

June 8, 2023

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: 2023 Conexon Connect LLC FCC Form 481 - SAC 219024

Docket No. 20230000

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached is a copy of the FCC Form 481 filing for Conexon Connect LLC (Conexon) that was submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on June 2, 2023. The Study Area Code (SAC) for Conexon in Florida is 219024.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at 816-710-9177, or by email at mark.koval@conexon.us.

Sincerely,

S Mark Koval

Mark Koval Senior Regulatory Manager Conexon LLC

Enclosure

| FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting<br>Data Collection Form                       |                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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| <035> Ext:  |                          |  |
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| Filing Type   | High Cost (54.313)       |  |

| (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) | FCC Form 481  |
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<010> Study Area Code

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219024 Conexon Connect, LLC

2024

John Beaudoin

<020> Program Year

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

<220> Upload Service Outage Data

Study Area Name

Name of Attached Document

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| NORS      |                     |                     |            |            |                           |                 |                |                           | Did This Outage |                |              |
| Reference | <b>Outage Start</b> | <b>Outage Start</b> | Outage End | Outage End | Number of                 |                 | 911 Facilities | Service Outage            | Affect Multiple |                |              |
| Number    | Date                | Time                | Date       | Time       | <b>Customers Affected</b> | Total Number of | Affected       | <b>Description</b> (Check | Study Areas     | Service Outage | Preventative |
|           |                     |                     |            |            |                           | Customers       | (Yes / No)     | all that apply)           | (Yes / No)      | Resolution     | Procedures   |
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| (400) Numb<br>Data Collect | er of Complaints per 1,000 customers<br>tion Form                             |                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report

- <400> voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.
- <410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice
- <420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

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# (500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Data Collection Form

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<515> Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards

| • •   | unctionality in Emergency Situations<br>ollection Form                        |                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |  |
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| <600> | Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations      | yes                      |  |  |
| <610> | Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations                | 219024f1610.pdf          |  |  |

| • • • | erating Companies<br>lection Form |   |                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier                 | Conexon Connect LLC                                   |                          |  |
| <811> | Holding Company                   | No Holding Company                                    |                          |  |
| <812> | Operating Company                 | Conexon Connect LCC                                   |                          |  |

<813> Upload Operating Company Data

Name of Attached Document

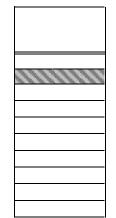
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| (900) Tribal Lands Reporting<br>Data Collection Form                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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| <900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)                | Ν  |
| <910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves                                      |  |
| <920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation                                 |  |

<921>

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



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# (1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form

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| <1000> | Voice services rate comparability certification                              | yes    |                           |
| <1010> | Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance | 21902  | Name of Attached Document |
| <1020> | Broadband comparability certification  | Yes -  | no more than benchmark    |
| <1030> | Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance           | 219024 | 4fl1030.pdf               |
|        |  |        | Name of Attached Document |

| (1100) No | o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  | FCC Form 481   |
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)



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<1140> Alaska Plan rate-of-return certification (yes, no, or not applicable) of compliance with approved performance plan.



| -                               | erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers                               |         |                          | FCC Form 481   |
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| ifeline<br>Data Collection Form |   |         |                          | OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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| <1210>                          | Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans                    |         |                          |  |
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|                                 |   | _       |                          |  |
| <1220>                          | Link to Public Website  | 1770    |                          |  |
| 12202                           |   | ITTP    |                          |  |
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| <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,          |         |                          |  |
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| <1223>                          | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.        |         |                          |  |

| Data Col | rice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation<br>lection Form<br>1 Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers |                          | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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Select the appropriate responses below to note compliance as a recipient of frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(c),(d). The information reported on this form is accurate.

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

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

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

| (3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation<br>Data Collection Form |   | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>December 2020 |
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(3007) Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator?

| (3007a)            | (3007b)                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name of Consultant | Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party |
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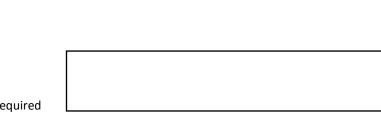
Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

| (3010A) | Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR §<br>54.313(f)(1)(i)}   |                                |                             |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (3010B) | Please Provide Attachment  |                                | d Document Listing Required |
|         | Rate-of-Return Community Anchor Institutions   | Information                    |                             |
| (3012A) | Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.   |                                |                             |
| (3012B) | Please Provide Attachment  |                                | ed Document Listing         |
|         | Using link, download template and list the number,<br>name and address for each community anchor<br>institution. Attach the document which contains the<br>community anchor institution details as required by<br>47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(ii) | Required Informa               |                             |
| (3013)  | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47<br>CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}  | (Yes/No)                       | 0 0                         |
| (3014)  | If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report   | (Yes/No)                       | $\circ \circ$               |
|         | Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:   |                                |                             |
| (3015)  | Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports<br>(Operating Report for Telecommunications<br>Borrowers)  |                                |                             |
| (3016)  | Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement<br>and Statement of Cash Flows  |                                |                             |
| (3017)  | If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your<br>company's RUS annual report and all required<br>documentation  | Name of Attache<br>Information | d Document Listing Required |
| (3018)  | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company<br>audited?<br>If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the<br>boxes below to confirm your submission on line<br>3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:                       | (Yes/No)                       | 00                          |
| (3019)  | Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or<br>(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS<br>Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers  |                                |                             |
| (3020)  | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement<br>and Statement of Cash Flows   |                                |                             |
| (3021)  | Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that  |                                |                             |

- performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:
- (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) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows
- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information





#### (3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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#### Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

| e(TPIS) |  |
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#### **Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations and provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions.

# Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

<4001> Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

#### **RBE Community Anchor Institutions**

<4003a> Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year

<4003b> Please Provide Attachment: Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details as required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79) Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(5005) Alaska Plan Participants Additional Documentation Data Collection Form

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# 5005 Alaska Plan

# Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (RoR Carriers)(Yes/No)Please indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became<br/>commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served<br/>exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul.(Yes/No)(5012)Newly Available Terrestrial or other Satellite Backhaul (CETC Carriers)<br/>If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on<br/>satellite backhaul for a certain poriton of the population in its service area, indicate whether any<br/>terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous<br/>calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul.

# <5013> Upload Backhaul Technology Data

Name of Attached Document

| <a></a>                            | <b></b>                 | <c></c>                              |
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| Description Of Backhaul Technology | Date Backhaul Available | Newly Served Locations or Population |
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(6005) Phase II Auction Reporting Data Collection Form

#### FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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<6010> Enter the total amount of Phase II Auction Support, if any, the carrier used for capital expenditures.

# Phase II Auction and New York Funds Certification

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

# **Phase II Auction Community Anchor Institutions**

- <6012a> Indicate if the carrier newly deployed broadband service to community anchor institution(s) in the previous calendar year.
- <6012b> Please Provide Attachment Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each community anchor institution. Attach the document which contains the community anchor institution details as required by FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79). Name of Attached Document Listing Required

#### Phase II Auction FCC Form 470 Postings

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

#### Phase II Auction Post-Final Deployment Milestone Performance Certification

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

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# <7010> Price Cap Carrier and Fixed Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Transitional Support Requirement Certification

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

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Name of Attached

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**Document Listing Required** 

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Please Provide Attachment**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Please Provide Attachment

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

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

# Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – FCC Form 470 Postings

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

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

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

#### **Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Support Reimbursement Certification**

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

#### Connect USVI Stage 2 Fixed – Disaster Preparedness and Response Documentation

<9030> 54.313(n): 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.

#### **Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Support Reimbursement Certification**

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

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# Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 Mobile - Mobile Disbursements Certification

<9060> 54.313(o): Recipients of Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support shall certify that they are in compliance with all requirements for receipt of such support to continue receiving Stage 2 mobile disbursements.

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|          | RDOF Capital Expenditures   |  |  |               |
| <10010>  | Starting the first July 1 after receiving support until the July 1 after the recipient's sterm has ended, recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must submit amount of support, if any, the recipient used for capital expenditures in the previo calendar year. This is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(i)(B).  | the total  |  | 8250405       |
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| <10011>  | Please provide a response (either yes or no) to this certification request for any rec<br>Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support that the recipient has available funds for al<br>costs that will exceed the amount of support that will be received for the next cale<br>year. This certification must be provided starting the first July 1 after receiving sup<br>the recipient's penultimate year of support, as required by required by 47 C.F.R. § 2<br>(2)(ii).  | l project<br>ndar<br>port until  |  | yes           |
|          | RDOF Community Anchor Institutions  |  |  |               |
| <10012a> | Recipients of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support must attach a list containing t<br>number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the elig<br>telecommunications carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in<br>preceding calendar year. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A).   | ible   |  | no            |
| :10012b> | <b>Please Provide Attachment</b><br>Using link, download template and list the number, name and address for each cor<br>anchor institution. As required by 47 CFR Section 54.313(e)(2)(i)(A), Attach the doc<br>which contains the community anchor institution details.  | -  | Name of Attached<br>Document Listing<br>Required Information |               |
|          | RDOF FCC Form 470 Postings  |  |  |               |
| <10013>  | For the filing due July 1st following full implementation of this requirement, please<br>a response (either yes, no, or not applicable) to this certification request. Recipient<br>Digital Opportunity Fund must respond affirmatively that they bid on category one<br>telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 p<br>seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and<br>universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries (as described in<br>54.501) located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Rur<br>Opportunity Fund, and that such bids were at rates reasonable comparable to rate<br>to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for Instructions for Completing FCC II<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost) OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income<br>November 2020 Page 44 comparable offerings. This filing is required by 47 C.F.R. §<br>54.313(e)(2)(i)(C). This certification will not be required until the July 1st following<br>Rate program year that this obligation has been fully implemented. Modernizing th<br>Program for Schools and Libraries et al., WC Docket. Nos. 13-184, 10-90, 29 FCC Ro<br>15566-67, para. 72 (2014). | ts of Rural<br>postings<br>libraries<br>§<br>ral Digital<br>s charged<br>Form 481<br>e)<br>the E-<br>ne E-Rate |  | notApplicable |
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| <10014>  | Starting the first July 1st after a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund recipient meets its service milestone until the July 1st after the support recipient's support term has e 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 meets the relevant performance requirements in 47.0 F.B. & 54.200. This filling is re-   | nded,<br>year  |  | notApplicable |

meets the relevant performance requirements in 47 C.F.R. § 54.309. This filing is required by

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(2)(iii).

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# TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients  |                 |  |  |  |
|---|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 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. | ×               |  |  |  |
| I understand that making willful false statements in any part of this report and/or in these certifications is punishable by fine or imprisonment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections 416(c), 503(b)(1)(B), and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.  | ~               |  |  |  |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: Conexon Connect, LLC   |                 |  |  |  |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE   | Date 2023-06-02 |  |  |  |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: Teresa Hannay   |                 |  |  |  |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: SVP Telecommunications   |                 |  |  |  |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 219024 Filing Due Date for this form: 2023-07   | -03             |  |  |  |
| 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.  |                 |  |  |  |

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disposal term has not expired) if the reporting ETC does not use covered communications equipment or services published on the Covered List, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.11

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Attachments

# Line 610 - Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

# 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1)

Conexon Connect LLC ("Company") is able to remain functional in emergency situations including loss of external power, damage to facilities, and network traffic spikes. Company's Optical Line Terminal ("OLT") cabinets are placed primarily at electric power substation locations, which are the most resilient locations for service and restoration in the event of a power outage. These fiber hub locations are equipped with battery backup resources that are designed to deliver 8 hours of runtime in the event of a power failure. In addition, in the event of an extended power outage, the fiber hub locations are prewired with a transfer switch and an external generator plug that allows for rapid connection to a portable generator. The fiber hubs are connected to one of the Company's two data centers (currently located in Kansas City, MO and Atlanta, GA) which are designed with redundant commercial power feeds. In addition, the data centers are equipped with battery backup designed to temporarily provide power until an automatic transfer switch connects to one of the redundant on-site generators capable of supporting full network functionality. The Company's network is engineered to provide maximum capacity in order to handle excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Company facilities are remotely monitored and managed by a centralized Network Operations Center which is staffed 24 x 7, 365 days a year. Technicians are able to remotely access and respond to alarm conditions. By design, transport redundancy is built into the telephony and data network on many levels and in the event of a hardware or circuit failure or traffic spike, the networks are able to self-correct in many cases or, at many locations, technicians are able to manually switch network elements to alternate facilities both locally and remotely.

# Line 1010 – Lines 1010 and 1030 Description of Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability

Rule 54.313(a)(2)

Rule 54.313(a)(3)

# FCC Form 481:

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2), recipients of high-cost support must provide a description of how their pricing for fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB"). Likewise, as required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(3), high-cost support recipients must provide a description of how their pricing for services meeting the FCC's broadband public interest obligations is no higher than the applicable benchmark to be announced annually in a public notice issued by the WCB.

Conexon Connect LLC complies with the applicable pricing benchmarks, which were updated for 2023 by the Wireline Competition Bureau in DA 22-1338 (WC Docket No. 10-90) published on December 16, 2022 ("Public Notice"). This document states that carriers must provide basic residential voice service for no more than \$59.62 per month. The Company's residential voice-only service is priced at \$39.95 per month, and the residential voice service rate when bundled with broadband service is \$29.95 per month. Both rates are below the maximum rate of \$59.62 per month.

Likewise, the Public Notice sets forth the benchmarks for broadband service rates based on download and upload speeds, and capacity allowance. The Company's broadband services meet the FCC's public interest obligations (as a recipient of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction support) and comply with applicable rate benchmarks. The following is a comparison between the Company's speed sets (all symmetrical) and corresponding prices, and the FCC maximum rate benchmarks:

| Speed         | Usage Allotment | Price   | <u>Benchmark</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| 100Mps/100Mps | Unlimited       | \$49.95 | \$98.55          |
| 1Gbps/1Gps    | Unlimited       | \$79.95 | \$142.55         |

The above comparison demonstrates that the Company's broadband offerings are priced at or below the FCC's reasonable comparability rate benchmarks.

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# Line 1210 – Terms and Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline

# Rule 54.422(a)(2)

Conexon Connect LLC's Voice Telephony Lifeline service rates and packages are detailed below and are the same packages and rates offered to non-Lifeline customers before the Lifeline discount is applied:

# Residential Voice-Only Lifeline Service Rate: \$34.70 + applicable taxes

Residential Voice-Only Rate: \$39.95 + Applicable Taxes

Lifeline Credit: \$5.25

Residential Voice-Only Lifeline Service Rate: \$34.70 (\$39.95 – \$5.25) + Applicable Taxes

Plan Provisions: Includes all inbound and outbound local and domestic long-distance usage. Domestic long-distance includes the Continental US, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, US Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Additional features provided at no additional cost include, but are not limited to, call blocking, call forwarding, caller ID, and voicemail.

NOTE: Above assistance amounts are subject to change per FCC, CAF and RDOF Standards