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certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibili reciplents; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information repo	tles include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support rted on this form and in any attachments is accurate.
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Line 100- Service Quality Improvement Reporting {47 CFR 54.313(a)(1)}

In the FCC's Public Notice DA 14-951, released May 1, 2014, the FCC waived the requirement for price cap ETCs to file a five-year plan. <sup>1</sup>

We now grant a waiver of this requirement for price cap ETCs for an additional year. Because the Bureau just finalized the Connect America Cost Model, and price cap carriers have not yet had the opportunity to make a state-level commitment for Connect America Phase II, we find that it is not in the public interest to require price cap ETCs to file new five-year plans in 2014 for the same reason as last year: they do not yet know which areas they will be serving in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Public Notice stated, in relevant part:

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#### Line 510: Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:

Ellensburg Telephone Company hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Washington Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." <sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement." <sup>3</sup>

Ellensburg Telephone Company is not subject to Service Quality reporting requirements in Washington.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at <a href="mailto:consumer@fairpoint.com">consumer@fairpoint.com</a>. The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.



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## **Business Continuity Plan Overview**

#### Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope & Structure
- Recovery Strategies and Logistics
- Plan Maintenance and Exercising

## **BCP Scope**

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- <u>Customer Interfacing</u> It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an <u>external-interfacing</u> element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business
  operations (back/front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical
  human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services /
  systems as, building space for staff, service utilities, telecom network, IT network, etc.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- IT/IS
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- NOC (Network Operations Center)
- E-9-1-1
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents (i.e., work-stoppage and pandemic). All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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#### **BCP Structure**

The BCP consists of several components:

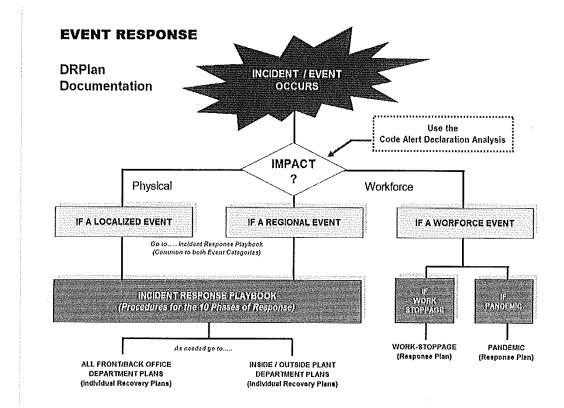
- The BCP Manual (an overview of all BCP documents)
- IR Playbooks (addresses the response procedures for Physical and Workforce related events),
- Appendices (the IR Playbook procedures links to these Resources Files)
- Department Recovery Plans (Business and Plant Operations)
- Business Impact Assessments (Business and Plant Operations)

The Event Response diagram below identifies the overall BCP documentation and how a disruption or incident will dictate which path of the BCP will be followed to restore business operations.

Once the incident or disruption occurs, the impact first needs to be quickly assessed to determine whether it is a physically disruptive event (local or regional) ("Physically Disruptive Event") or a workforce disruptive event (work-stoppage or pandemic) ("Work-Force Related Disruptive Event"). The disruption is always focused on critical business operations and services that can impact customer interfacing / deliverables.



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#### Recovery Strategies and Logistics

Our BCP is based on the premise that FairPoint cannot stop disasters from occurring, but we can address the IMPACT of incidents should they occur. Where possible we will provide risk mitigation measures that will minimize the likelihood of having a serious disruptive incident but in no case can we eliminate all disruptive possibilities. The BCP is triggered by a Disruption Scenario, not a Threat Scenario. FairPoint pre-plans for potential break-points that can result in a customer interfacing disruption and incorporates recovery strategies that will inherently address any potential threat and any resulting business disruption impact. The actual threat (i.e. fire, flood, etc.) is pertinent only with respect to immediate response activities. All subsequent response efforts are focused on the assessment of damages (physical losses and recovery duration) and the implementation of restoration and recovery strategies. The restoration of the business servicing operations and infrastructure systems is based on salvage, replacement of systems and alternate functionality measures, which are pre-defined in the BCP.

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements have a high level of consideration in



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addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations.

The Ten Response Phases of Physical Event are:

- Incident Notification
- Visual Damage Assessment
- Incident Stabilization
- Command Center Initiation
- Initial Notifications to Business Departments to activate plans
- Primary Site Damage Assessments
- Ready Alternate Restoration Sites
- Primary Site Salvage & Recovery
- Business Restoration Process
- Primary Site Re-established

## Plan Maintenance and Exercising

The BCP is a living document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are scenario tested with oversight from FairPoint's Corporate Risk Management Team.

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# FCC FORM 481

Line 1010 - Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA14-384 released on March 20, 2014.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

Form 481 Line 1210-Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Ellensburg Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The Tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Ellensburg Telephone Company are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoInt/tier.asp?cid=1644.

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#### SCHEDULE 3

# WASHINGTON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Company participates in the Washington Telephone Assistance Program ("WTAP"), as provided in RCW 80.36.410 through .470, and Chapters 480-122 and 388-273 of the Washington Administrative Code (collectively the "WTAP laws"), offers to eligible subscribers the WTAP and applies to switched access lines within its exchange areas the excise tax related to the WTAP described therein.

Subscribers eligible to participate in the WTAP, as well as certain subscribers eligible to participate under rules of the Federal Communications Commission, may also be eligible for the Lifeline service offering ("Lifeline service") under Subpart B of Part 54 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"). Within the service areas for which the Company is designated as an "eligible telecommunications carrier" pursuant to Subpart C of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, the Company offers Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers.

Lifeline service is a non-transferable retail local service offering that is available only to qualifying low-income consumers and for which qualifying low-income consumers pay charges that have been reduced in accordance with Subpart B of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR and, to the extent applicable, the WTAP laws. In addition, for "eligible residents of Tribal lands," as defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, the Company's Lifeline service charges are further reduced in accordance with Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

The Company's offering of Lifeline service includes "toll limitation" only in the form of "toll blocking" (and not "toll control"), as those terms are defined in Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR. "Toll blocking" is available with respect to Company-provided Lifeline service at no Company charge to the Company's subscriber to such Lifeline service.

On the issue date of this tariff sheet, "toll blocking" is defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, as "a service provided by an eligible telecommunications carrier that lets subscribers elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their telecommunications channel." "Toll blocking" does not necessarily result in the blocking of collect calls to the subscriber's telephone line or the blocking of calls billed from another location to the subscriber's telephone line.

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If the service areas for which the Company is designated as an "eligible telecommunications carrier" pursuant to Subpart C of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR includes any "Tribal lands," as that term is used in § 54.413 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, then, with respect to such "Tribal lands," the Company also offers "Tribal Link Up," as defined in § 54.413 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR to "eligible residents of Tribal lands," as defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR. Tribal Link Up provides, under certain circumstances, (i) a reduction of the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service and (ii) other benefits pertaining to such charge and to interest charges, if any, that may apply thereto, all as specified more fully in Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

The availability of the telephone assistance programs described in this schedule, or any of them, to any otherwise eligible subscriber or applicant may be subject to such subscriber or applicant granting his or her written consent to disclosure and/or transmission by the Company of certain information pertaining to that subscriber or applicant, including, but not necessarily limited to, his or her name, other subscriber- or applicant-identifying information, the service address to which the relevant telephone assistance program service is being applied for and/or is being furnished, the specific assistance program in which the subscriber or applicant participates or has applied to participate, and the date or dates of such participation or requested participation, all in accordance with the WTAP laws and/or Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

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