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## VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Docket UT-220002; Sage Telecom Communications, LLC's FCC Form 555

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.416, enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket a copy of Sage Telecom Communications, LLC's Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form (FCC Form 555).

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 770-232-9200 or etc@telecomcounsel.com.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Maddy Roberts

Maddy Roberts, Regulatory Specialist Expert Telecom Compliance Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

## **IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

Study Area Code (SAC	)	Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
An Eligible Telecommunicat	ions Carrier (ETC) must provide a	certification form for <b>each SAC</b> through which it provides Lifeline service).
2021	WA	Sage Telecom Communications LLC
Recertification Year	State	ETC Name
TruConnect		TSC Acquisition Corporation
DBA, Marketing, or Ot (If same as ETC name, list "N		Holding Company Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)
es the reporting compa	my have affiliated ETCs?	Yes 🖸 No 🖸

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name

## ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box. ETCs that do not assess and collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers are subject to the non-usage requirements. ETCs subject to the non-usage requirements must indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month in Section 4. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are subject to the non-usage requirements and must also indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month.

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#### Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes 🖸

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

Р	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	1027
June	25
July	223
August	167
September	327
October	177
November	88
December	18
Total Subscribers	2052

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

#### Initial Certification All ETCs must complete this section

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

NRJ Initial

## **Annual Recertification**

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers due for recertification by month (January-December)

- A. Subscribers eligible for recertification by anniversary month
- B. Subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempts
- C. Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying (A-B)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
А.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
В.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Recertification Methods**

#### State of federal database

D. Subscribers recertified through ETC access to state or federal database by anniversary month

Report the number of eligible subscribers verified through access to a state or federal database.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E. Name of the data source(s) used to verify consumer eligibility:

#### **ETC Direct Contact**

F. Subscribers contacted by ETC directly to recertify (You may also use this section to report subscriber initiated recertifications).

#### Report the number of Lifeline subscribers the ETC contacted directly to obtain recertification of eligibility

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
F.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Subscribers who failed to recertify through ETC direct outreach attempt

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers de-enrolled due to ineligibility or non-response to the ETC's outreach attempt.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
З.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### H. Subscribers who recertified through ETC direct outreach attempt

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Third Party**

I. Subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers contacted by a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC for the purpose of recertification.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

J. Name of third party administrator used to verify subscriber eligibility:

K. Subscribers de-enrolled as a result of a third party recertification attempt

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
K.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

L. Subscribers who recertified through a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC's recertification effort

Report the number of subscribers that recertified through a request from a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
L.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **Certification:**

#### **Recertification Method: Database**

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on a database. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

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## **Recertification Method: ETC**

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

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#### **Recertification Method: Third Party**

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on an administrator. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

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#### **No Subscribers**

I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the current Form 555 data year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

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M = (G+K)	$\mathbf{N} = (\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{I})$	O = M/N*100		
Total number of subscribers de-enrolled as a result of recertification	Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying	Percent of subscribers due for recertification who were de-enrolled		
0	0	0.0%		

#### Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

#### Signed,

Nathan Johnson, Co-CEO Signature of Officer njohnson@truconnect.com Email Address of Officer Maddy Roberts Person Completing This Certification Form Nathan Johnson, Co-CEO

Printed Name and Title of Officer Jan 31, 2022

Date

#### 7702329200

Contact Phone Number

# **Affiliated ETCs**

SAC	Name
119011	TruConnect Communications Inc.
149015	TruConnect Communications Inc.
169007	TruConnect Communications Inc.
549011	TruConnect Communications Inc.
549013	TruConnect Communications Inc.
589019	TruConnect Communications Inc.
649009	TruConnect Communications Inc.
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