



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
Silver Star Telephone Company/Columbine Telephone Company (472295)

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. and Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("Silver Star") hereby file with the Commission the 2015 ETC Annual Report Filing(s), as follows:

A copy of the Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.-472295 FCC Form 481 — Carrier Annual Reporting Collection Form and a copy of the Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.-472295 FCC Form 481 — Carrier Annual Reporting Collection Form, each 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 Silver 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Motzkus".

Michelle Motzkus
Legal & Regulatory Administrator
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email: mamotzkus@silverstar.net

Enclosures

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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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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313	54.422
	Completion Required	Completion Required

			<i>(check box when complete)</i>	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		
<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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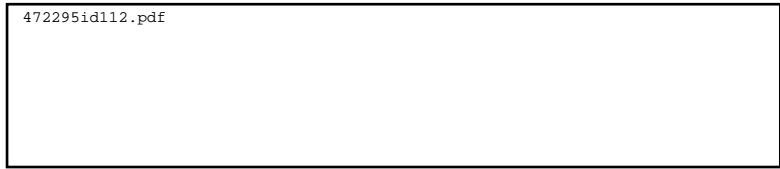
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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.

<112> 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 company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 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.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Yes
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Yes
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality		Yes
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage		Yes
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity		Yes
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		Not Applicable

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal 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.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

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(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<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 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

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Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

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

- <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,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

Data Collection Form

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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

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
- <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
- <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}

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
- <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, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring 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.

(3010) **Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(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)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and 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:

(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,

(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 Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

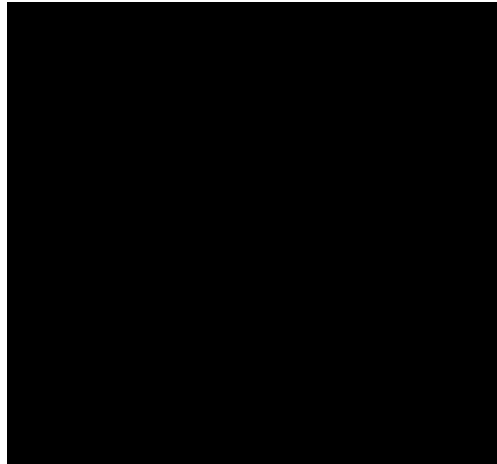
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Financial Data Summary

- (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:

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:	SILVER STAR TELEPHONE CO., INC.
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Jefferson England
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	3078836675 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	472295 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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Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection 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:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p>	
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:
<small>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.</small>	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.</p>	
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 Agent:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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Attachments

SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

Line 112 (54.313(a)(1) Compliance)

(FCC Form 481)

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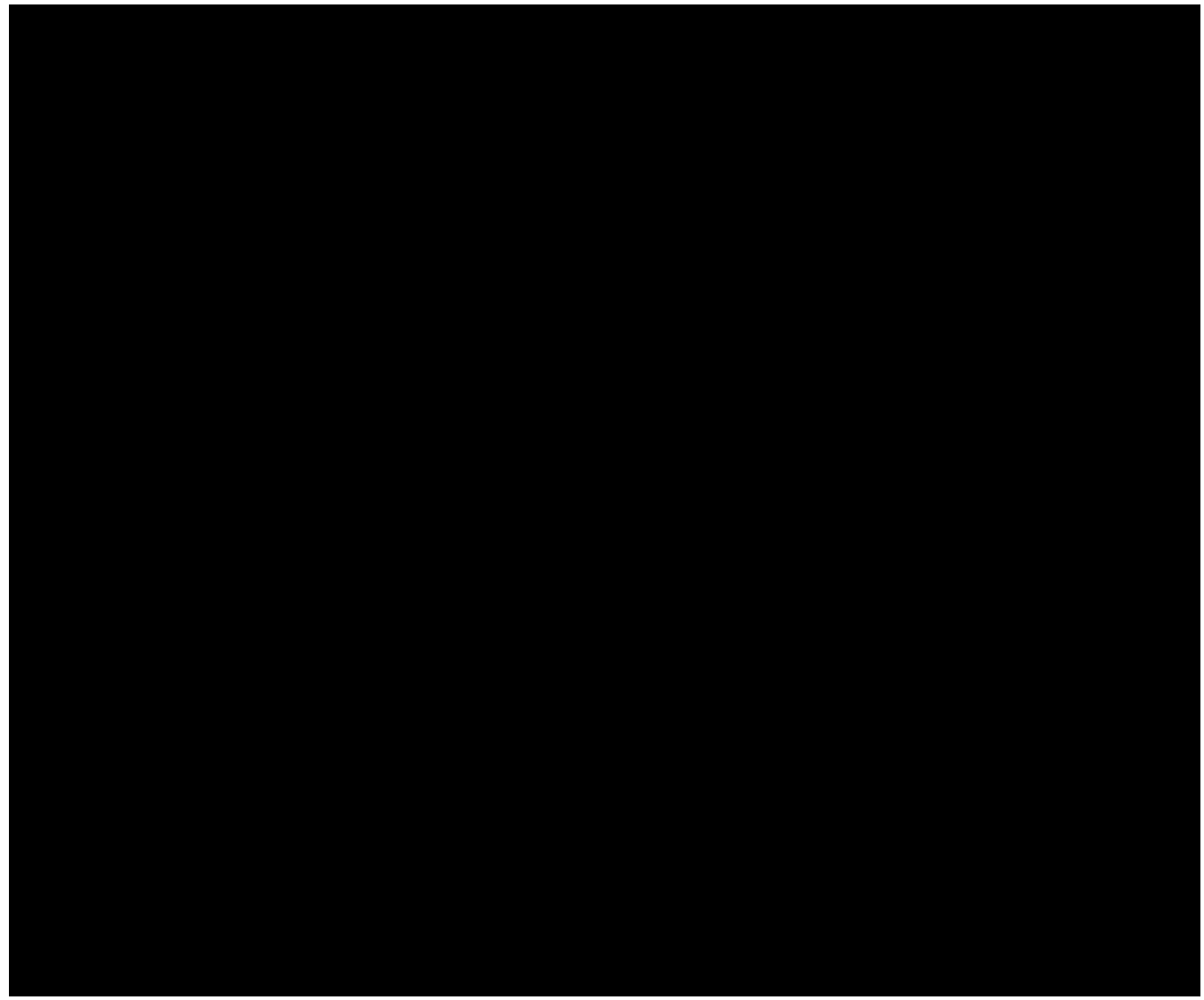
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**Silver Star's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan, 2015 Progress Report
(FCC Form 481 – Line 112)**

Narrative Description, continued



Through April 30, 2015, USF disbursement to Silver Star (SAC 472295) totals \$1,030,278. This amount is a combination of High Cost Loop, Interstate Common Line Support and Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation components.



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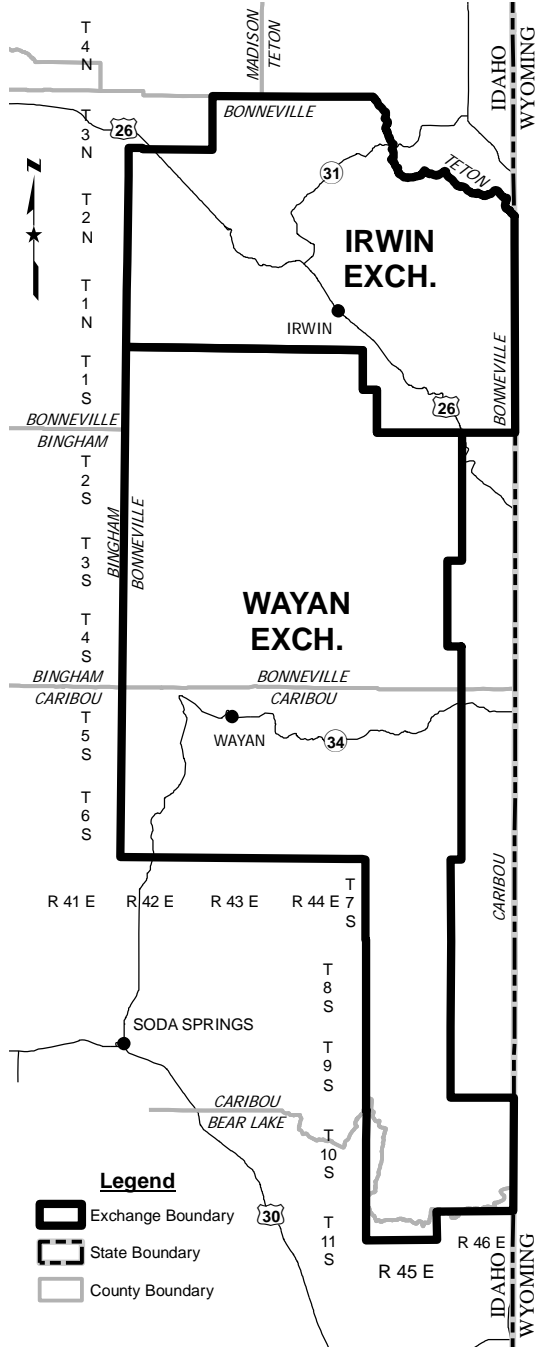
Line 112 (54.313(a)(1) Compliance)

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Pages 3 and 4 of this section, consisting of the 2015 Progress Report and 2015-2019 5-year Service Quality Improvement Plan are redacted in their entirety.

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Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.
 Study Area Boundary
 SAC 472295



SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

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

(FCC Form 481)

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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}, and all other customer protection rules including employee training and policy manual development as applicable.

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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 complies with Section 236 of the Wyoming Public Service Commission rules requiring it to furnish to its customers safe, adequate and continuous service in accordance with accepted good practice, and to that end, maintains its entire plant and system in such condition as to enable it to furnish such service, and 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, Silver Star can reroute voice traffic around damaged facilities and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.
dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

**Fixed Voice Services Rate Comparability
Statement of Compliance**

(FCC Form 481 – Line 1010)

Silver Star’s monthly retail residential local service rates do not exceed \$37.75.

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Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.
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Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program Terms & Conditions

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 1210)

Silver Star provides unlimited local calling for lifeline-eligible residential customers, 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.

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Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.
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Progress Report on 5 Year Plan - Milestone Certification

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 3010)

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i), Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications, SAC 472295, hereby certifies that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron B. McCue".

Ron B. McCue
President and Chief Operations Officer
Dated June 15, 2015

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Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.

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Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 3012)

To the best of Silver Star’s knowledge and information, all CAIs within its study area have access to a high quality voice and broadband connection, since at least 2013. All CAI requests for broadband services made in 2014 were fulfilled. Silver Star continually evaluates its network capabilities and invests in and upgrades its facilities in order to make available high quality, high speed broadband access throughout its service area.

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SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

Line 3017 (54.313(f)(2) Compliance)

(FCC Form 481)

This section, consisting of three (3) pages, is redacted in its entirety.

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State of Wyoming)
 : ss. CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
County of Lincoln) OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER
 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 Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. (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. Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. 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 Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. 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
Ron B. McCue
President and Chief Operations Officer

6-29-15
Date

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



Michelle Motzkus
Notary Public for Wyoming, residing at Lincoln County
My Commission expires 3-15-17

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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			(check box when complete)	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification <input type="text" value="Yes"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">472295id1010b.pdf</div>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

<2000>	Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>		<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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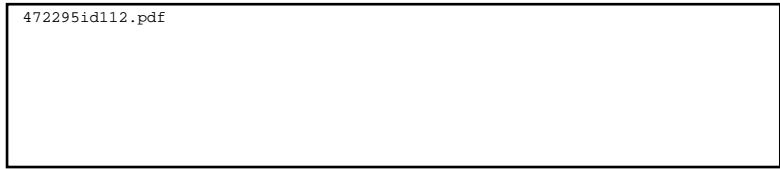
(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

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.

<112> 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 company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 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.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal 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.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

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(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<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 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> 472295id1210b.pdf </div> <p style="margin: 0;">Name of Attached Document</p>
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<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
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“Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <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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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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

<2010>	2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}	<input type="text"/>
<2011a>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	<input type="text"/>
<2011b>	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>

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)}	<input type="text"/>
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}	<input type="text"/>
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}	<input type="text"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}	<input type="text"/>

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="text"/>
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Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="text"/>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="text"/>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="text"/>
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input type="text"/>

<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	<input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring 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.

(3010) **Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(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)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and 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:

(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,

(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 Cash Flows

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

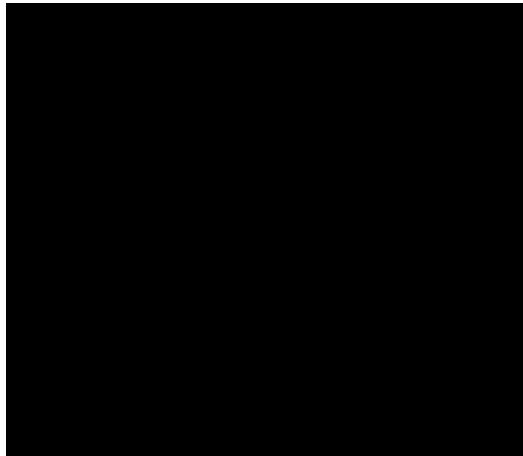
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Financial Data Summary

- (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:

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: COLUMBINE TELEPHONE CO., INC. DBA TETON TELECOM	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Jefferson England	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Financial Officer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3078836675 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472295	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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Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection 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:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p>	
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:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.</p>	
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 Agent:	
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Attachments

COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

dba Silver Star Communications (“Silver Star”)

Line 112 (54.313(a)(1) Compliance)

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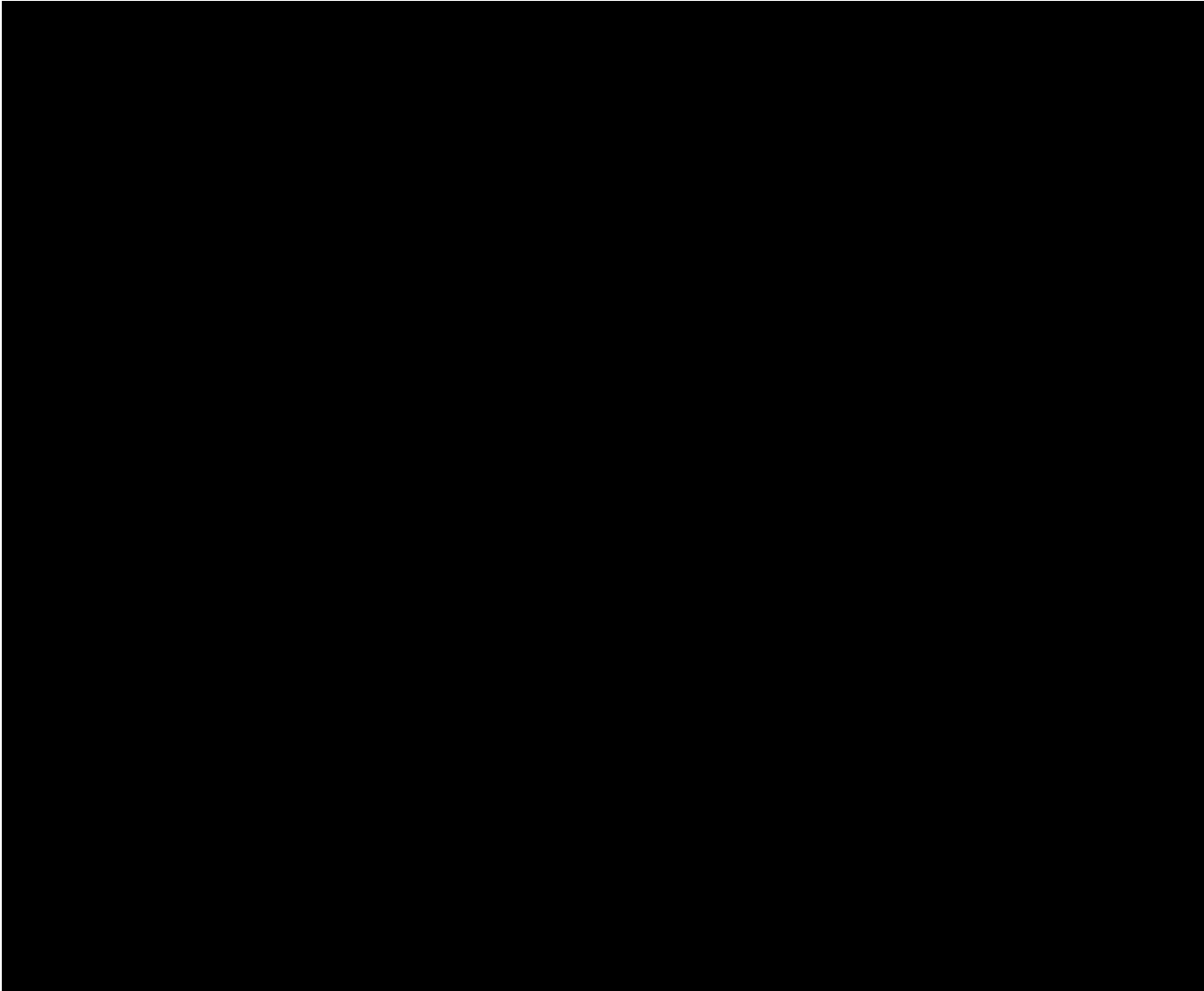
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**Silver Star's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan, 2015 Progress Report
(FCC Form 481 – Line 112)**

Narrative Description, continued



Through April 30, 2015, USF disbursement to Silver Star (SAC 472295) totals \$1,030,278. This amount is a combination of High Cost Loop, Interstate Common Line Support and Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation components.



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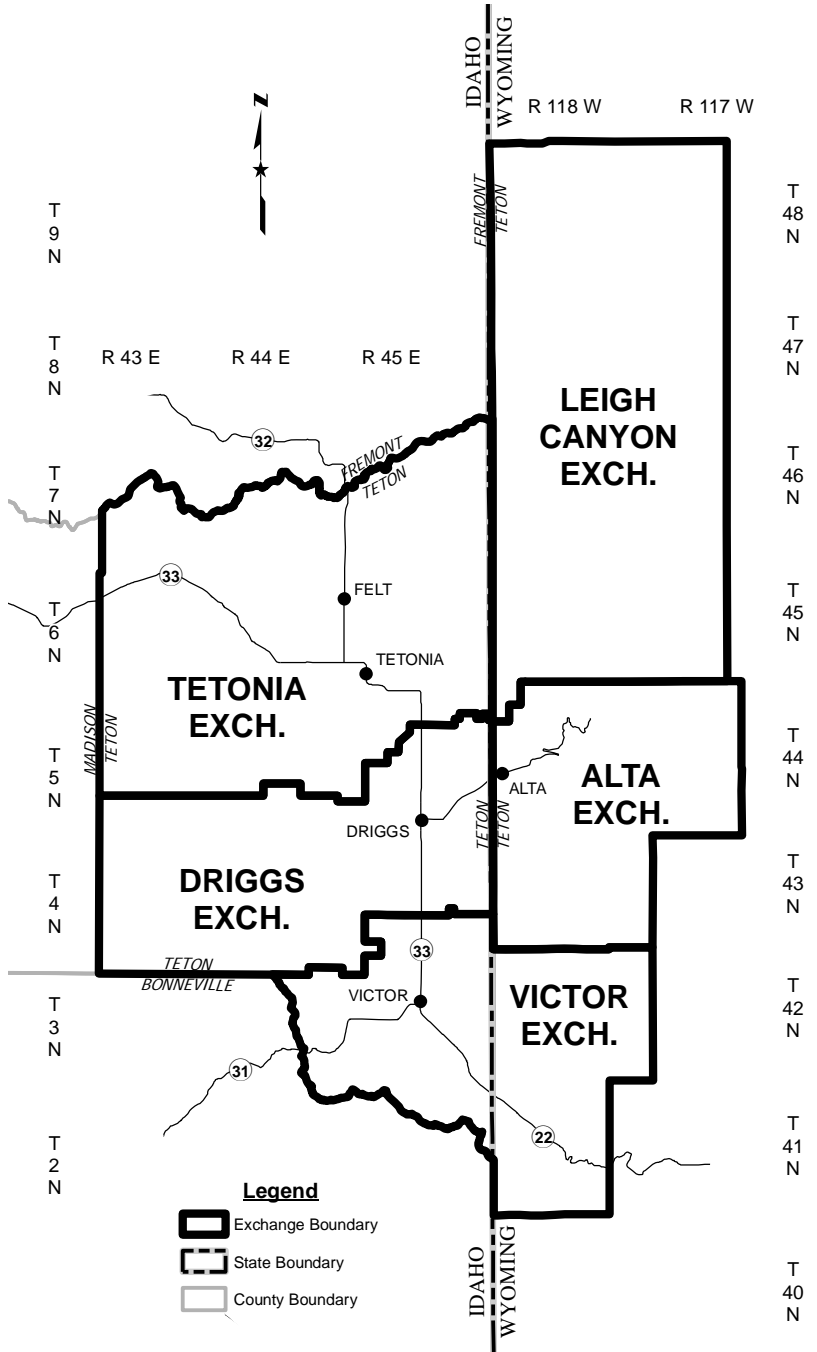
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Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.
 Study Area Boundary
 SAC 472295



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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}, and all other customer protection rules including employee training and policy manual development as applicable.

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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 complies with Rule 500.01 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission rules requiring it to furnish to its customers safe, adequate and continuous service in accordance with accepted good practice, and to that end, maintains its entire plant and system in such condition as to enable it to furnish such service, and 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, Silver Star can reroute voice traffic around damaged facilities and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

**(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	472295
<015>	Study Area Name	COLUMBINE TELEPHONE CO., INC. DBA TETON TELECOM
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Michelle Motzkus
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3078836690 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	mamotzkus@silverstar.net

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	44.99	0.0	44.99	5.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	44.99	0.0	44.99	5.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	59.99	0.0	59.99	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	59.99	0.0	59.99	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	54.99	0.0	54.99	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	54.99	0.0	54.99	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	74.99	0.0	74.99	20.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	74.99	0.0	74.99	20.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	84.99	0.0	84.99	30.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	84.99	0.0	84.99	30.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	114.99	0.0	114.99	50.0	5.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	114.99	0.0	114.99	50.0	5.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	199.99	0.0	199.99	100.0	10.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	199.99	0.0	199.99	100.0	10.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage
	ID	Driggs/Tetonia/Victor	399.99	0.0	399.99	1000.0	100.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage
	WY	Alta/Leigh Canyon	399.99	0.0	399.99	1000.0	100.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage

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Fixed Voice Services Rate Comparability

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 1010)

Silver Star’s monthly retail residential local service rates do not exceed \$37.75.

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Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program Terms & Conditions

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 1210)

Silver Star provides unlimited local calling for lifeline-eligible residential customers, 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.

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Progress Report on 5 Year Plan - Milestone Certification

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 3010)

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i), Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications, SAC 472295, hereby certifies that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron B. McCue".

Ron B. McCue
President and Chief Operations Officer
Dated June 15, 2015

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Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)

Statement of Compliance

(FCC Form 481 – Line 3012)

To the best of Silver Star’s knowledge and information, all CAIs within its study area have access to a high quality voice and broadband connection, since at least 2013. All CAI requests for broadband services made in 2014 were fulfilled. Silver Star continually evaluates its network capabilities and invests in and upgrades its facilities in order to make available high quality, high speed broadband access throughout its service area.

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Line 3026 (54.313(f)(2) Compliance)

(FCC Form 481)

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State of Wyoming)
) ss.) CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
) 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

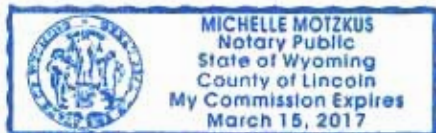
The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certify that it is compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission 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 Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (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. Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. 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 Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. 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
President and Chief Operations Officer

6-29-15
Date

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




Notary Public for Wyoming, residing at Lincoln County
My Commission expires 3-15-17