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Re: Tele Circuit Network Corporation
Wireline Compliance Plan
WC Docket No. 09-197 & WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission Order *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization* released February 6, 2012, attached please find Tele Circuit Network Corporation's ("Tele Circuit") Second Amended Wireline Compliance Plan, which incorporates the following updates:

1. Commitment that a Company employee will be responsible for overseeing and finalizing every Lifeline enrollment prior to including that customer on an FCC Form 497 for reimbursement (page 13)
2. Clarification that the Company always "deals directly" with its customers to certify and verify customers' Lifeline eligibility (page 13)
3. Clarification that the Company has already complied with the 2012 Annual Recertification requirements and will continue to annually recertify eligibility for each of its subscribers (page 14)
4. Information on elective de-enrollment (page 20)
5. Clarification that the Company has direct interconnection agreements with its underlying carriers (page 22)
6. Section IV.A re-titled "Operations" and updated to include information on the Company's third party vendors (pages 22-23)
7. Clarification that the Company will still be able to provide service to its customers in the event that USAC ceases disbursements for a period of time (page 23)
8. Addition of a section on the Company's Customer Service (page 24)
9. Updated Lifeline subsidy (page 24) and sample Lifeline rates (Exhibit D)
10. Amended Lifeline Certification Form (Exhibit A)

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If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

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**TELE CIRCUIT NETWORK CORPORATION’S SECOND AMENDED
WIRELINE COMPLIANCE PLAN**

I. INTRODUCTION

Tele Circuit Network Corporation (“Tele Circuit” or the “Company”) is a prepaid competitive local exchange telecommunications carrier (“CLEC”) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) solely for the purpose of participating in the Lifeline program.¹ Although Section 214(e)(1)(A) of the Act requires an ETC to offer USF-supported services to some extent over its own facilities, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) has forbore from that requirement for carriers that are, or seek to become, Lifeline-only ETCs.² Tele Circuit currently provides service in part over its own facilities through the use of unbundled network elements (UNEs). According to FCC Rules, facilities obtained as UNEs satisfy the requirement that an ETC provide the supported services using either its own facilities

¹ Tele Circuit currently has a Compliance Plan pending for its wireless operations as well.

² *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) (“*Order*”).

or a combination of its own facilities (including UNEs) and resale of another carrier's services.³ However, obtaining and maintaining UNEs is costly, and some state public utility commissions do not recognize UNEs as facilities. Therefore, Tele Circuit will avail itself of the FCC's conditional grant of forbearance and, by its attorney, hereby files its amended wireline Compliance Plan outlining the measures it will take to implement the conditions of forbearance outlined in the *Order*.⁴ For the Commission's convenience, this Second Amended Compliance Plan replaces, in its entirety, the wireline Compliance Plan as originally filed on May 5, 2012 and amended on May 25, 2012. Given the severe economic environment that is forcing many low-income customers to forego telecommunications service, Tele Circuit respectfully requests expeditious approval of this plan so that the Company, upon designation as an ETC, may quickly deploy much-needed Lifeline services to qualified low-income customers.

II. BACKGROUND

In the *Order*, the Commission granted forbearance from the "own-facilities" requirement contained in Section 214(e)(1)(A) for carriers that are, or seek to become, Lifeline-only ETCs,

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(f) states, "[f]or the purposes of this section, the term 'own facilities' includes, but is not limited to, facilities obtained as unbundled network elements pursuant to Part 51 of this chapter, provided that such facilities meet the definition of the term 'facilities' under this subpart." The term "facilities" under Section 54.201 is defined as "any physical components of the telecommunications network that are used in the transmission or routing of the services that are designated for support pursuant to subpart B of this part" (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(e)). The Company's use of UNEs, including §251 loops, or equivalents thereof, commingled with § 271 elements, meets this definition of "facilities."

⁴ Although the Company qualifies for and seeks to avail itself of the Commission's grant of forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A), the Company reserves the right to demonstrate to a state public utilities commission that it provides service using its own facilities in a state (by obtaining UNEs, which are recognized as facilities under 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(f)), particularly for purposes of state universal service funding under state program rules and requirements. The Company will follow the requirements of the Commission's Lifeline rules and this Compliance Plan in all states in which it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income fund.

subject to the following conditions:⁵

(1) the carrier must comply with certain 911 requirements [(a) providing its Lifeline subscribers with 911 and E911 access, regardless of activation status and availability of minutes; (b) providing its Lifeline subscribers with E911-compliant handsets and replacing, at no additional charge to the subscriber, noncompliant handsets of Lifeline-eligible subscribers who obtain Lifeline-supported services; and (c) complying with conditions (a) and (b) starting on the effective date of this Order]; and

(2) the carrier must file, and the Bureau must approve, a compliance plan that: (a) outlines the measures the carrier will take to implement the obligations contained in this Order, including but not limited to the procedures the ETC follows in enrolling a subscriber in Lifeline and submitting for reimbursement for that subscriber from the Fund, materials related to initial and ongoing certifications and sample marketing materials, as well as further safeguards against waste, fraud and abuse the Bureau may deem necessary; and (b) provides a detailed description of how the carrier offers service, the geographic areas in which it offers service, and a description of the carrier's various Lifeline service plan offerings, including subscriber rates, number of minutes included and types of plans available.

III. TELE CIRCUIT WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE ORDER

Tele Circuit will comply with all conditions set forth in the *Order*, the provision of this Compliance Plan, and all laws and regulations governing its provision of Lifeline-supported prepaid wireline service to customers throughout the United States.⁶

A. Access to 911 and E911 Services

In the *Order*, the Commission requires Tele Circuit to provide its Lifeline customers with access to 911 and E911 services, regardless of activation status and availability of minutes.⁷ The Commission and consumers are hereby assured that all Tele Circuit customers will have available access to emergency calling services at the time that Lifeline service is initiated, and that such 911 and E911 access will be available from Tele Circuit phones as long as the phone remains connected,

⁵ See *Order* at ¶¶ 368, 373 and 379.

⁶ To the extent that future changes in federal regulations render the commitments herein invalid, the Company reserves the right to modify its operations in accordance with federal regulations in effect at that time.

⁷ See *Order* at ¶ 373.

even if there are no minutes remaining on the account. Tele Circuit resells the network services of incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILEC”) and the ILECs route 911 calls from the Company’s customers in the same manner as 911 calls from their own customers. As a wireline carrier, the requirement to provide only E911-compliant handsets does not apply to Tele Circuit.

B. Consumer Eligibility and Enrollment

Tele Circuit will certify and verify consumer eligibility for Lifeline in accordance with the requirements set forth in the *Order*. In instances where a state agency or third-party administrator is responsible for the initial determination and annual recertification of consumer eligibility, Tele Circuit will rely on the state identification or database.⁸ In instances where Tele Circuit is responsible for the initial determination and annual recertification of consumer eligibility, the Company will follow the procedures set forth below.

1. One-Per-Household

Tele Circuit understands that Lifeline is limited to a single subscription per household, and that the Commission has defined household as “any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit.”⁹ Upon receiving an application for Lifeline support, Tele Circuit will check the duplicates database, once in place, to determine whether an individual at the applicant’s residential address is currently receiving Lifeline-supported service. Tele Circuit will also search its own internal database of active customers, real-time, pre-sale, to ensure that it does not already provide Lifeline-supported service to someone at that residential address. If Tele Circuit determines that an individual at the applicant’s address is currently receiving Lifeline-supported service, Tele Circuit will take an additional step to ensure that the applicant and the current subscriber are part of different

⁸ See *Order* at ¶ 98.

⁹ See *Order* at ¶ 74.

households. To enable applicants to make this demonstration, Tele Circuit will require applicants to complete and submit to the Company USAC's one-per-household template, which will contain the following: (1) an explanation of the Commission's one-per-household rule; (2) a check box that an applicant can mark to indicate that he or she lives at an address occupied by multiple households; (3) a space for the applicant to certify that he or she shares an address with other adults who do not contribute income to the applicant's household and share in the household's expenses or benefit from the applicant's income; and (4) the penalty for a consumer's failure to make the required one-per-household certification (i.e., de-enrollment).¹⁰ Tele Circuit will deny the Lifeline application of any individual residing at the same address as a current Lifeline subscriber who is part of the same household, and will advise the applicant of the basis for the denial.

On its certification forms, a draft sample of which is attached,¹¹ Tele Circuit will obtain a consumer's permanent residential address (which cannot be a P.O. Box or General Delivery address), unless they only have a temporary address, and a billing address for the service, if different (which may include a P.O. Box or General Delivery address).¹² Tele Circuit will inquire on its certification forms whether or not the applicant's address is a temporary one.¹³ Tele Circuit will notify the consumer that if they have a temporary address, the Company may contact the consumer every 90 days, by phone or mail, to verify that he or she continues to rely on that address, and that if the consumer fails to respond within 30 days of Tele Circuit's attempt to verify the temporary address, he or she will be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program.¹⁴ Also on

¹⁰ See Order at ¶ 78.

¹¹ See Exhibit A. The draft form remains subject to change, but substantially reflects the content of the Company's application.

¹² See Order at ¶ 85.

¹³ See Order at ¶ 89.

¹⁴ See *id.* If and when the above requirement is approved, the Company will attempt to verify a

its certification forms, Tele Circuit will explain that if the subscriber moves, they must provide their new address to the Company within 30 days of moving.¹⁵ If the subscriber has moved, Tele Circuit will update the duplicates database, once in place, with the information within 10 business days of receipt of the information.¹⁶

As detailed below, Tele Circuit's certification form will clearly explain the one-per-household requirement and all consumers must certify that they receive Lifeline support for a single subscription per household.

2. Initial and Annual Certification

Consumers will be signed up in person or directed, via company literature, collateral or advertising, to a toll-free telephone number and to the Company website, which will provide information regarding the Company's Lifeline service plans, including a detailed description of the program and state-specific eligibility criteria. Tele Circuit's application form will identify that it is a "Lifeline" application. Tele Circuit will provide Lifeline-specific training to all personnel, whether employees, agents or representatives, that interact with actual or prospective consumers with respect to obtaining, changing or terminating Lifeline services.

Tele Circuit's initial and annual certification forms will conform to the list of requirements provided in the *Order*, Appendix C and with C.F.R. § 54.410(d), as amended. Tele Circuit's Lifeline certification forms, a draft sample of which is attached as Exhibit A, will require each prospective subscriber to provide the following information:

temporary address and de-enroll from Lifeline any customer who fails to respond within 30 days to the Company's attempt. However, as of the date of filing of this Compliance Plan, the requirement to recertify every 90 days the addresses of beneficiaries living at temporary addresses has not been approved. In fact, on April 13, 2012, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) invoked the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to prevent the above-mentioned requirement from going into effect.

¹⁵ See *Order* at ¶ 85.

¹⁶ See *id.*

- (i) The subscriber's full name;
- (ii) The subscriber's full residential address;
- (iii) Whether the subscriber's residential address is permanent or temporary;
- (iv) The subscriber's billing address, if different from the subscriber's residential address;
- (v) The subscriber's date of birth;
- (vi) The last four digits of the subscriber's social security number, or the subscriber's Tribal identification number, if the subscriber is a member of a Tribal nation and does not have a social security number;
- (vii) If the subscriber is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the program-based criteria, as set forth in § 54.409, the name of the qualifying assistance program from which the subscriber, his or her dependents, or his or her household receives benefits; and
- (viii) If the subscriber is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the income-based criterion, as set forth in § 54.409, the number of individuals in his or her household.

The certification forms will also explain in clear, easily understandable language that:

- (i) Lifeline is a federal benefit;
- (ii) Lifeline service is available for only one line per household;
- (iii) a household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses;
- (iv) households are not permitted to receive benefits from multiple providers;
- (v) that violation of the one-per-household requirement would constitute a violation of the Commission's rules and would result in the consumer's de-enrollment from the program, and potentially, prosecution by the United States government; and
- (vi) a Lifeline subscriber may not transfer his or her service to any other individual, including another eligible low-income consumer.

Tele Circuit will require all consumers, at sign up and annually thereafter, to certify under penalty of perjury that:

- (i) The subscriber meets the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline, provided in § 54.409;
- (ii) The subscriber will notify the carrier within 30 days if for any reason he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if the subscriber no longer meets the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, the subscriber is receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of the subscriber's household is receiving a Lifeline benefit.
- (iii) If the subscriber is seeking to qualify for Lifeline as an eligible resident of Tribal lands, he or she lives on Tribal lands, as defined in 54.400(e);
- (iv) If the subscriber moves to a new address, he or she will provide that new address to the eligible telecommunications carrier within 30 days;
- (v) If the subscriber provided a temporary residential address, he or she will be required to verify his or her temporary residential address every 90 days;
- (vi) The subscriber's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of

his or her knowledge, the subscriber's household is not already receiving a Lifeline service;

(vii) The information contained in the subscriber's certification form is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge,

(viii) The subscriber acknowledges that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and

(ix) The subscriber acknowledges that the subscriber may be required to re-certify his or her continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and the subscriber's failure to re-certify as to his or her continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of the subscriber's Lifeline benefits pursuant to § 54.405(e)(4).

Applicants will also be required to initial a number of disclosure statements intended to ensure that the applicant understands applicable eligibility requirements. Consumers who do not complete the application process in person must return the signed application and support documentation to the Company by mail, fax, email or other electronic transmission. The Company will accept electronic signatures, including Interactive Voice Response (IVR) recordings, that meet the requirements of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 USC 7001-7006.¹⁷

Enrollment by phone. Tele Circuit anticipates to primarily enroll customers via the phone. Tele Circuit uses a call center that is dedicated only to Tele Circuit and is staffed by independent contractors ("Rep") who are trained and monitored by Tele Circuit employees. When a Rep receives a phone call from a prospect inquiring about Lifeline, they will determine whether the prospect will be a Lifeline or non-Lifeline subscriber by asking if the prospect or a member of the prospect's household currently participates in one of the Lifeline-eligible programs or if their annual household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. If no eligibility database is available, the Rep will advise the prospect that they are required to provide proof of identity and verification of benefits before their Lifeline service can be activated. The Rep will then collect and input the required information into an electronic copy of the Company's application

¹⁷ See *Order* at ¶ 168.

form, at which point the Rep will validate the prospect's service address (USPS/Melissa database), ensure via an internal database check that the prospect's household does not already receive a Lifeline subsidy from Tele Circuit,¹⁸ and review all certifications and disclosures verbally with the applicant, making sure the applicant verbally acknowledges each required certification. If the customer indicates on the application form that their address is a multi-household residence, the Rep will require the applicant to complete USAC's one-per-household template as well. If an eligibility database is available, the Rep will query the database to determine eligibility. Once the initial evaluation is complete, the applicant is notified that Tele Circuit will initiate provisioning of the phone line as a non-Lifeline account and their bill will not reflect a Lifeline discount unless and until Tele Circuit receives the applicant's completed, signed certification form (along with USAC's one-per-household template, when applicable) and, when no eligibility database is available, their proof of identity and verification of benefits.¹⁹ Upon receipt of the remaining documentation, a Tele Circuit Lifeline Coordinator will match the documentation with the customer application form and complete and sign the "Office Use Only" section of the form which must include a description about the specific documentation reviewed as part of the eligibility verification process, including type of document (i.e. Medicaid), name on document, and a unique identifier (i.e. last 3 digits of document ID). The Lifeline Coordinator will then destroy the proof documentation and upload a copy of the completed application form to the customer record which will generate activation of

¹⁸ Once a national duplicates database is available, Tele Circuit will query such database for all applicants to ensure the applicant or their household does not already receive Lifeline from another carrier. In the interim, the Company intends to query CGM, LLC's aggregate duplicates database to ensure the applicant or their household does not already receive Lifeline from Tele Circuit or any other CGM client who has agreed to share their data. See section III.C herein.

¹⁹ Tele Circuit is working towards having the ability to capture customer certifications and signatures via IVR; until that time, the Company will include a copy of the Lifeline application form as an insert with the customer's first non-Lifeline phone bill, explaining the customer must return the completed application form to the Company (along with proof of identity and verification of benefits, if no eligibility database is available) before they can be approved for the Lifeline program and receive the Lifeline discount on their monthly bill.

Lifeline on the account.

Enrollment at retail locations. The Company may enroll Lifeline applicants in person at retail locations. When a prospective customer applies in person, Company employees, agents or representatives (“personnel”) will ask to see a government issued ID, will validate the address via a USPS/Melissa Database, and will ensure via an internal database check that the prospect’s household does not already receive a Lifeline subsidy from Tele Circuit.²⁰ If the customer indicates on the application form that their address is a multi-household residence, personnel will require the applicant to complete USAC’s one-per-household template as well. In cases where an eligibility database exists, Company personnel will query the database to determine eligibility. In states where eligibility databases are not available, the applicant is required to provide proof of participation in one of the Lifeline eligible programs or proof that their annual household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Tele Circuit’s Lifeline application contains an “Office Use Only” section, which must be completely filled out and signed by Company personnel in order to record a description about the specific documentation reviewed as part of the eligibility verification process, including type of document (i.e. Medicaid), name on document, and a unique identifier (i.e. last 3 digits of document ID). Eligibility documents are returned to the customer after review. If an eligibility database is not available or an applicant has not yet provided proof of benefits, personnel will advise the applicant that they must provide (via fax, email, mail, or in person) proof of identity and verification of benefits before they can be enrolled in Lifeline. Finally, Tele Circuit personnel will review all certifications and disclosures verbally with the applicant before they sign the application, making sure the applicant initials each required certification before moving onto the next. Once the Lifeline application is complete, it is scanned into the Company’s database. If personnel were able to complete the eligibility verification process during the initial visit, the

²⁰ See supra note 18.

applicant will be notified of their approval for Lifeline and Tele Circuit will initiate provisioning of the phone line and activate Lifeline service. If eligibility verification is delayed, Tele Circuit will initiate provisioning of the phone line as a non-Lifeline account and Tele Circuit will explain to the customer that their bill will not reflect a Lifeline discount unless and until Tele Circuit is able to verify their Lifeline eligibility. Upon receipt of the remaining documentation, a Tele Circuit Lifeline Coordinator will match the documentation with the customer application form and complete the “Office Use Only” section of the form as described above. The Lifeline Coordinator will then destroy the proof documentation and upload a copy of the completed application form to the customer record which will generate activation of Lifeline on the account.

Enrollment online. When enrolling via the Internet, prospective customers will be able to fill out an application form online and sign electronically. Tele Circuit will highlight the certifications that are required, for example, by requiring consumers to acknowledge each certification before moving on to the next field.²¹ If the customer indicates that their address is a multi-household residence, online interface will require the applicant to complete USAC’s one-per-household template as well. If no eligibility database is available, the online interface will advise the applicant that they are required to provide proof of identity verification of benefits before their Lifeline service can be activated; applicants will be made aware of how to submit the required documentation to the Company as well as what documentation qualifies as proof of benefits. The Company will qualify the applicant by accessing necessary databases (USPS/Melissa, duplicates database, eligibility databases). If eligibility verification can be performed real-time, the applicant will be notified of their approval for Lifeline and Tele Circuit will initiate provisioning of the phone line and activate Lifeline service. If eligibility verification is delayed, Tele Circuit will initiate provisioning of the phone line as a non-Lifeline account and Tele Circuit will explain to the

²¹ See *Order* at ¶ 123.

customer that their bill will not reflect a Lifeline discount unless and until Tele Circuit is able to verify their Lifeline eligibility. Upon receipt of the remaining documentation, a Tele Circuit Lifeline Coordinator will match the documentation with the customer application form and complete the “Office Use Only” section of the form as described above. The Lifeline Coordinator will then destroy the proof documentation and upload a copy of the completed application form to the customer record which will generate activation of Lifeline on the account.

Tele Circuit will determine eligibility utilizing the income and program criteria currently utilized by federal default states (47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a),(b)), as well as any additional state-specific criteria. Prior to enrolling a new subscriber, Tele Circuit will check the eligibility of low-income consumers first by accessing state or federal social services electronic eligibility databases, where available.²² If a database is used to establish eligibility, Tele Circuit will not require documentation of the consumer’s participation in a qualifying federal program; instead, Tele Circuit or its representative will note in its records a description of what specific data was relied upon to confirm the consumer’s initial eligibility for Lifeline.²³ However, in states where there is no state administrator, the state commission or other state agency is not making eligibility determinations, and there is no automated means for Tele Circuit to check electronic databases for eligibility, Tele Circuit will review documentation to determine eligibility for new subscribers until such time as a qualifying eligibility database is available.²⁴ Tele Circuit will require acceptable documentation both for income eligibility and for program eligibility. The Company will not retain copies of the documentation but rather will establish policies and procedures to review such documentation and keep accurate records detailing how the consumer demonstrated

²² See Order at ¶ 97.

²³ See Order at ¶ 98.

²⁴ See Order at ¶ 99.

his or her eligibility.²⁵ Tele Circuit understands that it may permit agents or representatives to review documentation of consumer program eligibility for Lifeline, and in such cases Tele Circuit remains liable for ensuring the agent or representative's compliance with the Lifeline program rules.²⁶

Tele Circuit will provide employees, agents, and representatives with Lifeline-specific training designed to give them an understanding of Lifeline program requirements and permit them to review customer documentation and determine whether it is sufficient to establish a customer's eligibility to participate in the Lifeline program under the Commission's rules. No Company employee, agent, or representative may accept a Lifeline application unless he or she has first completed this training program and demonstrated an understanding of the underlying material. Among other things, the Lifeline program training discusses the Company's Lifeline application form (see Exhibit A) on a section-by-section basis. The training explains what sections of the form must be completed by the customer and reviews the form disclosures in detail, to facilitate an employee's ability to explain each item contained therein and answer any customer questions. Furthermore, a Company employee will be responsible for overseeing and finalizing every Lifeline enrollment prior to including that customer on an FCC Form 497 for reimbursement. Because the Company is responsible for the actions of all its personnel, including those enrolling customers in any Company-owned or agent retail locations, and a Company employee will be responsible for overseeing and finalizing every Lifeline enrollment prior to including that customer on an FCC Form 497 for reimbursement, the Company always "deals directly" with its customers to certify and verify customers' Lifeline eligibility.

²⁵ See *Order* at ¶ 101.

²⁶ See *Order* at ¶ 110.

3. Annual Re-Certification

Tele Circuit recertified the eligibility of its entire Lifeline subscriber base as of June 1, 2012 by the end of 2012 and reported the results to USAC by January 31, 2013 in accordance with the requirements set forth in the *Order*.²⁷ Going forward, Tele Circuit will continue to re-certify the continued eligibility of all of its subscribers by contacting them—either in person, in writing, by phone, by email, or otherwise through the Internet—to confirm their continued eligibility.²⁸ The re-certification notice will explain the actions the customer must take to retain Lifeline benefits, when Lifeline benefits may be terminated, and how to contact the Company. Tele Circuit will obtain a signed certification from the subscriber that meets the certification requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d), as amended, as detailed in section III.B.2 above. The Company will provide written notice of impending service termination to subscribers who do not respond to the annual re-certification within 30 days. Tele Circuit understands that such certifications may be obtained through a written format or an IVR system, and will use one or more of such options for its certifications.²⁹

Alternatively, where a database containing consumer eligibility data is available, Tele Circuit (or state agency or third-party, where applicable) will instead query the database and maintain a record of what specific data was used to re-certify eligibility and the date of re-certification. If a subscriber's address cannot be verified through the state data, Tele Circuit will contact the subscriber every year during the annual certification process to obtain a valid address.³⁰ Tele Circuit understands that it may also elect to have USAC administer the self-

²⁷ See *Order* at ¶ 130.

²⁸ See *id.*

²⁹ See *Order* at ¶ 132.

³⁰ See *Order* at ¶ 131.

certification process on the Company's behalf.³¹

Tele Circuit will certify its compliance with Commission rules on an annual Lifeline eligible telecommunications carrier certification form and when submitting FCC Forms 497 to USAC for reimbursement. As part of Tele Circuit's submission of re-certification data pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.416, an officer of the Company will certify annually to USAC:

(1) that the Company has procedures in place to review consumers' documentation of income-and program-based eligibility. In instances where the Company confirms consumer eligibility by relying on official program eligibility data, such as a state or federal database, an officer of the Company will attest to what data the Company uses to confirm consumer eligibility in each state, and

(2) that the Company is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures.³²

C. Other Reforms to Eliminate Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Tele Circuit shares the Commission's concern about abuse of the Lifeline program and is thus committed to the safeguards stated herein, with the belief that the procedures it will implement will prevent Company customers from engaging in such abuse of the program, inadvertently or intentionally. The Company's service plans offer landline calling for a monthly fee, and thus do not invite instances of duplicative support or present the broader concerns regarding waste, fraud and abuse that arise from the "free" plans offered by many prepaid wireless providers. For this reason, there is no need for the Company to implement a customer usage requirement.³³

Tele Circuit has implemented enrollment procedures designed to prevent subsidies for duplicate or ineligible subscribers. The Company contracts with a third party Lifeline service

³¹ See *Order* at ¶ 133.

³² See *Order* at ¶ 126-27.

³³ The Company is not required to implement customer usage requirements. See *Order* at ¶ 257.

bureau, currently CGM, LLC of Roswell, Georgia, to process and validate the Company's subsidy data to prevent Duplicate Same-Month Lifeline Subsidies (Double Dip): any name/address that is already receiving a lifeline subsidy from the Company will be automatically prevented from receiving a second lifeline subsidy in that same month. Through the processes described herein, Tele Circuit ensures that it does not over-request from support funds.

As detailed in section III.B.2, Tele Circuit first validates each applicant's identity via a government issued ID card, passport, etc. Additionally, as mentioned above, Tele Circuit requires the applicant to provide their date of birth (DOB) and last four digits of their social security number (SSN). Requiring DOB and SSN ensures that neither the applicant nor the Company representative can forge certification forms based on false names and addresses. Once the applicant's identity is confirmed, Tele Circuit verifies that the applicant is eligible to receive the Lifeline subsidy. To do this, Tele Circuit checks any available eligibility database. If one is not available, the applicant is required to provide proof of eligibility. This prevents ineligible applicants from receiving the subsidy.

Tele Circuit verifies the address of the applicant first via the applicant's government issued ID, then validates the address via a USPS/Melissa Database to ensure the address is correct. This then prompts the representative to detail the one-per-household rule with the applicant. Tele Circuit's also dips the name/address combination into CGM's aggregate duplicate database to confirm that the applicant is not already receiving a Lifeline subsidy from Tele Circuit or any other CGM client that has agreed to share their data.

1. National Lifeline Accountability Database

Tele Circuit will participate in the National Lifeline Accountability Database, once it is established. As required by the *Order*, Tele Circuit will provide to the database subscriber name,

address, phone number, the last four digits of Social Security number, date of birth, Lifeline service initiation and de-enrollment date (when applicable), and amount of federal Lifeline support being sought for that subscriber.³⁴ Tele Circuit will provide the information listed above for existing subscribers within 60 days of Commission notice that the database is capable of accepting subscriber information.³⁵

Furthermore, on its certification form, Tele Circuit will obtain acknowledgement and consent from each of its subscribers that is written in clear, easily understandable language that the subscriber's name, telephone number, and address will be divulged to USAC (the administrator of the program) and/or its agents for the purpose of verifying that the subscriber does not receive more than one Lifeline benefit.³⁶

Within 30 days following Commission notice that the database is capable of accepting queries, Tele Circuit will query the database to check to see if a prospective subscriber is already receiving service from another ETC at a residential address prior to seeking reimbursement from the Fund.³⁷

2. Toll Limitation Service

As a local exchange carrier, Tele Circuit distinguishes between toll and non-toll calls. Therefore, the Company offers toll limitation service (TLS) at no cost to its Lifeline customers in order to afford them the ability to manage the cost of their monthly service plans and avoid higher expenditures that could prove to be devastating to a household of limited means. Tele Circuit provides unlimited minutes per month available for local calls only and a separate pool of minutes available for long distance calls (toll control). Customers may also opt out of the long

³⁴ See Order at ¶ 189.

³⁵ See Order at ¶ 190.

³⁶ See Order, Appendix C.

³⁷ See Order at ¶ 203.

distance minutes provided by Tele Circuit and either choose a different long distance provider, or request that the option for long distance calls be blocked altogether (toll block). Tele Circuit incurs a monthly fee for both toll block and toll control (the Company purchases resold TLS with periodic agreements sometimes purchased months in advance), and will thus seek reimbursement from the USF for TLS provided to eligible Lifeline subscribers. Tele Circuit understands that TLS support is currently limited to \$3.00 per month per TLS subscriber, and will be reduced to \$2.00 in 2013 and eliminated at the beginning of 2014.³⁸

3. Marketing & Outreach

Tele Circuit will implement the measures outlined herein to help ensure that only eligible consumers enroll in the program and that those consumers are fully informed of the limitations of the program, so as to prevent duplicative or otherwise ineligible service as well as other forms of waste, fraud, and abuse. Tele Circuit will explain in clear, easily understood language the following disclosures in all marketing materials related to the supported service:³⁹ (1) the offering is a Lifeline-supported service; (2) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program; (3) the program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service; and (4) Lifeline is a government benefit program. Tele Circuit's website and printed collateral will explain the documentation necessary for enrollment, and the details of Tele Circuit's plans. Such collateral and website information, as well as its application, will make clear that consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be

³⁸ See *Order* at ¶ 234.

³⁹ See Exhibit B for a sample advertisement. The Company understands the term "marketing materials" includes materials in all media, including but not limited to print, audio, video, Internet (including email, web, and social networking media), and outdoor signage, that describe the Lifeline-supported service offering, including application and certification forms. See *Order* at ¶ 275.

punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.⁴⁰ For broadcast advertisements and outdoor signs, and any other situation in which inclusion of documentation information and warnings against willful false statements are not practicable, Tele Circuit will include the URL link for its website where disclosures will be listed. Additionally, Tele Circuit will disclose the company name under which it does business.⁴¹

Tele Circuit's website is www.telecircuit.com. Tele Circuit also maintains search engine optimized (SEO) websites such as www.onemonthfreephone.com which link back to www.telecircuit.com. Any website which Tele Circuit currently uses and may use in the future, to the extent that Tele Circuit can control its appearance on such website, will comply with all federal and state Lifeline regulations and this Compliance Plan.

4. Audits

The *Order* requires ETCs that draw \$5 million or more in the aggregate on an annual basis from the low-income program, as determined on a holding company basis taking into account all operating companies and affiliates, to hire an independent licensed certified public accounting firm to conduct a biennial audit according to government accounting standards to assess the ETC's overall compliance with the program's requirements.⁴² Tele Circuit will comply with this requirement if and when it is approved, including applicable rules regarding the dissemination of audit findings to the Commission, USAC, and relevant state and Tribal governments within 30 days upon issuance.⁴³

⁴⁰ See *Order* at ¶ 275.

⁴¹ See *id.*

⁴² See *Order* at ¶ 291.

⁴³ See *Order* at ¶ 294. As of the date of filing of this Compliance Plan, the audit requirement has not been approved. In fact, on April 13, 2012, the OMB invoked the PRA to prevent the above-mentioned requirement from going into effect.

D. De-Enrollment

If at any time a Tele Circuit Lifeline customer wishes to de-enroll from the Company's Lifeline service, Company customer service representatives will handle such elective de-enrollment requests. Tele Circuit Lifeline customers simply call the Company, via 611 or the toll-free customer service number, and they can speak to a live operator to de-enroll from Tele Circuit's Lifeline service. Tele Circuit will de-enroll consumers from the Company's Lifeline program in the following instances, according to C.F.R. § 54.405(e):

Ineligibility. Any subscriber who indicates that he or she is receiving more than one Lifeline-supported service per household, or neglects to make the required one-per-household certification on his or her certification form, will be de-enrolled from Lifeline pursuant to the process for resolving duplicative Lifeline subscriptions described in section 54.405(e)(2).⁴⁴

If a customer does not respond to the Company's annual verification survey within 30 days, or if Tele Circuit has reasonable basis to believe that the subscriber no longer meets the Lifeline-qualifying criteria (including instances where a subscriber informs the Company or the state that he or she is ineligible for Lifeline), Tele Circuit will provide a written notice of impending service termination to the subscriber and then give the subscriber 30 days after the date of the letter to demonstrate that his or her Lifeline service should not be terminated.⁴⁵ Similarly, Tele Circuit will de-enroll a subscriber if they fail to respond to the Company's attempt to verify a temporary address within 30 days.⁴⁶

Duplicative Support. Subject to USAC's Duplicate Resolution Process and anticipated

⁴⁴ See *Order* at ¶ 122.

⁴⁵ See *id.* In states that have dispute resolution procedures applicable to Lifeline termination, the Company will comply with the state requirements.

⁴⁶ See *Order* at ¶ 89.

Duplicate Scrubbing Process,⁴⁷ Tele Circuit will de-enroll a subscriber within 5 business days if the Company is informed by USAC that the subscriber is receiving Lifeline service from another ETC or that more than one member of a subscriber’s household is receiving Lifeline service.

E. Additional Rule Amendments

1. Terms and Conditions of Service

The Company’s Lifeline offering is summarized in section IV.C below. The Company’s terms and conditions are subject to change as needed. Tele Circuit maintains current tariffs, which are public record, with the public service commissions in the states in which it operates, and also makes its tariffs available to customers at their request.

2. Reporting Requirements

Tele Circuit will report all information required by section 54.422, including as it may heretofore be amended. This includes the names of the Company’s holding company, operating companies and affiliates, and any branding (“doing-business-as company” or brand designation), and provide to the Commission and USAC general information regarding the terms and conditions of the Lifeline plans for voice telephony service offered specifically for low income consumers through the program offered during the previous year, including the number of minutes provided, and whether there are additional charges to the consumer for service, including minutes of use and/or toll calls.⁴⁸

3. Reimbursement from USAC

In seeking reimbursement for Lifeline, Tele Circuit will comply with the requirements of

⁴⁷ See Order at ¶ 214-16.

⁴⁸ See Order at ¶ 296, 390. Section 153 of the Communications Act defines “affiliate” as “a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person.”

C.F.R § 54.407, as revised by the *Order*.⁴⁹ Tele Circuit will certify when seeking reimbursement that the Company has obtained a valid certification form for each consumer for whom the Company seeks Lifeline reimbursement,⁵⁰ and the Company will seek reimbursement for actual lines served, not projected lines.⁵¹

4. Section 54.202 Certifications

Tele Circuit certifies the following in accordance with newly amended C.F.R. § 54.202: (1) Tele Circuit will comply with the service requirements applicable to the support that it receives; (2) Tele Circuit is able to remain functional in emergency situations; (3) Tele Circuit will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards.

IV. COMPANY INFORMATION

Tele Circuit is a Georgia corporation. Tele Circuit provides prepaid wireline telecommunications services to consumers by using the networks of the following underlying carriers, with which Tele Circuit currently has direct interconnection agreements: AT&T, Verizon, Windstream and CenturyLink. Tele Circuit intends to add wireless operations and maintain its wireline operations in an effort to afford customers a wider range of options for their telecommunications needs. Tele Circuit has a separate Compliance Plan pending in regards to its wireless operations.

A. Operations

Tele Circuit does not have a holding company, operating company, or any affiliates, and operates under and identifies itself as Tele Circuit Network Corporation. Tele Circuit contracts with third party vendors for the following services: H2O Overgroup for back office systems and billing; OSG Billing Services for printing and mailing; RTC Associates for telecom regulatory compliance;

⁴⁹ See *Order* page 221.

⁵⁰ See *Order* at ¶ 128.

⁵¹ See *Order* at ¶ 302.

and CGM, LLC for Lifeline compliance, Intercompany Duplicates Database, subsidy edits, and fraud prevention.

B. Financial and Technical Capability

Tele Circuit is financially and technically capable of providing Lifeline-supported services.⁵² Tele Circuit has been providing telecommunications services for over five years and provides service to both Lifeline and non-Lifeline customers. Tele Circuit currently provides local and long distance wireline services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, and operates as an ETC in Alabama and Florida; Tele Circuit also provides long distance service in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Tele Circuit has not been subject to enforcement action or ETC revocation proceedings in any state. Tele Circuit is financially able to provide Lifeline-supported services and will not rely exclusively on USF disbursements to operate. The Company will continue to rely on its successful business model and service offerings to sustain and grow its business, independent of USF disbursements that provide discounts for qualifying Lifeline subscribers. Tele Circuit is self-reliant and receives revenue from both its long distance business and its non-Lifeline local business. Tele Circuit has access to a substantial line of credit as well as private investors. In the event that USAC ceases disbursements for a period of time, the Company will still be able to provide service to its customers. Furthermore, the senior management of Tele Circuit has great depth in the telecommunications industry and offers extensive telecommunications business technical and managerial expertise to the Company.⁵³ Tele Circuit will be providing resold wireline service, and therefore will also rely upon the managerial and technical expertise of its underlying carrier(s).

⁵² See Order at ¶ 387.

⁵³ See Exhibit C for key management resumes.

C. Customer Service

Tele Circuit is dedicated to quality customer service and care. Lifeline customers can reach the Company's Customer Service department via phone, mail, fax, e-mail and online at the Company's website. Tele Circuit's Customer Service department is available Monday through Friday 8:00am-7:00pm EST, and Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm EST. The Company has a dedicated Customer Service staff that will handle all service requests, including elective de-enrollments as outlined in Section III.D above.

D. Lifeline Offering

Tele Circuit will offer its Lifeline service throughout the coverage area of its underlying carrier(s). Tele Circuit is currently operating as an ETC in Alabama and Florida. The Company's Lifeline offering will provide customers with a discount on their monthly phone service package equal to the current maximum federal (and state, where applicable) Lifeline subsidy. Exhibit D attached hereto reflects the Company's rate plans in Florida based on the current maximum subsidy amount of \$12.75. Rates may vary by state depending on ILEC territory.

V. CONCLUSION

Tele Circuit submits that its Compliance Plan fully satisfies the conditions of forbearance set forth in the Commission's *Order*. Implementation of the procedures described herein will promote public safety and should ensure that Lifeline customers have access to 911 and E911 services while safeguarding against misuse of the Company's Lifeline services. Accordingly, Tele Circuit respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve its Compliance Plan, as amended, so that the Company may begin providing the benefits of much-needed Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Tele Circuit Network Corporation

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Its Counsel

Dated February 13, 2013

Exhibit A

Sample Lifeline Certification Form

Telecircuit Network Corporation
P.O. Box 958283 □ Duluth, GA 30095

LIFELINE APPLICATION

This signed authorization is required in order to enroll you in the Lifeline Program in your state. This authorization is only for the purpose of verifying your participation in these programs and will not be used for any purpose other than Lifeline. Service requests will not be processed until this form has been received and verified by Telecircuit. I authorize Telecircuit to access any records required to verify my statements on this form and to confirm my eligibility for the Lifeline program.

Things to know about the Lifeline Program:

- (1) Lifeline is a federal benefit.
- (2) Lifeline Service is available for only one line per household. A household cannot receive benefits from multiple providers; and
- (3) A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline Program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: Month ___ Day ___ Year _____

Social Security Number or Tribal ID Number (Last 4 digits): _____ Contact Telephone Number: _____

Residence Address (No P.O. Boxes, Must be your principal address): This address is (Check all that apply) Permanent Temporary Multi-Household

_____ APT/ Floor/ Other _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Billing Address (May Contain a P.O. Box)

_____ APT/ Floor/ Other _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

_____ I hereby certify that I participate in at least one of the following programs: (Check all that apply)

Initial Here

- _____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- _____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- _____ Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- _____ National School Lunch Program (free program only)
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- _____ Medicaid

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Telecircuit Representative: _____

Documentation Verified: (description) _____

Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Is this a multi- family dwelling? _____

_____ I certify that my household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). There are _____ individuals in my household.

Initial Here

I certify, under penalty of perjury: (Initial by Each Certification)

- _____ (1) The information contained in my application remains true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I acknowledge that willfully providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law and may result in me being barred from the program.
- _____ (2) I am a current recipient of the program checked above, or have an annual household income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- _____ (3) I have provided documentation of eligibility if required to do so.
- _____ (4) I understand that I and my household can only have one Lifeline-supported telephone service. Telecircuit has explained the one-per household requirement. I understand that violation of the one-per-household requirement constitutes a violation of the FCC's rules and will result in my de-enrollment from the lifeline program, and could result in criminal prosecution by the United States Government.
- _____ (5) I attest to the best of my knowledge, that I and no one in my household is receiving a Lifeline supported service from any other land line or wireless company.
- _____ (6) I understand my Telecircuit Lifeline service is a non-transferable. I may not transfer my service to any individual, including another eligible low-income consumer.
- _____ (7) I understand that if my wireless service goes unused for sixty (60) days, my service will be suspended, subject to a thirty (30) day period which I may use the service or contact Telecircuit to confirm that I want to continue receiving their service.
- _____ (8) I will notify Telecircuit within thirty (30) days if I no longer qualify for Lifeline. I understand this requirement and may be subject to penalties if I fail to notify my phone company. Specifically, I will notify my company if my household:
 - (1) ceases to participate in the above federal or state program, or my annual household income exceeds 135% FPG.
 - (2) is receiving more than one Lifeline supported service;
 - (3) no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline support.
- _____ (9) I will notify Telecircuit within thirty (30) days of moving. Additionally, if my address listed above is a temporary address, I understand that I must verify my address with Telecircuit every ninety (90) days. If I fail to respond to Telecircuit's address verification attempts within thirty (30) days, my Telecircuit Lifeline service may be terminated.
- _____ (10) Telecircuit has explained to me that I am required each year to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline. If I fail to do so within thirty (30) days, it will result in the termination of my Telecircuit Lifeline service.
- _____ (11) I authorize and understand that Telecircuit may provide to state and Federal agencies, as required by law, for the purposes of complying with the Lifeline program all the information related to my account including but not limited to my name, date of birth, social security, usage history, address and phone number.
- _____ (12) I understand that my name, telephone number, date of birth, last four digits of my social security number, and address will be divulged to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or its agents for the purpose of verifying that I do not receive more than one Lifeline subsidy.
- _____ (13) I understand that if USAC identifies I am receiving more than one Lifeline subsidy, all carriers involved may be notified so that I may select one service and be de-enrolled from the other.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Exhibit B

Sample Advertisement

**Revised 04/04/12 Georgia Specific
Visual**

Graphic:

Do you receive Government Assistance?

Affordable Home Phone Service
1st Month FREE

Roll the graphic:

Food Stamps
Housing Assistance
Medicaid
Supplemental Security Income
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Senior citizen low-income discount plan offered by
local gas or power company

You may also qualify based on income

Graphic:

First Month Free
Caller ID
Call Waiting
FREE Long Distance minutes

No Deposit
No Credit Check
(call for details - local AT&T service areas only)

Graphic:

\$19.95 per month
(plus taxes and fees after discount)

**Graphic continuously at
the bottom of the screen**

1-800-738-0057
www.onemonthfreephone.com

Lifeline is a government-supported service available only to eligible consumers. Documentation required for proof of benefits. Only one benefit per family/household. Customers willfully making false statements concerning benefits can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. Terms and conditions apply. Talk to a customer service representative for more information or visit www.onemonthfreephone.com

Complaints concerning Lifeline service can be directed to the Georgia Public Service Commission's Consumer Affairs Unit at 404-656-4501 or 1-800-282-5813

Audio

Are you currently receiving any type of government assistance?

If so, you may qualify for discounted home telephone service for only \$19.95 per month.

Call today and your first month is FREE, including Caller ID and Call Waiting plus free long distance minutes each month. There is no credit check and no deposit.

Call today at 1-800-738-0057 to receive your first month of home phone service FREE.

CALL 1-800-738-0057 or go to onemonthfreephone.com.

Exhibit C

Key Management Resumes

Ashar Syed

Summary of Expertise

A software developer with over 9 years of product development, business development, marketing management and software consulting experience. Solid reputation as a strategic visionary, and problem solver. Strong ability to develop and motivate teams. Performance-oriented with experience in profit and loss management. Skilled in executive level presentations, vendor relationships, and strategic partnerships. Extensive technical expertise in telecommunication software development, data communication technologies, and Internet applications.

Professional Experience

Chairman and CEO, October 2003 - Present

Tele Circuit Network Corp. Alpharetta, GA

Created a long-distance telecommunication company that has been in operation for one and half year. Consultant to several telecommunication, software development and professional services companies on content and product support strategies, vertical market development, business partnership deal structures and customer acquisition. Conceived, developed and brought telecom services to market such as calling card, T1s, DSL and long-distance. Designed user interfaces and telephony applications. Delivered technology assessments and evaluations for training, knowledge ware and groupware applications. Negotiated licensing and joint venture agreements. Established pricing policies. Designed and executed advertising, direct mail and telemarketing campaigns for Tele Circuit.

Technical Manager, July 1999 – September 2003

America's Tele-Network Corp. Roswell, GA

Responsible for managing, analyzing, designing, implementation, testing and maintaining of **GUIs, Telephony, Internet, Intranet, Extranet and Database Systems** related to telecommunications industry. **Provide application modeling and programming expertise in building software and hardware solutions for maintenance and management of Voice Processing, Customer Service and Billing systems** using **C++, MFC, Dialogic SDK, Green Leaf, Visual Voice, COM, ActiveX Controls, SQL Sever, MS Access.**

- Providing technical skills of strategic network planning for data transfer between different offices at other locations.
- Supervised and developed file processing and on-line communication system with different long distance carriers like, AT&T, QWest, Sprint, and MCI-WorldCom.
- Analyzed, designed, implemented and maintaining **Automated Telephone Dialer System** using **Object-Oriented** methodologies, which is being used as the main sales, marketing and advertising tool. Automatically dial customers from lead pool, record voices, process them and response to the customers questions analytically. This **Multithreaded System** is operated on a **Digital Dialogic Card** and implemented using **MFC, C++, Visual Voice, Dialogic SDK, MS Access and SQL Server.**
- Analyzed and designed **Client-Server Architecture** for customer services named QuickLink. This **Two-Tier** application is being by all customer service representatives to process customer complaints and requests. The presentation tier was modeled using **UML** and its architecture is based on **COM Components** and Object-Oriented technology. It was implemented using **C++, ASP, MFC, JavaScript, DLLs, ActiveX**

Education

Master of Telecommunications Management, December 2002
Keller Graduate Institute of Technology, Alpharetta, Georgia

Master of Science, Computer Science, April 1998
University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama

Master of Science, Computer Science, September 1995
Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Certified Internet Web Associate, June 2000



References available on request

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Education Lanier High School Macon, GA - Graduated 1970
Mercer University, Macon, GA - Graduated 1974
Bachelor of Arts Degree
Major: Business Administration

Experience

Chief Operations Officer, September 2008 - Present **Tele Circuit Network Corp Alpharetta, GA**

In concert with the CEO, work to establish an annual operations execution plan and to maintain "best practices and processes" in the office.

In concert with the CEO, work to effectively managing their assigned human resources, included but not limited to recruitment, hiring, training, performance reviews/rewards, progressive discipline issues and compensation plans.

Work with CEO to establish and coordinate arrangements for regular regional meetings including preparation of meeting agenda and materials.

Promoting growth and goodwill for the company through daily personal contact with agents and other outside individuals and organizations, and through attendance staff meetings, community meetings, and trade associations.

Carrying out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws.

Performing interviewing and training of employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising performance; rewarding and disciplining employees; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

President, 1991 - 2007 **Deland Actel, Inc Daytona Beach, FL**

I recruited, trained and managed the sales and marketing team selling telecommunication services and equipment directly to businesses and individuals. As of August 1999 upon receiving CLEC certification, operated a prepaid Competitive Local Exchange Carrier with service offered in GA and FL with as many as 5000 customers. Was responsible for technical implementation of telecommunications services as well as regulatory and tariff issues with each state public utilities commission. Managed customer service departments that regularly dealt with customer service issues. Regularly reviewed expense and reimbursement reports, budgets and reviewed financial statements and reports.

Vice President, 1978 - 1991
Actel Communications Macon, GA

As an Authorized Service Representative for BellSouth Telecommunications, I recruited, trained and managed the sales and marketing team selling telecommunication services and equipment directly to businesses and individuals. Developed training manuals and technical instructions to use by the sales people. Instituted account management systems and trained on sales techniques. Developed sales forecasts along with service and pricing plans.

Susan R. Mulhall

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Education Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff Manor NY

Experience 1995-2000 Actel Deland Actel, Inc. Deland, FL
Bookkeeper-Office Manager
Cellular Service & Equipment retail sales
Trained and Managed sales staff
Full Charge Bookkeeper
Sales and Communication tax reporting and remittances
Responsible for provisioning in Bellsouth system

2000 - 2007 Actel Wireless, Inc Deland, FL

President - General Manager

I recruited, trained and managed the sales and marketing team selling telecommunication services and equipment directly to businesses and individuals. Upon receiving CLEC certification, operated a prepaid Competitive Local Exchange Carrier with service offered in FL.

Was responsible for technical implementation of telecommunications services as well as regulatory and tariff issues with each state public utilities commission. Managed customer service departments that regularly dealt with customer service issues. Regularly reviewed expense and reimbursement reports, budgets and reviewed financial statements and reports.

Responsible for all provisioning in Sprint system.

Report and follow up on repair issues.

Sales & Communication Tax reporting and remittance.

Cellular Service & Equipment retail sales

2007-Present Tele Circuit Network, Inc Alpharetta, GA

Provisioning Manager

Responsible for Provisioning in Bell South, Embarq, Verizon and Windstream systems.

Report and follow up on repair issues.

Resolve errors on provisioning orders

Assist customer service as needed

Exhibit D

Proposed Lifeline Rate Plans

Monthly Recurring Charges - Lifeline

1. Basic Service

Monthly Service Charge

AT&T service area	\$19.95
Windstream service area	\$27.20

2. Plus Service

Includes 2 optional features

Monthly Service Charge

AT&T service area	\$24.95
Windstream service area	\$37.20

3. Premium Service

Includes 5 optional features

Monthly Service Charge

AT&T service area	\$29.95
Windstream service area	\$47.20