

# Filing FCC Form 481: Program Year 2023

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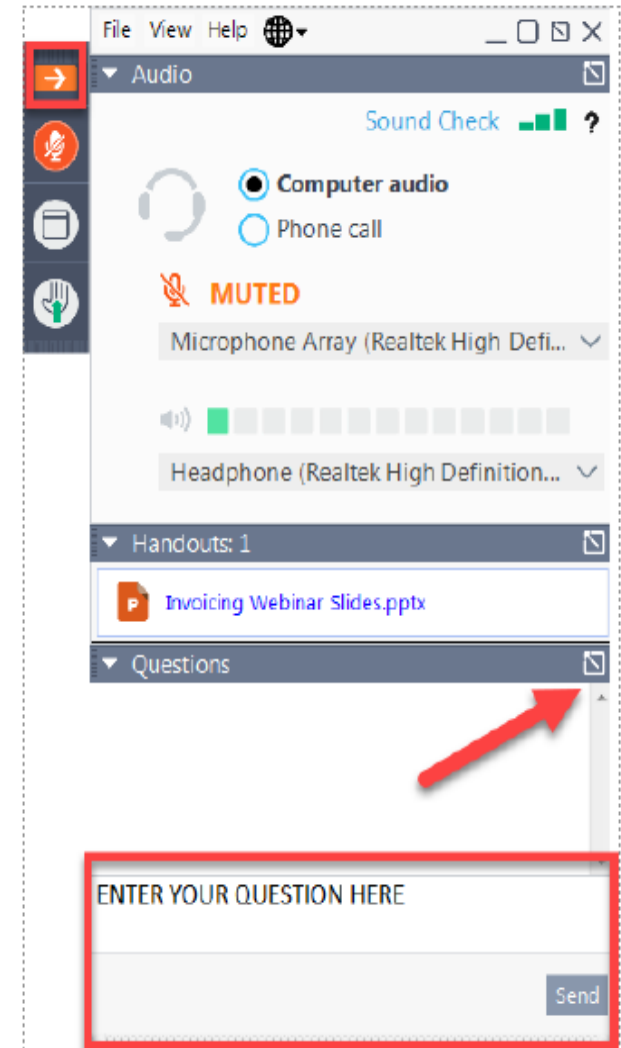
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# Agenda

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- Accessing the System and Creating a Filing
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- Supply Chain Certifications
- Fund-Specific Sections
- FCC Form 481 Resources
- Questions

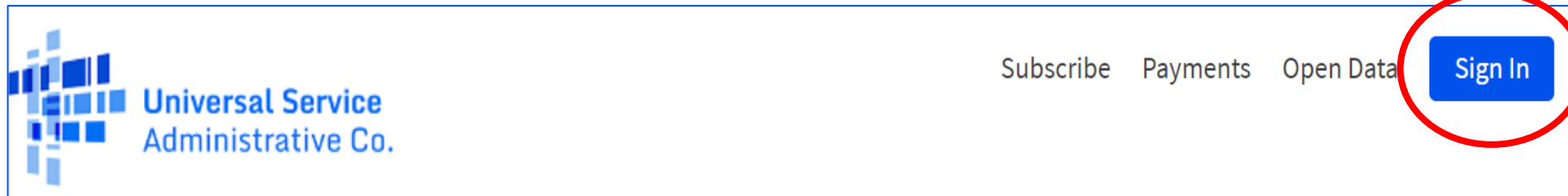
# FCC Form 481: Overview

# Form 481 Overview: Requirements

- All ETCs participating in High Cost and/or Lifeline programs must file FCC Form 481 annually.
  - This includes Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) carriers authorized for support in 2021.
- Form 481 collects financial and operations information used to validate carrier support.
- Among other data, the form gathers information about:
  - Carrier ability to function in emergency situations
  - Holding company, operating companies, affiliates and branding designations
  - Tribal lands engagement
  - Comparability of voice and broadband rates in rural and urban areas
  - Terrestrial backhaul
- Form 481 also includes two supply chain certifications.

# Form 481 Overview: Access

- Carriers can access the Form 481 system through USAC's E-file system
  - E-File is available at <https://forms.universalservice.org/portal/login>
  - Or click "Sign In" at the top of the USAC website (usac.org)



- Users must have a 481 entitlement. The carrier's 498 officer can assign the entitlement.
  - 481 SPO – this entitlement allows data to be entered and certified
  - 481 SPU – this entitlement allows data to be entered, but not certified
  - 481 SPA – this entitlement allows data to be entered, but not certified



# Form 481 Overview: System

- The 481 system was modernized this year. The look and feel are now similar to the HUBB and PMM
- The system will automatically display only those sections that the carrier is required to complete, based on:
  - Type of carrier (Rate of Return, Price Cap, competitor)
  - Type of support received (CAF Phase II Model, CAF Phase II Auction, ACAM, RBE, etc.)
- The system maintains a downloadable form template.
  - Carriers can download and review completed forms.
  - The form template includes all Form 481 sections. Sections that a carrier is not required to complete will appear blank in the downloaded form.

# **FCC Form 481: Accessing the System and Creating a Filing**

# FCC Form 481: Accessing the System

- If FCC Form 481 is not visible in the High Cost section of the E-File dashboard, the user may not have the necessary entitlement.
- Users should request entitlements from the carrier's 498 Officer.
- Form 498 Officers and/or 498 General Contacts should contact USAC about missing entitlements.

The screenshot shows the Universal Service Administrative Co. dashboard. The top navigation bar is blue with the USAC logo and name. The user's name, John.Putman\_sj, is in the top right. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and features a "High Cost" section with an upward arrow. This section contains three informational cards: "FCC Form 481", "FCC Form 690", and "54.314 Certifications". The "FCC Form 481" card is circled in red. To the left of the "High Cost" section is an "Upcoming Dates" calendar listing three events: "05/11 2022 HCF Office Hours Webinar", "05/12 2022 PIA and Selective Review Process Webinar", and "05/17 2022 Webinar: Filing the FCC Form 481". A "see full calendar" link is at the bottom of the calendar. To the right of the "High Cost" section is a "Help?" section with links for "Send us a message" and "Click here", and contact information: "Call us (888) 641-8722".

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## Dashboard

### Upcoming Dates

05/11 2022 [HCF Office Hours Webinar](#)

05/12 2022 [PIA and Selective Review Process Webinar](#)

05/17 2022 [Webinar: Filing the FCC Form 481](#)

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### High Cost

**FCC Form 481** - The FCC Form 481 collects operational and financial information used to validate carrier support. All carriers that receive High Cost support (with the exception of carriers that only receive Mobility Fund support) must complete the form annually.

**FCC Form 690** - The FCC form 690 collects data that USAC uses to validate that the recipient companies are meeting their performance obligations for Mobility Fund support. All carriers that receive Mobility Fund support must complete the form annually.


**54.314 Certifications** - State utility commissioners complete the 54.314 Certification annually to certify that High Cost support is used by eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) only for the provision, maintenance,

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### Study Area Code (SAC) List

Select a carrier name to see its FCC Form 481 history.

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[Inactive 498 IDs](#)

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Carrier Name 

Carrier Name	SAC	State	498 ID
24 7 Telcom Inc.	339005	WI	143012193

Carriers may be searched by Carrier Name, SAC, State or 498 ID

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## 24 7 Telcom Inc.

State: WI  
SAC: 339005  
498 ID: 143012193

### Form History

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Displaying 5 of 10 submission periods

Submission Period	Date Submitted	Filing Period	Filing #	Status	Actions	Download	
2024	04/17/2023	Open	243	Certified - On Time	<a href="#">Revise</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">+</a>
2023		Closed	14	Saved Not Certified		<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">+</a>
2022	06/29/2021	Closed	1	Certified - On Time		<a href="#">Download</a>	
2021	06/26/2020	Closed	1	Certified - On Time		<a href="#">Download</a>	
2020	06/25/2019	Closed	1	Certified - On Time		<a href="#">Download</a>	

# Form 481: Creating a Filing

- Click “Create Form 481” to begin the filing.
- Filers can access previously submitted filings by clicking the icon in the Download column.

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## 24 7 Telcom Inc.

State: WI  
SAC: 339005  
498 ID: 145610102

### Form History

Displaying 5 of 10 submission periods

Submission Period	Date Submitted	Filing Period	Filing #	Status	Actions	Download	◇
2024	04/17/2023	Open	243	Certified - On Time	<a href="#">Revise</a>	<a href="#">↓</a>	<a href="#">+</a>
2023		Closed	14	Saved Not Certified		<a href="#">↓</a>	<a href="#">-</a>
2023		Closed	13	Saved Not Certified		<a href="#">↓</a>	
2023		Closed	12	Saved Not Certified		<a href="#">↓</a>	

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# Form 481: Creating a Filing

- Click Close to acknowledge the PRA Reduction Act Notice
- Note that carriers no longer need to select the sections (54.313/54.422) to be completed. The new system has logic so that only those sections that are required will display

**FCC NOTICE REQUIRED BY THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT**

Part 54 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules authorize the FCC to collect the information requested in this form. Responses to the questions herein are required to obtain the benefits sought by this form. Failure to provide all requested information will delay processing or result in the form being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. The data collected in the form will be used to validate the recipient companies' support, if any, that they are eligible to receive from the high-cost support mechanism and/or the Lifeline and Link Up support mechanism. We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 20 hours for a high-cost recipient and 3 hours for a Lifeline-only recipient. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERF, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0986 and 3060-0819), Washington, DC 20554. We will also accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to [pra@fcc.gov](mailto:pra@fcc.gov). Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. Remember — you are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0986 for the high-cost form and OMB control number of 3060-0819 for the Lifeline form.

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**Close**

# FCC Form 481: Form Content

# FCC Form 481: Carrier Contact Information

- The first screen collects carrier contact information.
  - List the person most familiar with the data collected by the form in case USAC needs to reach out with questions.
- Click Continue.
  - The system will automatically save the filing when Continue is clicked.
  - The system will advance to the next required section
- The section drop-down menu can also be used to move between sections

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The 'Go to Form Sections:' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle and contains the option 'Filing Type and Contact Info'. A yellow arrow points from this dropdown to the 'Filing Type and Contact Info' section below. This section is titled 'Filing Type' and contains a note: 'This information has been preselected based on High Cost and Lifeline program support paid out in the previous calendar year. If you think the filing type is incorrect, please contact USAC.' There are two checked checkboxes: 'High Cost (Section 54.313)' and 'Lifeline (Section 54.422)'.

Below the 'Filing Type' section is the 'Contact Information' section, which includes the instruction: 'Include contact information for the person best able to answer questions about this form.' It features three input fields: 'Contact Name (030)', 'Phone # (035)', and 'Ext. (optional)'. The 'Phone #' field has a small note '(xxx) xxx-xxxx' below it. There is also a 'Contact Email Address (039)' field. At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: 'Save and Exit', 'Validate', and 'Continue'.



# FCC Form 481: Functionality in Emergency Situations

- Section 600 requires carriers to certify to their ability to function in emergency situations.
  - Indicate yes or no that the carrier has the ability to function in emergency situations.
  - Attach a document that describes the carrier's ability to meet this requirement.

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# FCC Form 481: Operating Companies

- Section 800 collects information about carrier operating companies and affiliates.
  - The reporting carrier name should be the name associated with the Study Area Code (SAC) associated with the filing.
  - The holding company will be pre-populated if USAC has one on file.
  - Operating company is the name of the corporate operating company designation.
  - Carriers may attach a file listing any affiliates associated with the SAC completing this form. Affiliates that are designated as ETCs and their SACs, or that provide retail broadband internet access to end-user customers should be included.

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## Operating Companies (800)

**Carrier Names**

Reporting Carrier (810) Holding Company (811) ⓘ

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**To validate the information listed in (811) please select one of the following**

Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is correct. (811A)

Holding Company/Affiliate name listed above is NOT correct. (811B)

This study area does not have a Holding Company/Affiliate name. (811D)

**Carrier Names**

Operating Company (812)

Upload Operating Company Data (813) (Optional)

[Operating Company Data Template](#)

Choose File

CSV only

Back
Save and Exit
Validate
Continue

# FCC Form 481: Tribal Lands Reporting

- Section 900 collects information about whether a carrier provides service on Tribal lands.
  - Only line 900 will be visible until a selection is made.
  - If the answer is no, the carrier can save and move on to the next section.
  - If yes, lines 910-929 will appear. Carriers must list the Tribal lands they serve and provide details about carrier discussions with Tribal governments.

ACE TEL ASSN-IA  
 STATE: IL  
 SAC: 51336  
 498 ID: 14302062

Program Year: 2024  
 Form Description: FCC Form 481

Go to Form Sections:  
 Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Lands Reporting (900)

Tribal Land Services  
 Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (900)  
 Yes  No

Back Save and Exit Validate Continue

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Tribal Land Services  
 Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (900)  
 Yes  No

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

Tribal Government Engagement Obligation (920)

Confirm Statuses  
 Select Yes, No, or NA for each of the below to confirm the status described on the attached PDF (920) demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(5) includes:

Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions (923)  
 Yes  No  NA

Feasibility and sustainability planning (922)  
 Yes  No  NA

Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner (923)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Rights of way processes (924)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements (925)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Facilities Siting rules (926)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Environmental Review processes (927)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes (928)  
 Yes  No  NA

Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements (929)  
 Yes  No  NA

Back Save and Exit Validate Continue

# FCC Form 481: Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability

- Section 1000 collects certifications that the carrier offers voice and broadband service at rates that are reasonably comparable to average urban rates.
  - Lines 1000 and 1010 collect information about voice rates.
  - Lines 1020 and 1030 collect information about broadband rates.
  - If the answer to lines 1000 or 1010 is yes, lines 1010 or 1030 will appear to attach a descriptive document
  - If the answer to lines 1000 or 1010 is no or Not Applicable, lines 1010 or 1030 will not appear
- Not all carriers will see both voice and broadband certifications.

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# FCC Form 481: Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting

- Section 1100 collects information about a carrier's terrestrial backhaul.
  - If the carrier has terrestrial backhaul and indicates yes on line 1100, the carrier will be able to save and move on to the next section.
  - If the answer is no, line 1130 will display. The reporting carrier must confirm it offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area.

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State: IA  
SAC: 351346  
498 ID: 143002061

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Go to Form Sections:  
Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1): ▾

## Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting (1100)

**Certify**  
Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N) (1100)

Yes  No

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**Certify**  
Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N) (1100)

Yes  No

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) (1130)

Yes  No  Not Applicable

# FCC Form 481: Lifeline Terms and Conditions

- Section 1200 collects the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers. This section will only display if the SAC receives Lifeline support
- Attach a document to line 1210 or enter a link to a public website on line 1220.
- Must contain:
  - Terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans
  - Number of minutes provided as part of all plans
  - Additional charges, if any, for toll calls, and rates offered to Lifeline subscribers.

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The main content area is titled 'Go to Form Sections:' and features a dropdown menu currently set to 'Lifeline Terms and Conditions (12)'. Below this, the section 'Lifeline Terms and Conditions (1200)' is highlighted. It contains two main parts:

**Upload Document or Link Website**  
 Upload a descriptive document(s) AND/OR reference a specific link to your company's website.

**Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans (1210)**  
 A blue 'Choose File' button is present, with a note 'PDF only' below it.

**AND/OR**

**Link to Public Website(1220)**  
 A text input field is provided for entering a website link.

**Confirm Information**  
 Check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to Section 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers (1221)
- Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan (1222)
- Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan (1223)

At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: 'Back', 'Save and Exit', 'Validate', and 'Continue'.

# FCC Form 481: Validate Filing

- Click the Validate button on the Validate Filing screen to confirm the filing is complete.
  - If all required data has been submitted, the system will provide confirmation and the Continue to Certify button will become available.
  - The validate button at the bottom of each section may be used to validate that particular section.
- The system will not allow the officer to continue to certification until the missing information is provided

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State: IA  
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Go to Form Sections:  
Validate Filing

## Validate Filing

**You have errors across the form. Go to the pages below and fix the errors before returning to this page to validate the filing.**

- [Functionality in Emergency Situations \(600\)](#)

Select **Validate** to check your filing for any errors.

Validate

Back Save and Exit Continue to Certify

# FCC Form 481: Certify Filing

- Carriers are able to certify by individual SAC, but bulk certification is not yet available.
- In addition to the 54.9 and 54.10 supply chain certifications that were included last year, there is another supply chain certification to confirm compliance with 54.11 starting this year.
  - Carrier officers will indicate Yes or No to certify compliance with these two Rules.
  - If a carrier indicates it is not in compliance, an additional line will appear for the carrier to attach a copy of the FCC order granting a waiver of the rules, or a PDF copy of the pending waiver request submitted to the FCC.
- Click the boxes in the Accuracy certification to affirm the accuracy of the filing and enter the officer's name and title, and click the box to acknowledge that the digital signature is equivalent to a signature in pen.
- Click “Certify” to complete the filing.

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24 7 Telecom Inc. Program Year: 2024  
 State: IL Form Due Date: 09/30/2024  
 SAC: CHICAGO User Guide  
 MSB ID: 14323740

Go to Form Sections:  
 Certifications

### Certifications

#### Supply Chain Certifications

**Section 54.9: Prohibition on the Use of Funds**

I certify under penalty of perjury that no universal service support has been or will be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, 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.

If No is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes  No

**Section 54.10: Prohibition on the Use of Certain Federal Subsidies**

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. Section 54.10.

If No is selected, a waiver is required for each SAC which is not certified.

Yes  No

**Section 54.11: Requirements to Remove and Replace**

Answer yes or no if you are participating in the reimbursement program and the removal, replacement, and disposal term has not expired; if the reporting CTC does not use covered communications equipment or services published on the Covered List, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.11.

Yes  No

#### Accuracy Certifications

**Certify**

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 requests, and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

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 4356j, 502B(1)(B), and 18 U.S.C. Section 1021.

**Signature**

Officer Name  Title


I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name with a pen.

Back Save and Exit Certify




# FCC Form 481: Confirmation

- Upon successful certification, a confirmation screen will appear.
- A copy of the confirmation will be sent to the officer who certified.



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## Certification Confirmation

 Congratulations, you have successfully certified.

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address on record for your user ID. Please email USAC at [HCCERTS@usac.org](mailto:HCCERTS@usac.org) if you do not receive this email within 24 hours.

Date and Time: 04/21/2023 01:53 PM  
Certified By: Elizabeth.PertsevoiSPO@usac.org

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Carrier Name	SAC	498 ID	Filing #
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2024	Low Income (54,422)		

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# **FCC Form 481: Supply Chain Certifications**

# Supply Chain Report and Order Overview

- Service providers must submit annual supply chain certifications to USAC for each USF program in which they participate.
- On Nov. 26, 2019, the FCC issued the *Protecting the Communications Supply Chain Order* adopting section 54.9, which prohibits the use of USF funds for the purchase of equipment or services from companies identified as a security threat to the nation's communications infrastructure (covered companies). Section 54.9 went into effect on Jan. 3, 2020, and applies to all USF programs.
- In June 2020, the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau designated Huawei and ZTE, and their parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries, as covered companies.
- On April 1, 2021, carriers began to file certifications of compliance to section 54.9 on Form 481.

# Supply Chain Report and Order Overview

- The FCC issued the Supply Chain Second Report and Order ([FCC 20-176](#)) in Dec. 2020, adopting section 54.10, which prohibits the use of federal subsidies, including USF support, to obtain or otherwise maintain equipment or services identified on the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act Covered List
- In March 2021, the FCC released the initial Covered List ([DA-21-309](#)), which included telecommunications equipment or video surveillance equipment produced by Huawei, ZTE, Hytera, Hangzhou Hikvision, and Dahua.
- On March 25, 2022, the FCC updated the Covered List ([DA 22-320](#)) to include international telecommunications services provided by China Mobile International USA, Inc., and by China Telecom (Americas) Corp., and information security products, solutions, and services directly or indirectly supplied by AO Kaspersky Lab.
- On April 1, 2022, carriers began to file certifications of compliance to section 54.10 on Form 481.

# Supply Chain Report and Order Overview

- The FCC issued the Supply Chain Second Report and Order ([FCC 20-176](#)) in Dec. 2020, adopting section 54.11, which requires ETCs to submit a certification attesting that the entity does not use covered communications equipment or services in their networks. Note: Reimbursement Program recipients are not subject to this rule until one after the expiration of their applicable removal, replacement and disposal term.
- On September 20, 2022, the FCC updated the Covered List ([DA 22-979](#)) to include international telecommunications services provided Pacific Network Corp and its wholly owned subsidiary ComNet (USA) LLC, and China Unicom (Americas) Operations Limited
- On April 1, 2023, carriers began to file certifications of compliance to section 54.11 on Form 481.

# Supply Chain Certifications in FCC Form 481

- Service providers will see the following supply chain certifications included in the annual FCC Form 481 filing:
  - Section 54.9: 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.
  - Section 54.10: 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.
  - Section 54.11: Please provide a response, either yes or no (but I am participating in the reimbursement program and the removal, replacement, and disposal term has not expired), to whether the carrier certifies compliance with section 54.11, and does not use covered communications equipment or services published on the Covered List.
- These certifications affirm compliance with the Sections 54.9 and 54.10 prohibition on the use of USF support to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, modify, operate, manage, or otherwise support equipment or services produced or provided by covered companies.

# Supply Chain Audits

- USAC will conduct supply chain audits to verify carrier compliance with these new rules.
- These audits are separate from Beneficiary and Contributor Audit Program (BCAP) or Payment Quality Assurance (PQA) reviews, as well as any FCC audits related to the Supply Chain Reimbursement program.
- USAC will host a series of webinars to help USF recipients prepare for these audits.
- USAC will continue to update its supply chain webpage with the latest supply chain and audit information.

# **FCC Form 481: Fund Specific Sections**



# FCC Form 481: Price Cap Data

- Section 2005 collects compliance certifications from Price Cap carriers. Only Price Cap carriers will see this section.
- Frozen High Cost support recipients must certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(c)(4)
- Connect America ICC support recipients must certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(d)

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HAWAIIAN TELCOM, INC  
State: HI  
SAC: 623100  
498 ID: 143002709

Program Year: 2024  
Form Due Date: 04/21/2023

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Price Cap Data (2005) ▾

## Price Cap Data (2005)

**Certify**

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.

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (2015)**

Does this carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(c)(4)?

Yes  No  NA

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (2016)**


Does this carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Section 54.313(d)?

Yes  No  NA

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# FCC Form 481: Rate of Return Data

- Section 3005 collects financial data and certifications from Rate of Return carriers. Only Rate of Return carriers will see this section.
- Carriers can submit Rural Utilities Services (RUS) reports, balance sheets, income statements and statements of cash flows on Line 3013 and below.


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**ACE TEL ASSN-IA**

State: IA  
SAC: 351346  
498 ID: 143002061

Program Year: 2024  
Form Due Date: 04/21/2023  
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Rate of Return Data (3005)

## Rate of Return Data (3005)

**Certify**

Select from the drop down menus 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.

**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? (3007)**

Yes  No

**Certification of Public Interest Obligations (3010A)**

Does the carrier certify compliance with the requirements in 47 CFR Sections 54.313(f)(1)(i)?

Yes - Attach Explanation  No - Attach Explanation  
 Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

**Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions (3012A)**

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

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors  No - No New Community Anchors  
 Not Applicable - No Attachment Required

**As defined in 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(2), is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier? (3013)**

Yes  No

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# FCC Form 481: Rate of Return Data

- Carriers must enter the specific values required under Financial Data Summary at the bottom of the screen.

As defined in 47 CFR Section 54.313(f)(2), is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier? (3013)

Yes  No

Does your company file the RUS annual report? (3014)

Yes  No

Is your company audited? (3018)

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:

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 (3022)

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

Underlying information subjected to an officer certification (3024)

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

Worksheet Listing (3026)

[Choose File](#)

Financial Data Summary

Enter the specified financial data below which is located on your RUS Report (attached on Line 3017) or your reviewed/audited financial statements (attached on Line 3026).

Revenue (3027)

Operating Expenses (3028)

Net Income (3029)

Telephone Plant In Service (TPIS) (3030)

Total Assets (3031)

Total Debt (3032)


Total Equity (3033)

Dividends (3034)

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# FCC Form 481: Rural Broadband Experiment Data

- Section 4005 collects required data from carriers receiving Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) support. Only carriers receiving RBE support will see this section.
- This section requires carriers to certify that they offer broadband service meeting the requisite public interest obligations established by the FCC, including required speed, latency and usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.


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**Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative**

State: MN  
SAC: 366133  
498 ID: 143048348

Program Year: 2024  
Form Due Date: 04/21/2023

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## Rural Broadband Experiment Data (4005)

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**Certify**

**Public Interest Obligations (4001)**

Per FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29 and 78), 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.

Yes       No

**RBE Community Anchor Institutions (4003A)**

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

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors       No - No New Community Anchors

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# FCC Form 481: Alaska Plan Participants

- Section 5005 collects required data from carriers receiving Alaska Plan support. Only Alaska Plan carriers will see this section.
- Rate of Return carriers must indicate whether they have terrestrial backhaul.

The screenshot shows the FCC Form 481 interface for Alaska Plan Participants. At the top, the Universal Service Administrative Co. logo is on the left, "FCC Form 481" is in the center, and a "Sign Out" button is on the right. Below the header, the user's information is displayed: "ARCTIC SLOPE TEL", "State: AK", "SAC: 613001", and "498 ID: 143002684". To the right, the "Program Year: 2024" and "Form Due Date: 04/21/2023" are shown, along with a "User Guide" link. A "Go to Form Sections:" dropdown menu is set to "Alaska Plan Participants (5005)". The main content area is titled "Alaska Plan Participants (5005)" and contains a section for "Certify Terrestrial Backhaul". This section is titled "Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (RoR Carriers) (5011)" and asks the user to indicate if any terrestrial or satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul. The "Yes" radio button is selected. Below this, there is a section for "Upload Backhaul Technology Data (5013A - 5013C)" with a "Backhaul Data Template" link and a "Choose File" button. At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: "Back", "Save and Exit", "Validate", and "Continue".

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ARCTIC SLOPE TEL  
State: AK  
SAC: 613001  
498 ID: 143002684

Program Year: 2024  
Form Due Date: 04/21/2023  
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Alaska Plan Participants (5005)

## Alaska Plan Participants (5005)

### Certify Terrestrial Backhaul

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

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

**Upload Backhaul Technology Data (5013A - 5013C)**

[Backhaul Data Template](#)

**Choose File**

CSV only

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# FCC Form 481: Alaska Plan Participants

- Alaska Plan competitive carriers must:
  - 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.
  - If the answer is yes, line 5013 will appear so that details can be uploaded

The screenshot shows the FCC Form 481 web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Universal Service Administrative Co. logo on the left, "FCC Form 481" in the center, and a "Sign Out" button on the right. Below the header, the user information for "COPPER VALLEY WIRELESS, INC. - CL" is displayed, including State: AK, SAC: 619006, and 498 ID: 143000841. To the right, the Program Year is 2024, the Form Due Date is 04/21/2023, and there is a "User Guide" link. A "Go to Form Sections:" dropdown menu is set to "Alaska Plan Participants (5005)". The main content area is titled "Alaska Plan Participants (5005)" and contains a section for "Certify Terrestrial Backhaul" under the heading "Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (CETC Carriers) (5012)". The text explains that if the carrier relies exclusively on satellite backhaul, it must indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year. There are radio buttons for "Yes" (selected) and "No". Below this is the "Upload Backhaul Technology Data (5013A - 5013C)" section, which includes a link to the "Backhaul Data Template" and a "Choose File" button. At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for "Back", "Save and Exit", "Validate", and "Continue".

# FCC Form 481: Phase II Auction Reporting

- Section 6005 collects required data from carriers receiving CAF Phase II Auction support. Only carriers receiving CAF II Auction support will see this section.
- Carriers must indicate whether the Phase II Auction-funded network operated by the carrier in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements.
- Carriers should select N/A when asked whether they submit bids to provide Category One telecom and/or Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings for schools or libraries seeking service in census blocks where the carrier receives CAF II Auction support.

The screenshot shows the FCC Form 481 interface for Verizon Mass. The header includes the Universal Service Administrative Co. logo, the form title "FCC Form 481", and a "Sign Out" button. The user information section displays "VERIZON MASS.", "State: MA", "SAC: 115112", and "498 ID: 143001291". The program year is 2024, and the form due date is 04/22/2023. A "User Guide" link is available. The "Go to Form Sections:" dropdown is set to "Phase II Auction Reporting (6005)". The main content area is titled "Phase II Auction Reporting (6005)" and contains a "Certify" section with the instruction: "Enter the total amount of Phase II Auction Support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures. (6010)". A text input field contains "300.99". Below this are three certification sections, each with radio button options: "Phase II Auction and New York Funds Certification (6011)" with "Yes" and "No" options; "Phase II Auction Community Anchor Institutions (6012a)" with "Yes - Attach New Community/Anchor" and "No - No New Community Anchor" options; and "Phase II Auction FCC Form 470 Postings (6013)" with "Yes", "No", and "Not Applicable" options. The final section is "Phase II Auction Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (6014)" with "Yes", "No", and "Not Applicable" options. At the bottom, there are "Back", "Save and Exit", "Validate", and "Continue" buttons.

# FCC Form 481: Phase-Down Support Reporting

- Section 7005 collects required data from carriers receiving Frozen High Cost phase-down support. Only carriers receiving phase-down support will see this section.
- Carriers must indicate whether all phase-down support received in the previous year was used to provide voice service throughout the high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they have Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation. ETCs must provide voice service in high cost areas at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for similar offerings in urban areas.

The screenshot displays the FCC Form 481 web interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Universal Service Administrative Co. logo, the text "FCC Form 481", and a "Sign Out" button. Below the header, the user's information is shown: "VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)", "State: VA", "SAC: 190233", and "498 ID: 143034512". To the right, it indicates "Program Year: 2024" and "Form Due Date: 04/21/2023", with a "User Guide" link. A "Go to Form Sections:" dropdown menu is set to "Phase-Down Support Reporting". The main content area is titled "Phase-Down Support Reporting (7005)" and contains a "Certify" section. The certification text reads: "Price Cap Carrier and Fixed Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Transitional Support Requirement Certification. (7010). This certification request applies to any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that elects to continue receiving support pursuant to Section 54.312(d) or Section 54.307(e)(2)(iii) starting July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter on July 1 for each subsequent year they receive such support. These carriers must use this support throughout specific high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they continue to have the federal high-cost ETC obligation to provide voice service pursuant to Section 54.201(d) at rates that are reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas. Per Section 54.313(m), does the carrier certify that they used all such support received in the previous year to provide voice service in compliance with the above obligation?". Below the text are two radio buttons: "Yes" and "No". At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: "Back", "Save and Exit", "Validate", and "Continue".



# FCC Form 481: Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Section 8005 collects required data from carriers receiving Uniendo a Puerto Rico fixed and mobile support. Only carriers receiving Uniendo a PR support will see this section.
- Carriers receiving **fixed** support must:
  - Report how much support was used for capital expenditures.
  - To the availability of funds.
  - Report whether they met relevant performance requirements in prior year.
  - Select N/A when asked whether they submit bids to provide Category One telecom and/or Internet access services in response to all Form 470 postings for schools or libraries seeking service in census blocks where they receive support.

Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico LLC

State: PR  
SAC: 139021  
488 ID: 14303030

Program Year: 2024  
Form Due Date: 04/21/2023  
[User Guide](#)

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Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile

## Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (8005)

### Certify Fixed

#### Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Capital Expenditures (8010)

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

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#### Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Available Funds Certification (8011)

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.

Yes  No

#### Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Community Anchor Institutions (8012A)

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

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors  No - No New Community Anchors

#### 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.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

# FCC Form 481: Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Carriers receiving **fixed** support must certify:
  - Starting the first July 1 after meeting the final service milestone, certify that the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2-funded network that the recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in Section 54.309.
  - That USF support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support.
  - That they have conducted an annual review of documentation to determine the need for and/or changes to a carrier's disaster and recovery plan.

**Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification (8014)**

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 Section 54.309.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Support Reimbursement Certification (8020)**

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.

Yes  No

**Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Fixed - Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8030)**

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.

Yes  No

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# FCC Form 481: Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Carriers receiving **mobile** support must certify :
  - That USF support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support or used contrary to FCC Rules.
  - That they have conducted an annual review of documentation to determine the need for and/or changes to a carrier's disaster and recovery plan.
  - That they are in compliance with all FCC requirements to continue receiving Stage 2 disbursements.

The screenshot displays the FCC Form 481 web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the FCC logo, the text 'FCC Form 481', and a 'Sign Out' button. Below the header, the user's account information is shown: 'Broadband VI, LLC', '9999-11', 'SAC: 140111', and '408 69 1477491'. To the right, it indicates 'Program Year: 2014' and 'Form Due Date: 10/1/2015', with a 'View Guide' link.

The main content area is titled 'Go to Form Sections:' and contains a button for 'Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds'. Below this, the section is titled 'Puerto Rico Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (8005)'. The 'Certify Mobile' section contains three certification questions, each with 'Yes' and 'No' radio button options:

- Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile - Support Reimbursement (8040)**  
 14.113(c) Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall verify 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 settlement of company debt, unrelated to eligible expenditures, or other expenses not directly related to network installation, hardware, and expansion consistent with the framework of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund.
- Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile - Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (8050)**  
 14.113(d) Recipients of mobile support from Stage 2 of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund shall verify that they have conducted an annual review of the documentation required by section 14.112(a)(3) to determine the need for and/or implement changes or revisions to disaster preparedness and recovery documentation.
- Uniendo a Puerto Rico Stage 2 Mobile - Mobile Disbursements Certification (8060)**  
 14.113(e) Recipients of Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall verify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'Back', 'Save and Exit', 'Validate', and 'Continue'.

# FCC Form 481: Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Section 9005 collects required data from carriers receiving Connect USVI fixed and mobile support. Only carriers receiving Connect USVI support will see this section.
- Carriers receiving **fixed** support must report:
  - The amount of support used for capital expenditures and availability of funds
  - Whether they met relevant performance requirements in the prior year.
  - Whether they provide service to community anchor institutions.
- Carriers receiving **fixed** support should select N/A when asked if they submit bids to provide Category One telecom and/or Internet access services in response to all Form 470 postings for schools or libraries seeking service in census blocks where they receive support.

**Broadband VI, LLC**  
 State: VI  
 SAC: H9907  
 EIN: 2-8833855

Program Year: 2024  
 Form Due Date: 04/21/2024  
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### Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (9005)

#### Certify Fixed

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Capital Expenditures (9010)**  
 Enter the total amount of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

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**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Available Funds Certification (9011)**  
 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.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Community Anchor Institutions (9012A)**  
 Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors  No - No New Community Anchors

**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.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**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 Section 54.309.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Support Reimbursement Certification (9020)**  
 54.313(i): 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.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9030)**  
 54.313(j): 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.

Yes  No

# FCC Form 481: Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Carriers receiving **fixed** support must certify:
  - That USF support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support and that support was not used for other purposes not directly related to network restoration, hardening and expansion consistent with the framework of the Connect USVI Fund.
  - That they have conducted an annual review of documentation to determine the need for and/or changes to a carrier's disaster and recovery plan.

**Broadband VI, LLC**  
 State: VI  
 SAC: H9907  
 481 ID: 24833045

Program Year: 2024  
 Form Due Date: 04/21/2024  
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### Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification (9005)

#### Certify Fixed

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Capital Expenditures (9010)**  
 Enter the total amount of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

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 \$K

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Available Funds Certification (9011)**  
 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.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Community Anchor Institutions (9012A)**  
 Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors  No - No New Community Anchors

**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.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**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 Section 54.309.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**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.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed - Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation (9030)**  
 54.313(i): 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.

Yes  No

# FCC Form 481: Connect USVI Fixed and Mobile Funds Certification

- Carriers receiving **mobile** support must certify:
  - That USF support was not used for costs that are (or will be) reimbursed by other sources of support or used contrary to FCC Rules.
  - That they have conducted an annual review of documentation to determine the need for and/or changes to a carrier's disaster and recovery plan.
  - That they are in compliance with all FCC requirements to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

### Certify Mobile

**Connect USVI Stage 2 Mobile - Support Reimbursement (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.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI 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 recovery documentation.

Yes  No

**Connect USVI 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.

Yes  No

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# FCC Form 481: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Reporting

- Section 10005 collects information from Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) recipients. Only carriers receiving RDOF support will see this section.
  - RDOF carriers authorized for support in 2021 must file Form 481 this year.
- RDOF participants must report:
  - Total amount of support used for capital expenditures.
  - Availability of funds.
  - Whether they provide service to community anchor institutions.

The screenshot displays the FCC Form 481 reporting interface for Cox Virginia Telecom, LLC. The page is titled "FCC Form 481" and includes a "Sign Out" button. The user is logged in as "Cox Virginia Telecom, LLC" with the following details: State: VA, SAC: 19911R, and AIN ID: 143000113. The program year is 2024, and the form due date is 04/21/2024. A "User Guide" link is available.

The "Go to Form Sections:" dropdown menu is set to "Rural Digital Opportunity Fund R". The main heading is "Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Reporting (10005)".

The "Certify RDOF" section includes the following reporting requirements:

- 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. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(B). The input field contains the value "30561.46".
- 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 during the first July 1 after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(A). The response is "No".
- RDOF Community Anchor Institutions (10012A):** Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing the number, name, and address 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. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(A). The response is "No - No New Community Anchors".
- 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 list an 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 Section 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. 3000-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3000-0819 (Low-Income) November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(C). This certification will not be required until the July 1st following the 18th program year that this obligation has been fully implemented. Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries et al., WC Docket, Nos. 13-284, 15-90, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, 15566-67, para. 72 (2014). The response is "Not Applicable".
- 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 networks that the support recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(iii). The response is "Not Applicable".

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- Carriers should select N/A when asked whether they submit bids to provide Category One telecom and/or Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings for schools or libraries seeking service in census blocks where they receive RDOF support.
- Starting the first July 1st **after** a RDOF recipient meets its final service milestone until the July 1st after the support recipient's support term has ended, please provide a response that the RDOF-funded network that the support recipient operated in the prior year meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.309.

**FCC Form 481** Sign Out

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**RDOF Capital Expenditures (10010)**

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**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 awarded for the next calendar year. This certification must be provided during the first July 1st after receiving support until the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(A).

Yes  No

**RDOF Community Anchor Institutions (10012A)**

Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing the number, name, and address 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. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(A).

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors  No - No New Community Anchors

**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 Section 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. 3000-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3000-0819 (Low-Income) November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(ii)(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. 13-284, 10-90, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, 15566-67, para. 72 (2014).

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**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. Section 54.309. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2)(iii).

Yes  No  Not Applicable

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# **FCC Form 481: Resources**

# Form 481 Resources

- Resources to help carriers complete Form 481 include:
  - User Guide
  - Filing Guide
  - Upload Templates

**[www.usac.org/high-cost/resources/forms-and-filing-deadlines](http://www.usac.org/high-cost/resources/forms-and-filing-deadlines)**

# Form 481 Resources: User Guide

- Steps to start a new filing or complete a pre-existing filing
- Information on how to populate the form, including:
  - How to navigate the system
  - Overview of each line item and possible answers
  - Instructions on how to attach files
- Instructions on how to certify a filing

# Form 481 Resources: Filing Guide






- The Filing Guide provides notes and associated rules for each section.

481 Section & Issue	High Cost Program Rule	Notes	Lifeline Program Rule	Lifeline Program Filers
Section 600: Emergency certification	54.313(a)(1)	Certify for voice and for broadband service	54.422(b)(4)	54.422 only filings where Lifeline ETC is FCC-designated
Section 1000: Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability	54.313(a)(2) and (a)(3)	Certify that voice and broadband rates are reasonably comparable. Identify most recent wireline survey (see Section 1000 in FAQ for details).	N/A	N/A

# Form 481 Resources: Upload Templates

- Use templates to provide required data on certain sections.
- Rate of Return carriers may use the 3005 template to submit financial data, but this is not required.

## FCC Form 481 Templates

- [200 Service Outages Upload Template](#) 
- [800 Operating Company Upload Template](#) 
- [3005 Rate of Return Data Upload Template](#) 
- [Community Anchor Institution Upload Template](#) 
- [5005 Alaska Plan Upload Template](#) 

# Form 481 Resources: High Cost Support Center

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