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July 5, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Sage Telecom Communications, LLC d/b/a TRUCONNECT; UT-230003
ETC annual filings to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.422 (Form 481)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.422, attached please find for filing in the above-referenced docket a copy of Sage Telecom Communications, LLC d/b/a TRUCONNECT's FCC Form 481. Due to an issue with the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") Form 481 filing system, the form incorrectly shows as not certified. Please see attached screenshot from the USAC website for verification of certification. The Company will forward a corrected copy of their Form 481 once it is available.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-232-9200 or etc@telecomcounsel.com.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rachael Sears

Rachael Sears, Regulatory Specialist
Expert Telecom Compliance

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
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| Filing Type | Low Income (54.422) |

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| (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) | FCC Form 481 |
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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 _____

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| 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 | |
| <610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations | |

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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 | |
| <811> | Holding Company | |
| <812> | Operating Company | |

<813> Upload Operating Company Data

Name of Attached Document

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

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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

<921>

- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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| (1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020 |
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

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 | Sage 1210 2023 Tribal.pdf |
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| <1220> Link to Public Website | HTTP www.truconnect.com |
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| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| (2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation | | FCC Form 481 |
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| <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i> | | December 2020 |

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

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

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

| (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 | <input type="text"/> |
| (3028) Operating Expenses | <input type="text"/> |
| (3029) Net Income | <input type="text"/> |
| (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS) | <input type="text"/> |
| (3031) Total Assets | <input type="text"/> |
| (3032) Total Debt | <input type="text"/> |
| (3033) Total Equity | <input type="text"/> |
| (3034) Dividends | <input type="text"/> |

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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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5005 Alaska Plan

(5011) **Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (RoR Carriers)**

Please indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

(5012) **Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (CETC Carriers)**

If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain portion of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

<5013> Upload Backhaul Technology Data

Name of Attached Document

| <a> Description Of Backhaul Technology | Date Backhaul Available | <c> Newly Served Locations or Population |
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| (6005) Phase II Auction Reporting Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 December 2020 |
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<6010> Enter the total amount of Phase II Auction Support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

Phase II Auction and New York Funds Certification

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

Phase II Auction Community Anchor Institutions

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

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

Phase II Auction FCC Form 470 Postings

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

Phase II Auction Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Provide Attachment

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Provide Attachment

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

Name of Attached
Document Listing Required
Information

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – FCC Form 470 Postings

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

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

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

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Support Reimbursement Certification

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

Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation

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Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Support Reimbursement Certification

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

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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.

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.

Please Provide Waiver Document
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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:

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: Sage Telecom Communications, LLC | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: | Date |
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Attachments

Sage Telecom Communications, LLC d/b/a TruConnect
Lifeline Offering

Terms & Conditions maintained at www.truconnect.com

| Plan | Minutes | Text | Data | Net Cost to Lifeline Customer | Net Cost to Tribal Lifeline Customer | Effective |
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| Lifeline Basic | Unlimited | Unlimited | 4.5GB | \$ 0.00 | N/A | Dec 2020 |
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| Lifeline + ACP | Unlimited | Unlimited | 12.5GB | \$ 0.00 | N/A | Dec 2020 |
| Lifeline + ACP | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited | \$ 0.00 | N/A | April 2020 |
| Lifeline Tribal | Unlimited | Unlimited | 4.5GB | N/A | \$ 0.00 | Dec 2020 |
| Lifeline Tribal + EBB | Unlimited | Unlimited | 12.5GB | N/A | \$ 0.00 | Jan 2021 |
| Lifeline Tribal + ACP | Unlimited | Unlimited | 12.5GB | N/A | \$ 0.00 | Dec 2020 |
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- Free SIM card
- Free smart phone device for Tribal subscribers
- Unlimited Calls to Canada, Mexico, Korea, Vietnam, and China (first 10 unique numbers each month)
- Free calls to Company Customer Service
- Free calls to 911 emergency services
- Free access to Voicemail, Caller-ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, and 3-Way Calling
- Free Domestic Long Distance
- Data at 3G speeds or higher
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