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## PSC Staff Advisory Letter to Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs)

RE: Docket No. N2014.1.2 – In the Matter of the 2014 Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Lifeline Certification – FCC Form 555 Filing

To Whom It May Concern:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to file certain annual certifications relating to the Lifeline program with the FCC, USAC, the appropriate state commissions, and relevant Tribal governments.<sup>1</sup> FCC Form 555 is to be utilized by all ETCs for the required certifications and must be filed by January 31, 2014. The FCC Form 555 and the instructions are available on the USAC website at the following link: <http://www.universalservice.org/li/tools/forms.aspx>

Staff expects all of the ETCs on Attachment A (with the exception of Commnet) to file the FCC Form 555 with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) by January 31, 2014.

If any Montana ETC believes the FCC Form 555 contain proprietary information, Staff encourages those ETCs to request the PSC issue a Protective Order under the terms of ARM 38.2.5001 – 5030 as soon as possible.

ETCs should file a paper original and four copies of the FCC Form 555 with the PSC, addressed to Gary Duncan, Montana Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. The same materials must be electronically submitted (e-filed) on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> (go to "Electronic Documents" then "Login & Registration Page") under Docket No. N2014.1.2.

Questions regarding the FCC Form 555 filing should be addressed to Gary Duncan on 406-444-6189 or at [gduncan@mt.gov](mailto:gduncan@mt.gov). Questions regarding the e-filing process should be addressed to Debbie George on 406-444-6174 or [dgeorge@mt.gov](mailto:dgeorge@mt.gov)

Sincerely,

  
Gary Duncan  
PSC Staff

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 54.416

## ATTACHMENT A

### **2014 Montana PSC Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Certification Company Name and Study Area(s)**

- 1.) 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative – 482255
- 2.) 3 Rivers CLEC – 489003
- 3.) Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative – 482235, 483308
- 4.) Cable and Communications Corporation (Mid-Rivers Cellular) – 489005
- 5.) Central Montana Communications – 483310
- 6.) CenturyTel dba CenturyLink – 482249
- 7.) Qwest dba CenturyLink QC – 485104
- 8.) Citizens dba Frontier – 484322
- 9.) Hot Springs Telephone Company – 482241
- 10.) Interbel Telephone Cooperative – 482242
- 11.) Lincoln Telephone Company – 482244
- 12.) Mid-Rivers CLEC – 489001
- 13.) Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - 482246
- 14.) MTPCS (CellularOne) – 489009, 489011
- 15.) Nemont Telephone Cooperative – 482247
- 16.) Northern Telephone Cooperative – 482248
- 17.) Project Telephone Company – 482250
- 18.) Range Telephone Cooperative – 482251
- 19.) Range CLEC – 489007
- 20.) Ronan Telephone Company – 482252
- 21.) RT Communications - 512251 (Wyoming)
- 22.) Sagebrush Cellular – 489006, 489010
- 23.) Southern Montana Telephone Company – 482254
- 24.) Triangle Communications System, Inc. – 489008
- 25.) Triangle Telephone Cooperative – 482257
- 26.) TriCounty (TCT West) – 512296 (Wyoming)
- 27.) West River Telephone Company – 391689 (N. Dakota, S. Dakota)
- 28.) iSmart Mobile – SAC Assignment in Progress – Low Income Only
- 29.) Commnet Wireless – Conditional ETC on Winning bid in the Tribal Mobility Auction - Designated Dec. 3, 2013