

Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC

FCC Form 481

State: WA

OMB Control #: 3060-0986 (High Cost) &

Sac: 529031

3060-0819 (Low Income), December 2020

498 ID: 143027646

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Filing Type and Contact Info

Filing Type

This information has been preselected based on High Cost and Lifeline program support paid out in the previous calendar year. If you think the filing type is incorrect, [please contact USAC](#).

High Cost (Section 54.313)

Lifeline (Section 54.422)

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Functionality in Emergency Situations (600)

Certify

Functionality in Emergency Situations Certification (600)

Is the carrier able to function in emergency situations?



Yes



No

Descriptive Document for Functionality in Emergency Situations (610)



529031 WA Line 610.pdf (68 KB)

PDF only

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Operating Companies (800)

Carrier Names

Reporting Carrier (810)

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Holding Company (811)



Name Not Available

Validate the information listed above (811) by selecting one of the following:

Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is correct. (811A)

Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is NOT correct. (811B)

The correct Holding Company/Affiliate name is (811C):

CC VII FIBERLINK LLC

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

Operating Company

Operating Company (812)

Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC

Upload Operating Company Data (813A, 813B, 813C) (Optional)

[Operating Company Data Template](#)

Operating Company WA 529031.csv (2 KB)

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Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Land Services

Does the filing entity offer Tribal land services? (900)

Yes

No

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Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability (1000)

Certify Voice

Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification (1000)

Is the carrier's pricing of fixed voice services no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service? If you answer No to line 1000, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.



Yes



No



Not Applicable

Attach Detailed Description for Voice Services Rate Comparability Compliance (1010)



529031 WA Voice Line 1010.pdf (61 KB)

PDF, XLS, XLSX only

Certify Broadband

Broadband Comparability Certification (1020)

Does the carrier's broadband services pricing meet one of the following criteria? If you answer No to line 1020, please provide an explanation for non-compliance.



Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau.



Yes - Pricing is no more than the non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states or U.S. Territories where the eligible telecommunications carrier receives support.



No - Unable to certify broadband rate comparability



Not Applicable.

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Attach Detailed Description for Broadband Rate Comparability Compliance (1030)

 529031 WA Broadband Line 1030.pdf (72 KB)

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Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

Certify

Terrestrial Backhaul Certification (1100)

Do terrestrial backhaul options exist?



Yes



No

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Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Reporting (10005)

Certify 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. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(B).

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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. Section 54.313(e)(2)(ii).



Yes



No

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. Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A).



Yes - Attach New Community Anchors



No - No New Community Anchors

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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 Section 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. Section 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).

Yes No Not Applicable

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. Section 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(e)(2)(iii).

Yes No Not Applicable

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Certifications

Supply Chain Certifications

Section 54.9: Prohibition on the Use of Funds

I certify under penalty of perjury that no universal service support has been or will be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company designated by the Federal Communications Commission as posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain since the effective date of the designations.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes No

Section 54.10: Prohibition on the Use of Certain Federal Subsidies

I certify that no federal subsidy made available through a program administered by the Commission that provides funds to be used for the capital expenditures necessary for the provision of advanced communications services has been or will be used to purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain, any covered communications equipment or service, or maintain any covered communications equipment or service previously purchased, rented, leased, otherwise obtained, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.10.

If **No** is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes No

Section 54.11: Requirements to Remove and Replace

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Prior to answering, review section 54.11 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR Section 54.11). Answer Yes if either (1) you comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do not use covered communications equipment or services, or (2) section 54.11(d) applies to you, meaning you are not yet subject to section 54.11(a) because you are a Reimbursement Program recipient with an unexpired removal, replacement, and disposal term per section 1.50004(h) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR Section 1.50004(h)). Answer No if you do not comply with section 54.11(a), meaning you do use covered communications equipment or services.

Yes No

Accuracy Certifications

Certify

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

I understand that making willful false statements in any part of this report and/or in these certifications is punishable by fine or imprisonment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections 416(c), 503(b)(1)(B), and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

Signature

Officer Name

Cliff Harris

Title

SVP Law Programming Product Regulatory

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

529031 WA Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations - Line 610

Charter designs and builds its networks to remain functional in emergency situations, including by (1) having a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source; (2) rerouting traffic around damaged facilities; and (3) managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. These practices apply to Charter's broadband and voice services.

Explanation:

Charter has been providing voice and/or broadband internet access services to customers on a 24/7/365 basis for almost twenty years. As part of providing these services, it is necessary to have in place contingency plans for emergency situations for each of Charter's major network hubs and/or facilities that are geographically distributed across the United States. These plans contain activation, staffing, escalation, and communication procedures to identify and respond to such emergencies. Additionally, all switching facilities are equipped with independent power generators and sufficient fuel to operate for several days to mitigate commercial power outages. The design of these facilities contains multiple levels of redundancy and autonomy that also mitigate the need for dedicated human interaction. Charter is designing and building its RDOF facilities consistent with these established practices.

Affiliates*	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
Charter Fiberlink Alabama, LLC	259052	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC	549038	Spectrum
Bright House Networks Information Services (Florida), LLC	219026	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink ? Georgia, LLC	229037	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink ? Illinois, LLC	349047	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Indiana), LLC	329035	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Kentucky), LLC	269060	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink LA-CCO, LLC	279056	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Massachusetts), LLC	119011	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink ? Michigan, LLC	319053	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink ? Missouri, LLC	429051	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (New Hampshire), LLC	129011	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (New Mexico), LLC	499028	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC	239039	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Ohio), LLC	309026	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink OR-CCVII, LLC	539021	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Pennsylvania), LLC	179037	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC	249037	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink ? Tennessee, LLC	299039	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (Texas), LLC	449097	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink VT-CCO, LLC	149014	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink VA-CCO, LLC	199029	Spectrum
Charter Fiberlink CCO, LLC	339064	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (New York), LLC	159027	Spectrum
Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC	549027	Spectrum
Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC		
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC		
Spectrum New Jersey, LLC		
Spectrum New York Metro, LLC		
Spectrum Northeast, LLC		
Spectrum Oceanic, LLC		
Spectrum Pacific West, LLC		
Spectrum Southeast, LLC		
Spectrum Sunshine State, LLC		

529031 WA Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability - Line 1010

Charter's standalone residential fixed voice service in these areas is its Spectrum Voice product, which is currently priced at \$29.99 and expected to remain priced below \$55.13 for calendar year 2024 with all taxes and fees included in the price. Charter's standalone small business fixed voice service in these areas is its Spectrum Business Voice product, which is currently priced at \$49.99 and expected to remain priced below \$55.13 for calendar year 2024 with all taxes and fees included in the price. Both are below the FCC's reasonable comparability benchmark for fixed voice service in 2024, which is \$55.13.

529031 WA Description of Broadband Services Rate Comparability – Line 1030

The pricing of Charter's RDOF broadband residential and small and medium business ("SMB") products were no more than the non-promotional price charged for comparable fixed wireline residential and SMB products in urban areas in each of the states where Charter received support during calendar year 2023.

Charter utilizes a standardized pricing model across its 41-state footprint. Under this standardized pricing model, the pricing of Charter's broadband services is the same across urban areas and rural areas, including RDOF areas.

The non-promotional price of Charter's broadband product for residential customers that meets the FCC's broadband obligations for RDOF support recipients was \$119.99 between January 1, 2023, and August 8, 2023, and \$124.99 between August 9, 2023, and December 31, 2023, nationally.

Throughout calendar year 2023, the non-promotional price of Charter's small and medium business ("SMB") broadband product that meets the Commission's broadband obligations for RDOF support recipients was \$299.99 nationally.

In RDOF areas, Charter provides a 1G x 1G residential and a 1G x 1G SMB service (previously 1000/500 Mbps for each service), each with unlimited data, that meets the Commission's broadband obligations for RDOF support recipients via newly constructed fiber optic cable. Charter is making this offering available upon activating its RDOF facilities, which Charter is in the process of deploying. In urban areas, the comparable products may have a lower upstream speed of 1G x 35 Mbps but are offered for the same non-promotional price and subject to the same terms and conditions as the 1G x 1G (previously 1000/500 Mbps) services offered in RDOF areas.

Accordingly, Charter's broadband services meet the Commission's broadband public interest obligation for RDOF support with respect to the reasonable rate comparability standard, because those services are:

- 1) priced at no more than the applicable non-promotional price that Charter charges for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states where Charter receives support; and
- (2) subject to the same terms and conditions in both urban and rural areas.