

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
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Filing Type	High Cost (54.313) and Low Income (54.422)

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	472232ID610.pdf

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Y

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

Shoshone Bannock Tribe

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

472232ID920.pdf

<921>

- <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.

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(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	yes
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	472232ID1010.pdf
		Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes - no more than benchmark
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	472232ID1030.pdf
		Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

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<1140> Alaska Plan rate-of-return certification (yes, no, or not applicable) of compliance with approved performance plan.

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	472232ID1210.pdf
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<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP
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| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation		FCC Form 481
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<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		December 2020

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Select the appropriate responses below to note compliance as a recipient of frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(c),(d). The information reported on this form is accurate.

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 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

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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(3007) Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator? yes

(3007a) Name of Consultant	(3007b) Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party
RJ DelMese	Moss Adams

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	yes	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	472232ID3010.pdf
(3012A)	Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.	yes	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	DCR Community Anchor Institutes.xlsm
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	472232ID3026.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	6093643
(3028) Operating Expenses	6420639
(3029) Net Income	3475632
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	60430941
(3031) Total Assets	80963098
(3032) Total Debt	14487050
(3033) Total Equity	45984272
(3034) Dividends	0

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Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations and provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

<4001> Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

RBE Community Anchor Institutions

<4003a> Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year

<4003b> Please Provide Attachment: Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details as required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

Phase II Auction and New York Funds Certification

<6011> Certify (either yes or no) regarding whether the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1st after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support. (Yes/No)

Phase II Auction Community Anchor Institutions

<6012a> Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

<6012b> Please Provide Attachment Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details as required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79). Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Phase II Auction FCC Form 470 Postings

<6013> For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

Phase II Auction Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification

<6014> Starting the first July 1st after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes, no, or not applicable) that the Phase II-funded network that the Phase II auction recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in § 54.309.

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<7010> **Price Cap Carrier and Fixed Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Transitional Support Requirement Certification** (Yes/No)

Please provide a response (either yes or no) to this certification request. Any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that elects to continue receiving support pursuant to §54.312(d) or §54.307(e)(2)(iii) starting July 1, 2020 and annually thereafter on July 1 for each subsequent year they receive such support, that all such support the company received in the previous year was used to provide voice service throughout the high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they continue to have the federal high-cost eligible telecommunications carrier obligation to provide voice service pursuant to §54.201(d) at rates that are reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas. This certification is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(m).

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<8010> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Capital Expenditures**

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

<8011> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Available Funds Certification**

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

<8012a> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Community Anchor Institutions**

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

Please Provide Attachment

<8012b> Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Name of Attached
Document Listing Required
Information

Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – FCC Form 470 Postings

<8013> For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

<8014> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification**

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

<8020> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Support Reimbursement Certification**

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

<8030> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed – Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation**

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

<8040> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile – Support Reimbursement**

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

<8050> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile – Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation**

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

<8060> **Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile – Mobile Disbursements Certification**

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

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<9010> **Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Capital Expenditures**

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

<9011> **Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Available Funds Certification**

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

<9012a> **Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Community Anchor Institutions**

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

Please Provide Attachment

<9012b> Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.

Name of Attached
Document Listing Required
Information

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – FCC Form 470 Postings

<9013> For the filing due July 1 following full implementation of this requirement answer yes, no, or not applicable to this certification request.

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification

<9014> Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify (yes or no) that the Connect USVI Fund Stage 2-funded network that the Stage 2 recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in § 54.309.

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Support Reimbursement Certification

<9020> 54.313(n): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund.

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation

<9030> 54.313(n): Recipients of fixed support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Support Reimbursement Certification

<9040> 54.313(n): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that such support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support, including of federal or local government aid or insurance reimbursements; and that support was not used for other purposes, such as the retirement of company debt unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network restoration, hardening, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund. Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and recovery documentation.

Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation

<9050> 54.313(n): Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund shall certify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 54.1515(a)-(c) to determine the need for and to implement changes or revisions to disaster preparation and response documentation.

Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Mobile Disbursements Certification

<9060> 54.313(o): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

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RDOF Capital Expenditures

- <10010> Starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the July 1 after the recipient's support term has ended, recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must submit the total amount of support, if any, the recipient used for capital expenditures in the previous calendar year. This is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(i)(B).

RDOF Available Funds Certification

- <10011> Please provide a response (either yes or no) to this certification request for any recipient of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support that the recipient has available funds for all project costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(ii).

RDOF Community Anchor Institutions

- <10012a> Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the eligible telecommunications carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A).

Please Provide Attachment

- <10012b> Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details.
- Name of Attached
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RDOF FCC Form 470 Postings

- <10013> For the filing due July 1st following full implementation of this requirement, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) to this certification request. Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund must respond affirmatively that they bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries (as described in § 54.501) located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, and that such bids were at rates reasonable comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income) November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(i)(C). This certification will not be required until the July 1st following the E-Rate program year that this obligation has been fully implemented. Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries et al., WC Docket. Nos. 13-184, 10-90, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, 15566-67, para. 72 (2014).

RDOF Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification

- <10014> Starting the first July 1st after a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund recipient meets its final service milestone until the July 1st after the support recipient's support term has ended, please provide a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) that the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund-funded network that the support recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. § 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(iii).

<010>	Study Area Code	472232
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<020>	Program Year	2024
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Suzanne Reed
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	(207)948-3959
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	suzannereed@directcom.com

I certify under penalty of perjury that no universal service support has been or will be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, modify, 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. yes

Please Provide Waiver Document Allowable File Type (pdf only)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
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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, or otherwise obtained, as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.10. yes

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Answer yes or no (I am participating in the reimbursement program and the removal, replacement, and disposal term has not expired) if the reporting ETC does not use covered communications equipment or services published on the Covered List, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.11 yes

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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 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name of Reporting Carrier: DIRECT COMM-ROCKLAND	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Tim Roth	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Reporting and Compliance Officer	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472232	Filing Due Date for this form: 2023-07-03
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.	

Attachments

(3005a) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form Page 1 of 3	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2022
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Filed as reviewed single company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filed as audited single company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	269,112	1,022,466	25. Accounts Payable	5,639,124	7,650,434
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	-	-	26. Notes Payable	2,570,000	3,565,715
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	-	-
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	-	-	28. Customer Deposits	-	-
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2,157,710	184,835	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	2,260,891	2,260,891
c. Notes Receivable	-	-	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	-	-
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases	-	-
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	86,178	498,907	32. Income Taxes Accrued	-	-
b. Other Accounts Receivable	3,073,070	379,803	33. Other Taxes Accrued	27,183	25,214
c. Notes Receivable	935,356	-	34. Other Current Liabilities	2,796,761	1,874,893
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	19,717	-	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	13,293,959	15,377,148
6. Material-Regulated	1,050,070	2,742,688	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated	-	-	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	-	-
8. Prepayments	718,788	417,366	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	-	-
9. Other Current Assets	-	-	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	-	-
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	8,310,001	5,246,064	39. Funded Debt-Other	16,593,090	14,487,050
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	-	-
NONCURRENT ASSETS			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	-	-
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Reacquired Debt	-	-
a. Rural Development	-	-	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	-	-
b. Nonrural Development	29,260,167	39,365,882	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	-	-
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt	-	-
a. Rural Development	-	-	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	16,593,090	14,487,050
b. Nonrural Development	5,497,267	4,870,949	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
13. Nonregulated Investments	-	-	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	4,926,440	4,926,440
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	10,649,651	1,988,682	48. Other Deferred Credits	229,684	188,189
15. Deferred Charges	-	-	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	-	-
16. Jurisdictional Differences	-	-	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	5,156,124	5,114,629
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	45,407,086	46,225,512	EQUITY		
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed	425,687	425,687
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital	-	-
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	49,694,184	60,430,941	53. Treasury Stock	(1,215,684)	(1,215,684)
19. Property Held for Future Use	-	-	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	-	-
20. Plant Under Construction	2,447,415	1,531,890	55. Other Capital	-	-
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	-	-	56. Patronage Capital Credits	-	-
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	(28,306,873)	(32,471,309)	57. Retained Earnings or Margins	43,298,637	46,774,269
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	23,834,726	29,491,522	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	42,508,640	45,984,272
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	77,551,813	80,963,098	59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	77,551,813	80,963,098

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(3005b) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers**Income Statement - Data Collection Form**

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	188,222	163,466
2. Network Access Services Revenues	5,078,632	5,839,824
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	-	-
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	2,497	2,200
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	67,051	87,046
6. Uncollectible Revenues	(5,039)	(1,107)
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	5,341,441	6,093,643
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	2,014,476	1,791,608
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	897,812	1,140,338
10. Depreciation Expense	1,582,893	1,579,198
11. Amortization Expense	-	-
12. Customer Operations Expense	392,239	476,314
13. Corporate Operations Expense	1,125,076	1,433,182
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	6,012,496	6,420,639
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(671,055)	(326,996)
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes	87,355	-
18. Federal Income Taxes	792,179	-
19. Other Taxes	50,950	52,694
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	930,484	52,694
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(1,601,539)	(379,690)
22. Interest on Funded Debt	225,109	603,134
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases	-	-
24. Other Interest Expense	111,938	172,029
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	-	-
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	337,047	775,163
27. Nonoperating Net Income	5,370,425	2,300,294
28. Extraordinary Items	-	-
29. Jurisdictional Differences	-	-
30. Nonregulated Net Income	3,089,834	2,330,192
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	6,521,673	3,475,632
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	879,534	-
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	36,776,964	43,298,637
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	-	-
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	-	-
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)	-	-
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date	-	-
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital	-	-
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]	43,298,637	46,774,269
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	-	-
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital	-	-
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	-	-
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	-	-
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	-	-
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]	1.00	0.80
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]	1.36	1.19
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]	20.35	5.48
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]	0.00	0.00

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Cash Flow - Data Collection Form

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	269,112
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	3,475,632
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3. Add: Depreciation	1,579,198
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain)	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	4,273,131
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	(1,692,618)
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	301,422
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	-
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	2,011,310
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	-
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	(923,836)
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	9,024,238
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	935,356
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	995,715
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	-
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(2,106,040)
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	(41,495)
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	-
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	-
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	-
22. Other (Explain)	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	(216,464)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(8,151,518)
25. Other Long-Term Investments	(9,479,396)
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	8,660,969
27. Other (Explain) - Plant Under Construction	915,525
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(8,054,419)
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	753,354
30. Ending Cash	1,022,466
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Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plan

Lifeline Assistance Program

Lifeline is a federal program dedicated to making phone and internet service more affordable for low-income households. This benefit provides eligible consumers with a monthly discount of up to \$9.25. Consumers living on Tribal lands are eligible for an enhanced discount of up to \$34.25 per month.

Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Starting on December 2, 2016 customers are able to apply monthly Lifeline discounts to Voice or Internet Service. A customer can only receive a discount on ONE option – phone or internet. The discount can also be applied to a phone & Internet bundle.

To be eligible for a discount as part of the Lifeline program a customer must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Participate in Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8;
2. Participate in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps;
3. Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
4. Have a household income that is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
5. Participate in the Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
6. Participate in Medicaid
7. Receive Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
8. Participate in Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
9. Participate in Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
10. Participate in Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)

Voice Lifeline

If the customer applies the Lifeline discount to Voice Service they will receive a federal discount of \$5.25, Consumers living on Tribal lands are eligible for an enhanced discount of up to \$30.25 per month. Voice Service provides unlimited local calling within the customers designated calling area. Customers pay for toll calls according to their chosen toll plan.

Broadband Lifeline

If the customer applies the Lifeline discount to their Internet Service they will receive a \$9.25 federal discount on their internet service package, consumers living on Tribal lands are eligible for an enhanced discount of up to \$34.25 per month. Broadband Lifeline supports internet service speeds of 25/3 Mbps or better where available.

Tribal Government Engagement Obligations

Direct Communications has been in contact with the tribal council through in-person meetings and emails pertaining to compliance with tribal law pertaining to our services. Included are email correspondence with the Sho Ban Tribe.

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Date: Thu, 15 Jun 2023 08:46:29 -0600

Subject: Sho Ban Tribe

That is all of the official correspondence from 2021 and 2022. We of course went to their offices and met as well as meetings with the commissioners for lunch at the Casino.

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt

Regional Account Executive

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From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 8:25 AM

Subject: WOW!

To: Laurie Kniffin <kniffin@sbtribes.com>

Hi Laurie,

Just called to congratulate you on the awesome news. Give me a call when you get in this morning.

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt

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From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>
To: Scott Hendrickson <scott@directcom.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Thu, 15 Jun 2023 08:41:46 -0600
Subject: Fwd: Fiber for all tribal members

Thanks,

Drew

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From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 9:42 AM
Subject: Fiber for all tribal members
To: Laurie Kniffin <lkniffin@sbtibes.com>

Hi Laurie,

I found out that Alonzo Coby is the temporary project manager for the grant project to get fiber to the tribe. I am assuming you already knew this, but I was also wanting to find out if you were able to get a copy of the grant filing and acceptance?

I had a quick chat with Ray Barlow and I think there are a lot of possibilities to make this all happen in a very good way for the benefit of everyone.

Give me a call when you have a spare moment.

Thanks,

Drew

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From: **Drew Izatt** <drew@directcom.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 12:33 PM

Subject: Re: Broadband services for the Police Dept to move to a primary PSAP

To: Janet Galindo <jgalindo@sbtribes.com>

Hi Janet,

Thanks for the clarification.

If you need an awesome VOIP provider, you can call Adam Brown (Voice Depot) who is here in Pocatello. His phone number is 208-244-1275. This is who we use for our VOIP solutions.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt
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On Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 11:41 AM Janet Galindo <jgalindo@sbtribes.com> wrote:

Thanks for the reply Drew, but there was some confusion on what I was asking the commission for.

We already have the hardware and equipment in place. What I was asking was for a current list of email contacts of the wireless and VOIP providers on the Reservation so that I could send the request for e911 phase 1&2 service letters out.

If your company is providing VOIP services on the Reservation maybe you can help me with a correct email for the contact person on that portion though...

Janet

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2022, at 11:28 AM, Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com> wrote:

Hi Janet,

I don't know if you are aware, but we (Direct Communications) are working with the Tribe Land Use Commission to secure grants to get fiber to a large portion of the reservation. We are striving for a partnership that may be instrumental in achieving what you are looking to do. I'm not sure of the timing that you are looking for with your PSAP, however you may want to talk with your commission to see if this is something that may be a big help in achieving your goals.

Let me know how we can help.

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt
Regional Account Executive

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From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 2:54 PM

Subject: Additional recommended information

To: <kniffin@stribes.com>

Hi Laurie,

Here is recommended language to add to your letter of Intent. I am only guessing, so if you don't use anything or if you change anything, my feelings will not be hurt. Remember to fill in the blanks if you use any of this.

Here ya go:

Our Shoshone Bannock reservation is located in the state of Idaho Counties of Bannock, Bingham and Power Counties. We are in danger of being left behind in the digital reformation that is currently happening. Our current Internet offerings are quite limited, mostly very inadequate wireless offerings and slow DSL or cable offerings that are not even an option in several rural regions of our reservation.

Our reservation is made up of _____ districts. The boundaries are described as _____.

Our plan is to use whatever grant monies that we may qualify for to do the following:

1. Identify the locations within the reservation that have no or very limited Internet options.
2. Identify the low income residents that may not be able to afford Internet access even if it is available.
3. Come up with a plan to educate aging tribal members who may be afraid of using the Internet so that they can become aware of the many educational and entertainment opportunities that reliable and fast Internet can provide. This education would also include identifying the many medical monitoring uses that can be had by reliable Internet access.
4. Determine how to digitally connect our districts.

Our needs are immediate and we are resolute in our desire to bring digital equality to our people. Waiting is not an option, so hopefully this grant may be an opportunity to fund the inevitable manpower that will be needed to accomplish our planning objectives. We have already had meetings with potential local partners who have the capacity and capability to help implement our desired digital change goals should we be successful in our planning.

Our plan, should we be accepted, is to immediately start gathering the above stated information and formulate an achievable plan as soon as possible, but for certain before the end of this year. We will then hopefully have a clear vision of what needs to happen to get the needed infrastructure built to realize our stated goal of digital equity throughout our Shoshone Bannock reservation.

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From: Cameron Blain <cameron@directcom.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 8:32 AM

Subject: links

To: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>

Middle mile

<https://www.internetforall.gov/program/enabling-middle-mile-broadband-infrastructure-program>

Digital

<https://www.internetforall.gov/program/digital-equity-act-programs>

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From: Tsaily Reyes <treyes@sbtribes.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 6:09 PM

Subject: Grant Submission

To: Laurie Kniffin <lkniffin@sbtribes.com>, Darrell Shay <dshay@sbtribes.com>, Patrick Broncho <pbroncho@sbtribes.com>, drew@directcom.com <drew@directcom.com>, cameron@directcom.com <cameron@directcom.com>

Drew from Direct Communications would like to sit down with the Commission to discuss a grant that needs to be submitted by July 14th. He has spoke to the previous Commission but would like to get the new Commission's opinions and thoughts.

208-254-0931

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From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>

To: Scott Hendrickson <scott@directcom.com>

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Thu, 15 Jun 2023 08:34:35 -0600

Subject: Fwd: Direct Communications

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt
Regional Account Executive

p [208.240.7275](tel:208.240.7275) or Landline in Maine 207-948-1100

e drew@directcom.com

From: Drew Izatt <drew@directcom.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 1:41 PM

Subject: Letter of Intent

To: <lkniffin@sbtribes.com>

Hi Laurie,

Attached is an example of Letter of Intent that you can use. Please note that there should be some dialog on what the Tribe would like to accomplish and how and when they would like to accomplish this by.

"The Letters of Intent may be submitted (1) through the NTIA application portal or email (digitalequity@ntia.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on July 12, 2022."

I have a meeting soon but I will try to get you more assistance after my meeting. In the meantime, you may want to ask for some feedback from anyone you think may have some good information, especially with a description of your tribal boundaries and the different regions on tribal land that you would like to serve.

I have also included a full copy of the assistance for grant application for your review. This is where I got the sample Letter of Intent.

I'll be back to you soon.

Thanks,

Drew

Drew Izatt
Regional Account Executive

Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a)(2) Direct Communications Rockland (“DCR”) is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$59.62 as specified in Public Notice DA 22-1338 issued on December 16, 2022. DCR’s current total local end-user rate¹ of \$26.04 (which includes a local fee of \$25.76, mandated state fee Relay Service of \$0.03 and Idaho Universal Service \$0.25) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.²

¹ Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

² USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) “The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average.”

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a)(3) Direct Communications Rockland (“DCR”) charges a residential rate of \$139.95 for broadband providing 1000 Mbps download and 1000 Mbps Upload with unlimited usage. This rate is lower than the \$142.75, which is the 2023 reasonable comparability benchmark for an offering off 1000 Mbps download, and 500 Mbps Upload established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.¹

¹Wireline Competition Bureau 2023 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Broadband service. WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 22-1338 (rel. Dec. 16, 2022)