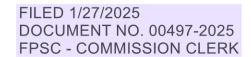
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January 27, 2025

Adam J. Teitzman Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: FCC Form 555 - Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached please find a copy of the 2024 Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Forms (FCC Form 555) for Northeast Florida Telephone Company (NEFCOM), which was filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company as well as with the Federal Communications Commission.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: Adam Dixon, COO, NEFCOM/ Townes Telecommunications Inc

Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

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Study Area Code (SAC)		Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)		
(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)	must provide a certifi	ication form for each SAC that provides Lifeline service).		
2024	FL	Northeast Florida Telephone Company		
Recertification Year	State	ETC Name		
		Townes Telecommunications, Inc.		
DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name		Holding Company Name		
(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)		(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)		
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bes the reporting company have affiliated ETCs? Yes No X vide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section				
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of the Communications Act. That Section defines affilia	ite" as "a person that (dir	rectly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common		
nership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153	(2). See also 47 C.F.R. §	5 76.1200.		
Affiliated ETC's SAC		Affiliated ETC's Name		

Initial Certification All ETCs must complete this section.

I certify that the company listed above:

- Has policies and procedures in place to ensure that its Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services; and
- Is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures; and
- Is in compliance with the minimum service levels set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.408.

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

Annual Recertification Results

Report the results of recertification efforts for the current calendar year.

Do not leave blocks empty. If the National Verifier is responsible for conducting recertification, enter zero for blocks A - F. If the state Lifeline Administrator is responsible for conducting recertification, report the results for each block.

A. Subscribers eligible for recertification within current calendar year	
B. Subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempts	
C. Total number of subscribers required to be recertified (A-B)	
D. Subscribers successfully recertified	
E. Subscribers de-enrolled for failed recertification	
F. Percentage de-enrolled for failed recertification (E/C)	

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying upon notice of eligibility from: __ state Lifeline administrator X National Verifier

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

Initial TLS

No Subscribers Certification Complete this section if ETC claimed no Lifeline subscribers.

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

Initial TLS

ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

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

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ No \underline{X}

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

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Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	
February	
March	
April	
Мау	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Subscribers	0

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

Signature Block

Signature block		
By signing below, I certify that the information provided i above. I am authorized to make this certification for this	is true and accurate. I am an officer of the company named SAC.	
Signed,		
TAMMY SOUZA	TAMMY SOUZA - VP OF FINANCE & SERVICES	
Signature of Officer	Printed Name and Title of Officer	
TSOUZA@TOWNES.NET	01-08-2025	
Email Address of Officer	Date	
Teresa Terry	8709214224	
Person Completing This Certification Form	Contact Phone Number	