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Amanda Maxwell - Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250**RE: Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. – 2023 FCC Form 481 – Annual Lifeline and High
Cost Recertification Filing – SAC 529028**

Dear Staff,

Pursuant to FCC requirements under 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 & 54.422, enclosed please find for filing a copy of Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.'s submitted FCC Form 481 – Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification for SAC 529028.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (703) 714-1324 or map@compliancegroup.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha A. Pokorny
Senior Managing Consultant on behalf of Viasat Carrier Services, Inc.

**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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<010> Study Area Code 529028

<015> Study Area Name Viasat

<020> Program Year 2024

<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should
contact with questions about this data Shelby Striegel

<035> Contact Telephone Number: (720)493-6150
Number of the person identified in data line <030>

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<039> Contact Email Address: shelby.striegel@viasat.com
Email of the person identified in data line <030>

Filing Type High Cost (54.313)

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? _____

<220> Upload Service Outage Data

Name of Attached Document

| <a> | <b1> | <b2> | <b3> | <b4> | <c1> | <c2> | <d> | <e> | <f> | <g> | <h> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| NORS Reference Number | Outage Start Date | Outage Start Time | Outage End Date | Outage End Time | Number of Customers Affected | Total Number of Customers | 911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No) | Service Outage Description (Check all that apply) | Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No) | Service Outage Resolution | Preventative Procedures |
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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 | |

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| <600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations | yes |
| <610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations | 529028 WA 610 Functionality.pdf |

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| (800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020 |
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| <810> Reporting Carrier | Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. |
| <811> Holding Company | Viasat |
| <812> Operating Company | Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. |

<813> Upload Operating Company Data

 Name of Attached Document

| <a1> Affiliates | <a2> SAC | <a3> Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
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**(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

Chehalis Confederated Tribes
 Colville Confederated Tribes
 Hoh Tribe
 Kalispel Tribe
 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
 Lummi Nation
 Makah Tribe
 Puyallup Tribe
 Quileute Tribe
 Quinault Nation
 Samish Nstion
 Spokane Tribe
 Stillaguamish Tribe

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

529028 WA 920 Tribal.pdf

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| yes |
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| yes |
| yes |
| yes |
| yes |
| yes |
| yes |
| yes |
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- <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 | 529028 WA 1010 Voice.pdf |
| | | Name of Attached Document |
| <1020> | Broadband comparability certification | Yes - no more than benchmark |
| <1030> | Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance | 529028 WA 1030 Broadband.pdf |
| | | Name of Attached Document |

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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 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.

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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 December 2020 |
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

<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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| (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?

| (3007a) | (3007b) |
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| Name of Consultant | Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party |
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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.

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| (3010A) | Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} | | |
| (3010B) | Please Provide Attachment Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | <input type="text"/> |
| (3012A) | Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year. | | |
| (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 | <input type="text"/> |
| (3013) | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} | (Yes/No) | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (3014) | If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report 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: | (Yes/No) | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (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 | <input type="text"/> |
| (3018) | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? 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: | (Yes/No) | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (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 type="checkbox"/> |
| (3020) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input 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 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 | <input type="text"/> |

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| (3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued) | FCC Form 481 |
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Financial Data Summary

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| (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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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. 703186.44

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) yes

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. no

<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. na

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. na

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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
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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 Document Listing Required Information

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).

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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)

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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

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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 | |
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| 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: Viasat | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE | Date 2023-06-27 |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: Robert Blair | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: President and Secretary | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 529028 | 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

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) **FCC Form 481**
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<220> Upload Service Outage Data

Below is a preview of the CSV file attached for this section. To view all the data, please select "Full OMB Form with Attachments".

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(610) Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations

Viasat has in place contingency plans for credible emergency situations for each of the major network facilities that are geographically distributed across the United States. These plans contain activation, required staffing, escalation, and communication procedures to deal with such emergencies. Additionally, all of the company's ground-based facilities are equipped with independent power generators and sufficient fuel to operate for several days so as to mitigate power outages. The design of these facilities contains multiple levels of redundancy and autonomy that also mitigate the need for dedicated human interaction.

(920) Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. (“Viasat”) is committed to engaging directly and substantively with Tribal governments regarding its offering of services supported through the Connect America Fund (“CAF”) program on Tribal lands. Viasat is keenly aware of the difficulties faced by Tribal communities in accessing robust broadband and voice services. As the Commission correctly noted in its Fourteenth *Broadband Deployment Report*, “[t]he remote, isolated nature of these areas, combined with challenging terrain and lower incomes, increase the cost of network deployment and entry” on Tribal lands, particularly for terrestrial technologies.¹ As a result of these challenges, that *Report* found that only “79% of Tribal lands are covered by fixed terrestrial 25/3 Mbps services and mobile 4G LTE with a speed of 5/1 Mbps.”²

As a provider of satellite broadband services—which are well suited for areas where terrestrial deployments may be cost-prohibitive—Viasat recognizes and embraces its responsibility to promote improved connectivity for Tribal populations. And as a recipient of federal support through the CAF Phase II auction, Viasat is particularly cognizant of its Tribal engagement obligations under Section 54.313(a)(5) of the Commission’s rules in connection with its offering of CAF-supported services on covered Tribal lands.³ That rule requires that the scope of a CAF recipient’s engagement with relevant Tribal governments encompass: (i) a needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions; (ii) feasibility and sustainability planning; (iii) marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; (iv) rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes; and (v) compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.⁴

Viasat has developed and continues to implement a comprehensive strategy to engage with Tribal leaders across all these topic areas, in a manner designed to foster dialogue, tailor its services and marketing efforts appropriately, and promote partnering and employment opportunities as Viasat continues to launch CAF-supported services in the relevant Tribal areas. These and other engagement initiatives are central to Viasat’s “Tribal Connect” program, established in part to ensure compliance with Viasat’s CAF obligations. Viasat hired a senior individual and engaged with several prominent third-party Tribal experts to help spearhead these initiatives, further promote these important programs, expand Tribal outreach, and enhance the Tribal Connect program to bring heightened awareness of service options to Tribal communities. Below is an overview of Viasat’s Tribal engagement efforts and planned initiatives with respect to the five areas specified in Section 54.313(a)(5).

¹ *Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion*, Fourteenth Broadband Deployment Report, 36 FCC Rcd 836 ¶ 20 (2021).

² *Id.* ¶ 43.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5).

⁴ *See id.*

Needs Assessment and Deployment Planning. As the Commission is aware, Viasat, Inc.'s satellite infrastructure already provides nationwide coverage—including in areas deemed 'unserved' by the Commission. As such, Viasat has not engaged in CAF-specific infrastructure deployment to the extent of other operators. Nevertheless, soon after the CAF Phase II auction, during the period in which Viasat was preparing its initial eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") applications, Viasat began developing a comprehensive contact list for Tribal authorities on all of the Tribal lands included within census blocks awarded to Viasat in the auction. Using that list, Viasat reached out to Tribal authorities in an effort to establish a dialogue regarding its planned deployment of CAF-supported services. As the Commission is aware, Viasat had extensive communications with the Office of Native Affairs and Policy and with Tribal leaders in Oregon regarding Viasat's desire to work together to bring Viasat's CAF-supported services to those areas. In preparation for the deployment in December of CAF-supported services in all twenty of the states in which it was awarded CAF funding, Viasat expanded its efforts to reach out to individual Tribal governments in applicable areas to establish a dialogue and to discuss how, when, and where Viasat planned to launch those and other services—including by determining specific Tribal service needs, the locations of anchor institutions such as schools, libraries, and hospitals on Tribal lands, Viasat's proposals for the various initiatives described herein, and its hopes for future collaboration.

Viasat sought input and assistance from multiple third-party Tribal experts and Tribal business leaders in order to better reach and understand the needs of Tribal communities. These third parties included members of Sovereign Resiliency Partners, Sagebrush Hill Group, LLC, WampWorx, Kiva Capital Group, and Google Aboriginal & Indigenous Network (GAIN). Viasat also worked closely with telehealth organizations to bring awareness to tribes of the opportunity to utilize telehealth services via Viasat's satellites on Tribal lands. Viasat directly presented to many different Tribal leaders regarding its CAF program, and the Tribal Connect program in general, at the Reservation Economic Summit: Res2022 Convention ("Res2022 Convention") in March of 2022, where Viasat sponsored its own booth. Viasat also attended the NTTA Tribal Telecommunications Association Summit in September of 2022 ("NTTA Summit"). Following both of these events, Viasat engaged separately with Tribal leader contacts made at the summits and developed relationships with leaders in this field. Finally, Viasat developed a "Tribal Connect" webinar, which was presented at the beginning of December, wherein it invited Tribal leaders and stakeholders to attend and view its presentation regarding its CAF and other Tribal-specific offerings, and how Viasat is able to partner with Tribal leaders and members to better develop broadband options on Tribal lands. Viasat continues to follow up on the relationships and conversations that began with the summits and webinar.

Feasibility and Sustainability Planning. Satellite broadband operators have obvious advantages over terrestrial operators in deploying services to remote Tribal areas in a feasible and sustainable manner, and Viasat is confident in its ability to make CAF-supported services available efficiently and cost-effectively in these areas. Viasat's Tribal engagement initiatives on this front therefore focus on promoting adoption—including by educating Tribal authorities about the availability and benefits of its planned offerings and by seeking to integrate members of Tribal communities as partners in the rollout of these services.

For example, as mentioned above, Viasat contracted with third-party expert Sovereign Resiliency Partners to craft an online seminar and marketing materials dedicated to educating Tribal leaders and communities regarding Viasat's communication services and the available opportunities to partner. As previously indicated, Viasat presented its Tribal Connect program, including information regarding Viasat's partnership opportunities on Tribal lands for CAF and other programs, at the Res2022 Convention and at the NTTA Summit. Viasat was able to speak

with several different Tribal leaders at the Res2022 Convention and the NTTA Summit, as well as during the Tribal Connect webinar, and continues to work to schedule new conversations with other tribes and Tribal members. Viasat also has created Tribal-specific online materials for Tribal leaders and community members who seek information and resources about Viasat's current and planned offerings. Viasat will continue to use these methods as a platform for seeking input from Tribal leaders and communities regarding the best ways to offer service on Tribal lands in a manner that maximizes feasibility and sustainability.

Furthermore, Viasat implemented a program, with the support and assistance of Tribal leaders, to partner with individual Tribal communities on educating and training community members as technicians and installers of Viasat equipment, thus creating employment opportunities directly within the communities, and encouraging even closer collaboration between the Tribal communities and Viasat. Viasat has also created a "give-back" program wherein, with each successful installation on Tribal lands and after the customer's 90-day anniversary, Viasat will donate to a Tribal fund of choice.

Marketing Services in a Culturally Sensitive Manner. Viasat, Inc., Viasat's parent company, has offered services to Tribal populations across the country for many years, and is attuned to the need to ensure that services are marketed in a manner that will resonate with Tribal communities and stimulate adoption. Drawing from this experience, and with the assistance and input from many of its third party experts, including Sovereign Resiliency Partners, Viasat has developed custom marketing and informational content dedicated to Tribal areas regarding its planned CAF-supported services. These efforts include leveraging the aforementioned online seminars as both an educational tool and a platform for feedback and communication about marketing efforts, in addition to targeted direct, digital, and out-of-home marketing options.

For example, Viasat provides targeted mail to individuals that reside on Tribal lands within its service areas and provides collateral (one-sheeters, brochures) describing the CAF and Lifeline/Link Up options. In addition, Viasat uses digital display advertising such as targeted advertisements based on the geographic location of each area and location-based paid search ads on Google for searchers in geographic locations of each Tribal area based on keywords such as "CAF," "Connect America," "Lifeline," "Linkup," etc. Viasat also created a dedicated "Tribal Connect" webpage and telephone trackline so that Tribal members have easy access to information regarding CAF and other opportunities most relevant to them. Viasat also intends to continue to explore the efficacy of available outdoor advertising units in high-traffic zones within Tribal areas to build awareness of CAF-supported services. Feedback regarding all of these marketing and informational efforts from Tribal leaders and partners is welcomed, and it is reviewed and incorporated as necessary to better Viasat's efforts. Viasat's direct outreach efforts to Tribal leaders are intended to continue to explore these options and refine them as Viasat receives feedback and suggestions.

Rights of Way and Other Permitting and Review Processes. Due to the nature of its satellite network, Viasat typically does not need to obtain access to rights-of-way in local communities in order to deliver communications services to end users in those communities, and the placement of small satellite antennas at end-user locations also does not typically trigger other permitting or review processes. That said, to the extent that any Tribal authority identifies any permitting or review processes relevant to the deployment of satellite services in the course of further engagement with Viasat, Viasat will of course abide by such processes as it makes CAF-supported offerings available on Tribal lands.

Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing Requirements. During Viasat's initial

ETC application process, Viasat's attempts at outreach to Tribal representatives included efforts to obtain information about any specific business licenses, certificates of authority, or other Tribal requirements necessary to conduct business on Tribal lands. For any Tribes that responded with any such requirements, Viasat promptly initiated the licensing processes. Viasat's further initiatives to reach out to Tribal leaders as it prepared to launch CAF-supported services in December included a renewed effort to ascertain whether any additional Tribal business and licensing obligations existed in the relevant areas.

(1010) Detailed Description for Voice Services Rate Comparability Compliance

Viasat began providing the supported services to select census blocks in Washington on December 15, 2022. Viasat complied with all Commission requirements, including, but not limited to, ensuring that its voice service rates were no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate. For 2022, Viasat's Voice Service was priced at \$51.99 per month for stand-alone service, and at \$29.99 per month when purchased with its Broadband Service.

(1030) Detailed Description for Broadband Service Rate Comparability Compliance

Viasat began providing the supported services to select census blocks in Washington on December 15, 2022. Viasat complied with all Commission requirements, including, but not limited to, ensuring that its broadband service rates were consistent with the FCC's urban rate benchmarks for broadband service. For 2022, Viasat's Broadband Service was priced at \$70.99 per month and came with 500GB of data.