

**DOCKET NO. UM 1726**

**Cover Sheet for Submission of  
2015 Annual ETC Certification Reports**

Name of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier: Scio Mutual Telephone

Filing date: June 22, 2015

Is this: Original submission?     X      
          OR  
          Revised submission?           

Person to contact for questions:

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Phone number (209) 955-6116

E-mail address Eric.Votaw@mossadams.com

Documents included in this filing (please check applicable items):

     CAF/ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.304)

     Rate Floor Data (47 CFR § 54.313(h))

  X   Form 481 (High-cost per 47 CFR § 54.313, Low-income per 54.422)<sup>1</sup>

     Form 690 (Mobility Fund per 47 CFR § 54.1009)

  X   Affidavit for High-Cost Support

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**Filing deadlines:** The deadlines for filing items required by 47 CFR § 54 are the same as the deadlines for filing with the FCC. The notarized affidavit for high-cost support must be filed no later than the due date for the FCC Form 481. Based on current information, it appears that all items other than CAF/ICC support data are due by July 1, 2015. The CAF/ICC support data are due the same day as the ETC's interstate access tariff filing.

If revisions to an original submission are filed with the FCC or USAC, a copy of the revisions must be filed with the Oregon Commission no later than five business days following submission to the FCC or USAC.

<sup>1</sup> Lifeline-only ETCs must provide all information specified in 47 CFR § 54.422(b) even if the ETC does not submit this information to the FCC.



# SMTA

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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

I, Thomas J. Barth, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the CEO/General Manager of Scio Mutual Telephone Association and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Scio Mutual Telephone Association hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I attest that all federal high-cost support provided to Scio Mutual Telephone Association in Oregon was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2015.

By: Thomas J. Barth

Its: CEO/General Manager

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, ~~2014~~ <sup>2015</sup>.

Cathy I. Martin

Notary public in and for the State of Oregon

My Commission Expires: May 28, 2019



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June 19, 2015

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: **Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Scio Mutual Telephone Association ("SMTA"), a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support, has electronically submitted FCC Form 481 to the Commission with redacted financial data, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422

As specified in the Protective Order issued on November 16, 2012 by the Commission, two copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION"

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this particular matter.

Sincerely,



Eric N. Votaw, Senior Manager for  
Moss Adams LLP

Enclosures

cc Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	532397
<015> Study Area Name	SCIO MUTUAL TEL ASSN
<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Eric N. Votaw
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2099556116 ext.
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<b>ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS</b>	<b>54.313</b>	<b>54.422</b>
	<b>Completion Required</b>	<b>Completion Required</b>

			<i>(check box when complete)</i>	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)				
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420> Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>			
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<440> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>			
<450> Mobile	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>			
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">532397OR510.pdf</div>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">532397OR610.pdf</div>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">532397OR1010.pdf</div>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

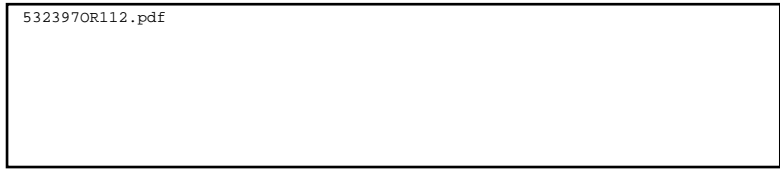
<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Eric N. Votaw
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5		(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?		(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Yes
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Yes
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality		Yes
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage		Yes
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity		Yes
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		Not Applicable

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable











**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <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.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b> <b>Lifeline</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.smt-net.com/newsletter>

“Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <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.
✓

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b> <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
- <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
- <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {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

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

<b>(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation</b>	FCC Form 481
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**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring 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.**

(3010) **Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**  
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (Yes/No)  Yes  No

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)  Yes  No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(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

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited? (Yes/No)  Yes  No

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

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and 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:

(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,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

FCC Form 481

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**Financial Data Summary**

(3027) Revenue	4498916
(3028) Operating Expenses	3838539
(3029) Net Income	609913
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	19115916
(3031) Total Assets	13595606
(3032) Total Debt	0
(3033) Total Equity	13140908
(3034) Dividends	0

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
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.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
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.	



<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p>	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SCIO MUTUAL TEL ASSN	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 532397	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
<small>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.</small>	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.</p>	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SCIO MUTUAL TEL ASSN	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Moss Adams, LLP	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: 06/18/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Eric Votaw	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Senior Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 2099556116 ext.	
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## Attachments

LINE 100 INITIAL FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Response Line 510  
Scio Mutual Telephone Association  
Study Area 532397

### **Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Scio Mutual Telephone Association (“SMTA”) is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. SMTA provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. SMTA also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by placing CPNI explanation messages into subscribers’ bills and also has signage in its business office, which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition, SMTA trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

SMTA also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which SMTA offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. The tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. SMTA keeps its tariffs available for public inspection at its business offices.

### **Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) SMTA is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. SMTA trains staff on applicable rules for broadband services issues on an annual basis. In addition SMTA has placed its network practices and policies regarding FCC’s Net Neutrality Rules on its website at <http://www.smt-net.com/network> .

SMTA also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which SMTA offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers (“ISP”). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA’s website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

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Functionality in Emergency Situations:

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Scio Mutual Telephone Association (“SMTA”) meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to SMTA central office by use of a fixed generator that will provide indefinite power as long as fuel is replenished and batteries that provide 16 hours of emergency battery power. In addition, SMTA field electronics have 72 hours of battery back-up power and indefinite backup by use of portable generators. SMTA also has SONET, as well as DWDM, technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. SMTA has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. SMTA also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. SMTA has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. SMTA has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations. SMTA is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations.

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### Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10) Scio Mutual Telephone Association (“SMTA”) is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015. SMTA’s current total local end-user rates<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

Scio Rate Plan 1 \$25.12 (which includes a local fee of \$11.50, State USF \$1.97 and EAS charge \$11.65)  
Scio Rate Plan 2 \$26.58 (which includes a local fee of \$11.50, State USF \$2.08 and EAS charge \$13.00)  
Scio Rate Plan 3 \$19.77 (which includes a local fee of \$11.50, State USF \$1.55 and EAS charge of \$6.72)  
Scio Rate Plan 4 \$12.48 (which includes a local fee of \$11.50, State USF \$0.98 and No EAS charge)

None of the rate plans listed are above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) “The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average.”

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#### Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Scio Mutual Telephone Association (“SMTA”) provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how for how SMTA is meeting its obligations for broadband goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.

LINE 3005 RATE OF RETURN DATA

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