | orting carrier; I have provided |
| e data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information | • | • , . |
| me of Reporting Carrier: TWIN VALLEY-ULEN TEL | | |
| me of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Tom Campbell | | |
| nature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE | Date: | 06/24/2014 |
| nted name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Tom Campbell | | |
| le or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Consultant | | |
| lephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 6516218511 ext. | | |
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Attachments

| (700) Pri | ce Offerings including Voice Rate Data | | FCC Form 481 |
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge 1/1/2014

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| | | | | Residential Local | | | Mandatory Extended Area | |
| State | Exchange (ILEC) | SAC (CETC) | Rate Type | Service Rate | State Subscriber Line Charge | State Universal Service Fee | Service Charge | Total per line Rates and Fees |
| MN | Flom | | FR | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 |
| MN | Gary | | FR | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 |
| MN | Ogema/White Earth | | FR | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 |
| MN | Tulaby Lake | | FR | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 |
| MN | Twin Valley | | FR | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 |
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| (710) Broadband Price Offerings | FCC Form 481 |
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| | State | Exchange (ILEC) | Residential Rate | State Regulated Fees | Total Rates and Fees | | Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps) | Usage Allowance (GB) | Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select} |
| | MN | ALL | 42.95 | 0.0 | 42.95 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | Other, No limit on usage allowance |
| | MN | ALL | 52.95 | 0.0 | 52.95 | 7.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | Other, No limit on usage allowance |
| | MN | ALL | 69.97 | 0.0 | 69.97 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | Other, No limit on usage allowance |
| | MN | ALL | 75.95 | 0.0 | 75.95 | 20.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | Other, No limit on usage allowance |
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| (800) Op | erating Companies | | | FCC Form 481 |
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company | | |
| <811> | Holding Company | Arvig Enterprises, Inc. | | |
| <812> | Operating Company | | | |

| <813> | <a1></a1> | <a2></a2> | <a3></a3> |
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| | Affiliates | SAC | Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
| | Arrowhead Communications Corporation | 361374 | Arvig |
| | Callaway Telephone Company | 361365 | Arvig |
| | Eagle Valley Telephone Company | 361383 | Arvig |
| | East Otter Tail Telephone Company | 361385 | Arvig |
| | The Home Telephone Company | 361408 | Arvig |
| | Lortel Systems, Inc. | 361443 | Arvig |
| | Midwest Telephone Company | 361431 | Arvig |
| | Osakis Telephone Company | 361448 | Arvig |
| | The Peoples Telephone Company of Big Fork | 361453 | Arvig |
| | Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company | 361491 | Arvig |
| | Redwood County Telephone Company | 361472 | Arvig |
| <u>-</u> | Clements Telephone Company | 361372 | Arvig |
| <u>-</u> | Melrose Telephone Company | 361430 | Arvig |
| | Mainstreet Communcations Corporation, LLC | | Arvig |
| | Felton Telephone Company | 361391 | Arvig |
| | Tekstar Communications, Inc. | 369007 | Arvig |
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Twin Valley - Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 112 Five Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As required by MN. Rule "7812.0700 Minnesota General Service Quality Requirements. Subpart 1" the local services provided by Twin Valley-Ulen Tel are provided under internal company operating procedures and publically available tariffs which are in compliance with applicable Minnesota Public Utility Commission orders and rules including:

7810.0100 DEFINITIONS. 7810.0200 SCOPE. 7810.0300 STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

7810.0400 RETENTION OF RECORDS.
7810.0500 DATA TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.
7810.0600 REPORT TO COMMISSION ON SERVICE DISRUPTION.
7810.0900 LOCATION OF RECORDS.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

7810.1000 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMER AND PUBLIC. 7810.1100 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.

7810.1200 RECORD OF COMPLAINT.

CUSTOMER BILLING; DEPOSIT AND GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS

7810.1400 CUSTOMER BILLING.

7810.1500 DEPOSIT AND GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.1600 DEPOSIT.

7810.1700 GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT.

DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE; SERVICE DELAY

7810.1800 PERMISSIBLE SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS WITH NOTICE.

7810.1900 PERMISSIBLE SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

7810.2000 NONPERMISSIBLE REASONS TO DISCONNECT SERVICE.

7810,2100 MANNER OF DISCONNECTION.

7810.2200 RECONNECTION OF SERVICE.

7810.2300 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.2400 BILL DISPUTES.

7810.2500 ESCROW PAYMENTS.

7810.2600 WAIVING RIGHT TO DISCONNECT: EMERGENCY STATUS.

7810.2800 DELAY IN INITIAL SERVICE OR UPGRADE.

DIRECTORIES

7810.2900 CONTENT OF DIRECTORIES.

7810.3000 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE.

7810.3100 CHANGES OR ERROR OF LISTED NUMBER.

ENGINEERING

7810.3200 CONSTRUCTION OF TELEPHONE PLANT.

7810.3300 MAINTENANCE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

7810.3900 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

INSPECTIONS, TESTS, SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

7810.4100 ACCESS TO TEST FACILITIES.

7810.4300 ACCURACY REQUIREMENTS.

7810.4900 ADEQUACY OF SERVICE.

7810.5000 UTILITY OBLIGATIONS.

7810.5100 TELEPHONE OPERATORS.

7810.5200 ANSWERING TIME.

7810.5300 DIAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

7810.5400 INTEROFFICE TRUNKS.

7810.5500 TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

7810.5800 INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

7810.5900 CUSTOMER TROUBLE REPORTS.

7810.6000 PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

7810.6100 SAFETY PROGRAM.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel is in compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other Federal and State requirements governing the protection of Customer's privacy.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel pursuant to MN Rule "7810.390 Emergency Operations" has:

- Established reasonable provisions to meet emergencies resulting from failures of lighting or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, illness of operators or from fire, storm, or acts of God including provisions for emergency power that meet or exceed the rule requirement to provide:
 - o A minimum of four hours of battery service in each central office.
 - o A permanently installed power unit in exchanges exceeding 5000 lines.
 - Mobile power units that can be delivered on short notice and which can be readily.
 connected in offices without installed emergency power facilities.
- Has informed employees as to the procedures to be followed, including reasonable rerouting of traffic around damaged facilities and the deployment of emergency power, in the event of emergency in order to prevent or mitigate interruption or impairment of telecommunications service.

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Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481, Line No. 920, Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel serves the White Earth Indian Reservation with phone and internet services. A letter was sent in 2013 requesting a conversation to discuss any and all options to better serve the White Earth Indian Reservation. No response was received. Additional follow up is planned for 2014.



150 Second Street SW Perham, MN 56573

218.346.5500

arvig.com

November 26, 2013

Jerome Lohtka White Earth Reservation PO Box 418 White Earth, MN 56591

Re: FCC Order 11-161, DA 12-1165 Tribal Land Engagement.

Dear Mr. Lohtka,

As part of the USF/FCC Transformation order the Federal Communications commission (FCC) adopted a Tribal government engagement requirement for all eligible telecommunications carriers that are currently serving or are seeking to serve Tribal lands. For ease of reference I have enclosed a copy of the Public Notice that released by the FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

Arvig serves the White Earth Tribal area with phone and internet service. I am writing you today to initiate conversation with your Tribal government and leaders to discuss any and all options to better serve your lands with high speed technology. Specifically, I would like to discuss your specific communications goals, needs and priorities. We offer services to you today, and would like to initiate a conversation to see if there is anything we can do to assist you with further needs.

Please contact me at your convenience using the information listed below.

Sincerely,

David Schornack
Director of Sales & Business Development
Arvig
218-346-8107
david.schornack@arvig.com

cc: Cindy Walhof, Arvig - Tribal Representative

SAC: 361491 State: MN

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 1010 Descriptive document for Voice Services Rate Comparability

Line 1010 – Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability: Provide a detailed description of how your pricing of fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, as required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

On March 20, 2014 the Wireline Competition Bureau announced results of the Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services; as part the FCC Public Notice DA 14-384. Referenced in this public notice are the results required to meet the rate comparability as noted:

"Based on the survey responses, the Bureau also calculated the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services to be \$46.96.9

9. ld. at 17694, para. 84."

As required Twin Valley-Ulen Tel hereby certifies that its current fixed voice services for residential subscribers as defined in the USF/ICC Transformation Order is below \$46.96.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 1210 Lifeline Plans Terms and Conditions

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel does adhere to all Federal Lifeline eligibility rules and regulations as well as Minnesota Administrative Rule "7817.0400 - Eligibility for Telephone Assistance Credits" which states:

Minnesota Administrative Rule 237 Chapter 7817.0400

Subpart 1. Information provided. Each local service provider shall annually mail a notice of the availability of the telephone assistance plan to each residential subscriber in a regular billing. If a subscriber has chosen to receive the regular billing other than through U.S. mail, the local service provider shall send the notice in a regular billing using the delivery method chosen by the subscriber for delivery of the regular billing. The notice must state the following: YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IN PAYING YOUR TELEPHONE BILL IF YOU RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM CERTAIN LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OR MEET CERTAIN INCOME LIMITS. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION FORM PLEASE CONTACT

<u>(local service provider)</u>. On request, the local service provider shall mail to a person an application form developed by the commission and the Department of Commerce, and a brochure that describes the telephone assistance plan's eligibility requirements and application process.

Subpart 2. Application process. On completing and signing the application certifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided by the applicant is true and that the statutory criteria for eligibility are satisfied, the applicant must return it to the local service provider for enrollment in the telephone assistance plan. An application may be made by the subscriber, the subscriber's spouse, or a person authorized by the subscriber to act on the subscriber's behalf.

Subpart 4. Eligibility criteria. To be eligible for a telephone assistance credit the applicant must:

- A. be a subscriber who resides in Minnesota or has moved to Minnesota and intends to remain; and
- B. be eligible for the federal Lifeline telephone service discount.

Subpart 7. Applicant and recipient responsibilities. Each applicant and each recipient shall provide current information to the local service provider about permanent changes that affect the applicant's or recipient's eligibility.

Subpart 8. Local service provider responsibilities.

- A. A local service provider shall begin providing telephone assistance credits to an applicant in the earliest possible billing cycle but not later than the second billing cycle following submission of a completed application demonstrating eligibility. If certified, the local service provider shall notify the applicant by, for example, placing telephone assistance credits on the bill.
- B. If an applicant is denied eligibility, the local service provider shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, of the right to appeal, and of the right to reapply.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

Form 481 Line No. 1210 Lifeline Plans Terms and Conditions

Rates

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel's Local service rates that serve as its Lifeline Plans are filed in Compliance with the regulatory requirements of Minn. Rules Ch. 7810 and Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600 as follows:

A. The tariffs or price lists of local exchange carriers must offer the following services to all

| customers pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600 (basic service requirements): |
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| single party voice-grade service and touch-tone capability; |
| 911 or enhanced 911 access; |
| 1 + intraLATA and interLATA presubscription and code-specific equal access to |
| interexchange carriers subscribing to its switched access service; |
| access to directory assistance, directory listings, and operator services; |
| toll and information service-blocking capability without recurring monthly charges |
| one white pages directory per year for each local calling area, which may include |
| more than one local calling area, except where an offer is made and explicitly |
| refused by the customer; |
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| a white pages and directory assistance listing, or, upon customer request, a private |
| listing that allows the customer to have an unlisted or unpublished telephone number; |
| call-tracing capability according to chapter 7813; |
| (i) call Trace provisions in tariff mirror Commission's tariff templates. |
| blocking capability according to the Commission's ORDER ESTABLISHING |
| CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF CUSTOMER LOCAL AREA SIGNALING |
| SERVICES, Docket No. P999/CI-92-992 (June 17, 1993) and its ORDER AFTER |
| RECONSIDERATION, Docket No. P999/CI-92-992 (December 3, 1993). |
| telecommunications relay service capability or access necessary to comply with |
| state and federal regulations. |

B. A Separate flat rate service offering is required pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 2. At a minimum, each local service provider (LSP) shall offer the services identified in Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 1 as a separate tariff or price list offering on a flat rate basis. An LSP may also offer basic local service on a measured rate basis or in combination with other services. An LSP may impose separate charges for the services set forth in subpart 1 only to the extent permitted by applicable laws, rules, and commission orders.

Twin Valley-Ulen Tel

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C. Service area obligations under Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 3: An LSP shall provide its local services on a nondiscriminatory basis, consistent with its certificate under part 7812.0300 or 7812.0350, to all customers who request service and whose premises fall within the carrier's service area boundaries or, for an interim period, to all requesting customers whose premises fall within the operational areas of the local service provider's service area under part 7812.0300, subpart 4, or 7812.0350, subpart 4. The obligation to provide resale services does not extend beyond the service capability of the underlying carrier whose service is being resold. The obligation to provide facilities-based services does not require an LSP that is not an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to build out its facilities to customers not abutting its facilities or to serve a customer if the local service provider cannot reasonably obtain access to the point of demarcation on the customer's premises.

The flat rate services, offered pursuant to Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0600, subpt. 2., include unlimited local service minutes of use. The local services offerings do not include any toll minutes of use. The rates for any toll usage are determined by the rate plans of the Toll Provider(s) that end users are selected by lifeline by end users.

The specific Company terms and conditions for the Companies Lifeline Plans are set forth in the tariff pages included in Exhibit 1, attached.

Exhibit 1

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LOCAL CALLING AREA RATES

CLASS OF SERVICE

BUSINESS

Access Line Charge \$19.20

RESIDENCE

Access Line Charge \$19.20

BASIC COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE \$19.20

All Rates billed in advance at the <u>Net</u> Rate. Payment for service is due when statement is rendered.

SEASONAL SERVICE

Seasonal Service – See Section 4, Page 3.1

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

Twin Valley to Flom, Gary and Ulen

Ulen to Flom, Hitterdal and Twin Valley

Gary to Twin Valley

Waubun to Flom, Mahnomen and Ogema/White Earth

and Tulaby

Flom to Twin Valley, Ulen, Waubun and Tulaby

Ogema/White Earth to Waubun and Tulaby

Tulaby to Waubun, Flom, Mahnomen and

Ogema/White Earth

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

APPLICATION OF RATES GENERAL

- 1. This section describes the application of business and residence rates.
- 2. Although the location of the service is a guide, the primary or dominant character of use is controlling

regardless of the locations.

BUSINESS SERVICE

- 1. Business rates apply where the primary or dominant character of use is for business, professional or occupational purposes. Business service is provided at the following locations:
 - a. Offices, stores, factories and all other places of a strictly business nature.
 - b. Hospitals.
 - c. Administrative locations of nursing home and home for the aged.
 - d. Colleges and universities (excluding dormitories).
 - e. Senior High, Junior High, and Elementary Schools.
 - f. Administrative offices of church organizations such as denominational state or district headquarters (includes individual churches).
 - g. Quarters occupied by charitable organizations, libraries, clubs, civic organizations and fraternal

societies. Where the quarters of a club or fraternal society are infrequently used, such as for weekly

meetings, and no attendant or administrative staff is provided, residence service may be installed. Fraternal societies, as here used, does not include college fraternity or sorority houses in which members

lodge or board.

h. At the residence of a practicing professional person or those in similar categories where the subscriber

is not receiving service at business rates at another location.

- i. At any location, including residence, where:
 - (1) A commercial or professional designation or title is employed in the directory. Designations such as "Rev.", "Father", "Rabbi", etc. however are permitted with residence service. Designations which are not considered descriptive of the subscriber's profession or similar designations without a business connotation, such as "Dr." are permitted.

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APPLICATION OF RATES

BUSINESS SERVICE (CON'T)

- (2) The telephone number is advertised on a continuing or recurring basis in connection with a business, profession, product, service or occupation.
- (3) Commercial or professional signs are displayed on the customer's premises, with or without a telephone number, indicating full-time commercial occupancy.

RESIDENCE SERVICE

1. Residence rates apply where the primary or dominant character of use is for social or domestic purposes. Generally, except as outlined below, the service is confined to the living quarters of the subscriber.

Residence service is provided at the following locations:

- a. Private residences.
- b. Building which are part of the subscriber's domestic establishment and used only for domestic purposes such as private garages, stables and boat houses.
- c. Private rooms or apartments including those located in hotels, clubs, nursing homes and home for the aged where the service is confined to the social and domestic use of the subscriber.
- d. College dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses where the members lodge or board.
- e. Rooms occupied by clubs or fraternal societies which are infrequently used and no attendant or staff is regularly provided (see also definition under business service).
- f. Service on a farmstead may be provided at residence rates. At the point a second line is required for agricultural activities, the second line would need to be classified as a business line.
- g. Residential rates will also apply to include <u>service at residential premises</u> where the service is used for occupational, administrative, professional, agricultural or commercial purposes.
- h. Yellow page listings are not provided as a part of residence service. If a yellow page listing is required, the service would be considered business.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF

SEASONAL SERVICE

I. General

Seasonal Service is provided to residence and single line business customers whose requirements for telephone services are less than that which might normally be provided in any 12 month period.

II. Seasonal Rate Plans

A. Six-Month Plan

Customer will be billed monthly at regular rates when service is activated, May 1 to October 31, and billed \$5.95 during inactive months.

B. Eight-Month Plan

Customer will be billed monthly at regular rates when service is activated, April 1 to November 30, and billed \$5.95 during inactive months.

C. Ten-Month Plan

Customer will be billed monthly at regular rates when service is activated, April 1 to January 31, and billed \$5.95 during inactive months.

D. Suspend Plan

Allows the customer to suspend their service during the months they do not use the telephone service. Under this plan, the customer will be billed monthly at the regular rates when service is activated, and billed \$5.95 per month when service is suspended.

III. Conditions

- A. Seasonal Service will be furnished under the following conditions:
 - 1. Available to all grades of residence and single line business exchange service where the usage is of a seasonal nature.
- B. Normal service order charge to reconnect will be charged on Suspend Plan. A reduced service order charge of \$9.95 will apply to the automated Six, Eight and Ten-Month Plans.
 - 1. The Suspend Plan requires the customer to notify the Company when to suspend and reconnect service.
- C. The Customer will retain their telephone number and directory listing.
- D. To be eligible for the Suspend Plan, service must not be at the residential customers' primary/homestead residence.
- E. The customer shall be eligible for seasonal service only at the same location in the Company's service area.

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GENERAL SERVICES

<u>APPLICATION OF RATES</u> (Continued)

SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

1. Definitions:

- a)"School" means a public, non-public, and church or religious organization school that has classes within the range from kindergarten to grade 12 that meets state compulsory attendance requirements.
- b) "Public Library" means a library available to the public which is operated by a county or other local government.
- c)"Basic Service to School Classrooms" means access to the local network and tone dial service.
- d)"Basic and Advanced Service" includes any service for which the Company may receive compensation from, or a set off against its obligation to, the Federal universal service fund and/or any Minnesota universal service fund as a result of the discount provided pursuant to this tariff position.

2. Basic Service to School Classrooms

A discounted flat rate shall be provided, upon request, to a school that install additional basic service to each classroom or other areas of the school designated by the school board at level determined by the Company that is less than the Company's flat rate for an access line for a business customer(and the same as or greater than the Company's flat rate for an access line for a residence in the same area.

3. Basic and Advanced Services to Schools and Public Libraries

A discount rate may be provided upon request, to a school or public library for basic and advanced services. If a request is received by the Company for a discounted rate before the requirements for the Company to receive compensation from, or a set off of its obligations to, the federal or state universal service fund are determined, the Company in its sole discretion, may determine whether to provide any discount of its services. If a request is received by the Company for a discounted rate after the requirements for the Company to receive compensation from, or a set off of its obligations to, the federal or state universal service fund are determined, both the Company and the requesting school or library shall comply with all applicable requirements.

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4. Limitations On Resale

- a) A school or public library receiving discounted services may not resell, sublease or in any other manner allow entities that would not qualify for the discount to obtain those services.
- b) A telecommunications provider, telephone company, or an authorized agent of the school or public library possessing all authorization needed to provide telecommunication service to the school or library may request that the Company provide the service to the telecommunications provider, telephone company or agent at the discounted rate for the exclusive purpose of providing the requested service to a qualifying school or public library that has requested the service. A telecommunications provider, telephone company, or an authorized agent shall not be entitled to any additional discount on services qualifying for a discount under this tariff and the discounted rate offered by the Company shall not be considered its retail rate for this service.

LOCAL SERVICE RATE WITH ACS SECURITY SOLUTIONS PACKAGE

I. General

Residential subscribers who also sign an agreement, after October 15, 2010, to become an ACS Security Solutions customer with monthly monitoring are eligible to receive a reduced local service monthly rate of \$5.95 for six months per year for each year the subscriber remains eligible. Regular rates shall apply for the other six months of the year. This rate is available for all Company exchanges.

All installation and service order charges are applicable. Rules and regulations apply the same as regular Residence rated access lines. Residence classification only, as described on Page 3 of Section 4 of the Company tariff.

Subscribers who are no longer ACS Security Solutions customers will be charged at normal monthly rates effective immediately upon disconnection of such service.

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