

June 29, 2015

### VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

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

Re:

2015 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Annual Report Filing; Docket No. GNR-T-15-01

Gold Star Communications (479011)

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Gold Star Communications, LLC (dba Silver Star Communications, "Gold Star") hereby files with the Commission the 2015 ETC Annual Report Filing, as follows:

A copy of the Gold Star Communications, LLC-479011 FCC Form 481 — Carrier Annual Reporting Collection Form, completed pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422, as applicable, redacted for public viewing to protect confidential and proprietary financial information, along with the Officer Affidavit per Commission Order 29841.

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

Request is hereby made that the Commission notify the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administration Company, prior to October 1, 2015, that Gold Star is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the year 2016.

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Motzkus

Legal & Regulatory Administrator

ph: 307-883-6690

email: mamotzkus@silverstar.net

**Enclosures** 

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PO Box 226 Freedom, WY 83120

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(100) S	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting		FCC Form 481	
Data C	ollection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	
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<020>	Program Year	2016		
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	mamotzkus@silverstar.net		
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / 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?	(yes / no ) O 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.	company is a		
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confit that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	e-year	Name of Attached Document	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets			
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received			
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to impro	ove service quality		
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve	prove service coverage	=	
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to impr		=	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	. ,	$\exists$	

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

1/1/2015

702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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<811>	Holding Company	Horizon Communications, Inc.		
<812>	Operating Company	Gold Star Communications, LLC		

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves					
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation		Name	e of Attached	Document	
If your o	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes					
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§ 54.313	B(a)(9) includes:		s or No or			
<921> <922>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.  Feasibility and sustainability planning;	No	at Applicable			
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;					
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes					
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements					
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	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	-				
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	-				

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<1120>	Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).	à	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans		479011id1210.pdf	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP		
or the we	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line estite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to (a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers murreport:			
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	~		
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	~		

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, 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(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)	
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2011b>	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	
		Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	
2012>	2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}	
2013>	2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}	
2014>	2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}	
2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}	
	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}	
2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	
	Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	
2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<del></del>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	
:2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021,contain pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broad providing access to	e number, names, and
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CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that th	e information reported on this form and in the documents attache	ed below is accurate.
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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 roviding access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	012 contains the required information pursuant to sses of community anchor institutions to which began	
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Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(†)(1)(ii))		
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bocument(s) for Balance Sheet, income Statement and Statement of Cas	SIT Flows	<u> </u>
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	
If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	$\Gamma$
If the response is was on line 3018, please check the hoves help 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 fo	ormat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	s 🔲
Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	ash Flows	
Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified pu	iblic accountant that performed the company's financial audit	
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below		
to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2),		
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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		
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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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

479011

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Gold Star Communications LLC Signature of Authorized Officer: Certified OnLine Date Officer: Jefferson England Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Financial Officer Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3078836675 ext.

Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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## 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) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports an	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. It responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Age	ent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipier	nts on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
, , , ,	uthorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support r the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information	
Name of Reporting Carrier:		
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Age	nt:	
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Attachments

# **GOLD STAR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

dba Silver Star Communications ("Silver Star")

Line 200 (54.313(a)(2) Compliance)

(FCC Form 481)

This section, consisting of one (1) page, is redacted in its entirety.

dba Silver Star Communications ("Silver Star")

# Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 - Line 510)

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

dba Silver Star Communications ("Silver Star")

# Functionality in Emergency Situations Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 - Line 610)

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

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<703>

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

**Data Collection Form** 

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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
ID			FR	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0
ID			FR	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0
ID			MS	24.99	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.99
ID			MS	39.99	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.99
ID			MS	49.99	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.99
ID			MS	69.99	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.99
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<812>	Operating Company	Gold Star Communications, LLC	

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(800) Operating Companies

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
_	Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.	512295	Silver Star Communications
	Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.	472295	Silver Star Communications
	Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.	519001	Silver Star Communications
	Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.	472295	Silver Star Communications
	Millenium Networks, LLC		Silver Star Communications
	Gold Star Communications, LLC	519005	Silver Star Communications
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dba Silver Star Communications ("Silver Star")

(54.313(a)(1) Compliance)

(FCC Form 481 - Line 1010)

Not Applicable to Filer, as it is a wireless provider and no voice comparability benchmark has been set for wireless providers.

dba Silver Star Communications ("Silver Star")

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

(FCC Form 481 - Line 1210)

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

State of Wyoming	)	CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
	: ss.	OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER
County of Lincoln	)	PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL IN
		EMERGENCIES, AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF BUSINESS OR CORPORATE OFFICER

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the USAC and the FCC that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:

- 1. I am an officer of Gold Star Communications, LLC (dba Silver Star Communications) an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.
- 2. I am familiar with the Company's day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.
- 3. Gold Star Communications, LLC is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.
- 4. I certify to the Commission that the Company is able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2).
- 5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by Gold Star Communications, LLC during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.
- 6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

Ron B. McCue

**Chief Operations Officer** 

Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 29day of June, 2015.

MICHELLE MOTZKUS
Notary Public
State of Wyoming
County of Lincoln
My Commission Expires

Notary Public for Wyoming, residing at Lincoln County

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_