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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
COMMISSION'S 2017 CERTIFICATION)
OF CARRIERS' ELIGIBILITY TO) CAUSE NO. 44947
RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST)
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF) APPROVED: MAY 31 2017
1996, THE FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER,)
AND OTHER RELATED FCC ORDERS.)

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

FILED
September 8, 2017
INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Presiding Officers:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

David E. Veleta, Senior Administrative Law Judge

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued an Order ("the FCC's RTF Order")¹ assigning state commissions the responsibility of certifying that rural carriers or competitive eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") designated to receive high cost support in the service areas of rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." The FCC's RTF Order provided that state certifications should be submitted by October 1 each year for payments to be made during the following calendar year. If a carrier is not certified by its state commission, it will not receive federal high-cost support. Thus, we have opened this proceeding for the purpose of completing the 2017 FCC ETC recertification process.

1. **Changes to the FCC ETC Recertification Process.** On November 18, 2011, the FCC released a comprehensive order reforming the federal universal service fund and intercarrier compensation system, the USF/ICC Transformation Order ("USF/ICC Order").² The USF/ICC Order established uniform requirements for the information ETCs must report to their respective states and the FCC. In this order, the FCC added new types of funding mechanisms to the term "high cost"³ to include, among others, Connect America Fund support for some price cap carrier service areas. Additionally, the FCC extended the federal annual reporting requirements to all ETCs, including those designated by states. Specifically, the FCC required a progress report on the ETCs' five-year build out plans; data and explanatory text concerning outages; unfulfilled requests for service; complaints received; and certifications of compliance with applicable

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, (16 FCC Rcd. 11244) (2001).

² *Connect America Fund*, (26 FCC Rcd. 17663) (2011).

³ See footnote 16 in *Connect America Fund*, (26 FCC Rcd. 17663) (2011).

service quality and consumer protection standards and of the ability to function in emergency situations, and other requirements depending upon the type of carrier and the type of funding received. The FCC concluded that these requirements should serve as a baseline requirement for all ETCs and enumerated these requirements in FCC Form 481.

On December 18, 2014, the FCC issued its order *In the Matter of ETC Annual Reports and Certifications and a USTelecom Petition for Forbearance from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of next-Generation Networks* (the “Connect America Order”) which adopted additional broadband reporting obligations for price cap ETCs. In the Connect America Order, the FCC requires price cap ETCs accepting model based support to report geocoded locations to which they have deployed facilities capable of meeting the FCC’s requirements found in 47 C.F.R. 54.309. The Connect America Order also requires recipients of high-cost and/or Connect America Fund support that are subject to broadband performance obligations to submit a broadband reasonable comparability rate certification with their annual section 54.313 report (FCC Form 481).

On March 30, 2016, the FCC issued its *Order on Reconsideration, and FNPRM* (“Rate of Return Order”). Its purpose was to make further reforms in the universal service program for voice and broadband in areas served by rate-of-return carriers. The FCC changed some of the reporting requirements for rate-of-return carriers in this order. The FCC eliminated the requirement for ETCs to file service quality improvement plans for both rate-of-return and price cap ETCs. (See ¶¶ 216 & 220.)

In order to carry out the FCC’s original directive under Section 254(e), the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued a consolidated order in Cause Nos. 42067 and 40785 prescribing forms to be filled out and procedures to be followed by those rural carriers seeking certification. The Commission has also modified those forms used by ETCs to provide supporting information and certify that universal service funds are being used consistently with the FCC’s mandates.

2. **Confidential Treatment of Certain Information.** Indiana Code § 8-1-2-29 requires the Commission to make all information and records in its possession available to the public for inspection subject to Indiana’s Access to Public Records Act (“Act”), Indiana Code chapter 5-14-3. The Act sets forth a list of certain documents that “may not” be disclosed by a public agency, one of which includes records required to be kept confidential by federal law. Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(3).

47 CFR 54.313 requires ETCs to file FCC Form 481 with state commissions. As a result, ETCs are required to report: service outage data; access line counts associated with exchanges that may be below the rate floor; broadband speed and pricing data; exchange and census block level detail, including details on attempted resolution of unfulfilled service requests; and build out plans, to state commissions. In addition, FCC Form 481 requires ETCs that are also privately held rate of return carriers to provide certain financial information including balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements.

Service outage data is presumed confidential pursuant to 47 CFR 4.2. Additionally, the FCC has issued a protective order for financial information filed by privately held rate of return carriers.⁴

Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(4) specifically excepts from public disclosure, unless otherwise specifically required by state or federal statute or court order pursuant to rules of discovery, “[r]ecords containing trade secrets.” Indiana Code § 24-2-3-2, provides:

“Trade Secret” means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process, that:

(1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and

(2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Each year during the ETC recertification process ETCs argue that certain information, all of which is submitted to the FCC and the Commission, should be considered confidential. ETCs face competition for their services within their service territories and the public disclosure of access line counts associated with exchanges that may be below the rate floor; broadband speed and pricing data at the exchange or census block level; line count information at the exchange or census block level; details on attempted resolution of unfulfilled service requests; build out plans; and financial data, could provide a competitive advantage to other providers. Accordingly, the Presiding Officers have determined that such information required by FCC Form 481, may meet the standards of confidentiality under our statutes. As such, we find it is appropriate to grant confidential treatment on a preliminary basis to: service outage data; financial information filed by privately held rate of return carriers; access line counts associated with exchanges that may be below the rate floor; broadband speed and pricing data; exchange or census block level detail, including details on attempted resolution of unfulfilled service requests; and build out plans and financial data. ETCs must use the following procedures to ensure that such information is accorded the appropriate treatment. ETCs should use the customary filing procedures for all public information required in this cause. ETCs shall file confidential information separately by hand delivering the confidential information to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge. ETCs shall also file a Notice of Filing under this Cause that indicates the confidential information has been filed with the Commission. The confidential information should be on light green paper, in a sealed envelope clearly marked confidential with the Cause Number noted thereon, and will be treated as confidential on a preliminary basis.

ETCs may also elect to submit the confidential information to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge using the Commission’s Electronic Filing System in lieu of submitting paper documents. Documents submitted using the “Confidential” tab of the Electronic Filing System are delivered directly to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge, and will be

⁴ *Connect America Fund*, (27 FCC Rcd. 14231) (2012).

treated as confidential on a preliminary basis. The Notice of Filing should not be submitted using the "Confidential" tab of the Electronic Filing System.

ETCs may also request confidential treatment of other sections of FCC Form 481 using the Commission's procedures under 170 IAC 1-1.1-4.

3. **Due date for 2017 ETC Recertification.** ETCs must file their 2017 ETC Recertification forms with the Commission by July 3, 2017 in order to receive certification for the upcoming fiscal year.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. ETCs must file their 2017 ETC Recertification forms with the Commission by July 3, 2017.
2. The Commission's Secretary shall forward a copy of this Order to all Indiana ETCs designated to receive high cost support.
3. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

ATTERHOLT, HUSTON, WEBER, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; FREEMAN ABSENT:

APPROVED: MAY 31 2017

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**



Mary M. Becerra
Secretary of the Commission

AFFIDAVIT

As an authorized corporate officer of CNN-RUS, Inc (company name), I, Ed Corr (print name), under penalty of perjury, hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of Universal Service funds and affirm that funds received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e).



(Signature)

Vice President Tax

(Title)

06/30/2017

(Date)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 30th day of June, A.D. 20 17

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires

10/22/2017

RACHEL C. PAOLILLO
Notary Public
State of Kansas
My Appointment Expires 10/22/17

**2017 High Cost/Connect America Universal Service Funding Certification
For Eligible Telecommunications Companies
IURC Cause No. 44947**

Each ETC that receives high cost or Connect America Fund (CAF) support is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that the carrier is eligible to receive such federal support for the coming year. The FCC requires ETCs to provide copies of reports and certifications filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R 54.313 to the relevant state commission. Please include a completed copy of the FCC form 481 with this filing. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Getz at 317-234-1543. This information is due back to the Commission on July 3, 2017.

Carrier Name: CMN-RUS, Inc

Study Area Code 329010

Carrier Address: 8837 Bond Street

Overland Park, KS 66214

Contact Name: Ed Corr

Contact Email: ed.corr@metronetinc.com

Position: Vice President Tax

Phone: 812.213.1081 FAX: 317.599.1149

1. With regard to your designated service area(s) please provide the following information, using annualized totals of federal support received for the calendar year 2016 in the following categories, if applicable:

High Cost Loop Support (HCL): \$ _____

Local Switching Support (LSS) \$ _____

Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) \$ _____

Interstate Access Support (IAS) \$ _____

Connect America Fund Model (CACM) \$ _____

Alternative Connect America Model (ACAM) \$ _____

Frozen High Cost Support (FHCS)	\$ <u>47,196⁰⁰</u>
Rural Broadband Experiments Fund (RBE)	\$ _____
Other Form of High Cost Support	\$ _____
Total Federal High Cost Support:	\$ <u>47,196⁰⁰</u>

2. Does your company offer a stand-alone voice telephony plan throughout its designated service area (ETC study area)? (170 IAC 7-1.2-9).

yes

Note: A listing of voice price offerings (47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(7)) will satisfy the Indiana rule which requires each ETC to report annually, its current rate for local exchange service.¹

Please include a public copy of your company's completed FCC Form 481 and any additional voice rate data required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h) with this filing.

Confidential Information

If portions of the Form 481 were filed confidentially with the FCC, The IURC will also need a confidential copy of the Form 481. To file any confidential information or unredacted copies of the Form 481, follow the procedures listed in the attached Order in Section 2.

¹ 170 IAC 7-1.2-4



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CONFIRMATION

Congratulations. Your filing has been successfully certified.

Filing 1 was successfully certified on Fri 30 Jun 17 03:55:23 PM EDT by ed.corr@metronetinc.com .

SAC : 329010

498 ID : 143031463

Carrier Name : CINERGY METRONET, INC.

Program Year : 2018

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address on record for your user ID. Please email USAC at HCCERTS@USAC.ORG if you do not receive this email within 24 hours.

Please take this quick survey and give us your thoughts! Your feedback will help improve the filing process. [Take Survey](#)

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	329010
<015>	Study Area Name	CINERGY METRONET, INC.
<020>	Program Year	2018
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Ed Corr
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	8122131081 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

<010>	Study Area Code	329010
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<020>	Program Year	2018
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Ed Corr
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8122131081 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com

<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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<010> Study Area Code 329010

<015> Study Area Name CENERGY NERONET, INC.

<020> Program Year 2018

<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Ed Corr

<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line
<030> 8122131081 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line
<030> ed.corr@netronetinc.com

<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report 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. Offered only fixed voice

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice 1.5

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

<430> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband 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.

<440> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband

<450> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronet.com
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	2017 High Cost Quality Standard Certification.pdf	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	2017 High Cost Emergency Certification.pdf

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com
<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier	CMN-RUS, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Metronet Holdings LLC
<812>	Operating Company	CMN-RUS, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com
<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No

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

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

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

FCC Form 481

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

2017 Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com

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

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**Lifeline****Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://metronetinc.com/phone/lifeline/>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<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, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

FCC Form 481

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

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection FormFCC Form 481
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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.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

☐ ☐

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

☐ ☐

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 (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

☐

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☐

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

☐ ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

☐

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

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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

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

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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

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(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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

Data Collection Form

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<015>	Study Area Name	CINERGY METRONET, INC.
<020>	Program Year	2018
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Ed Corr
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8122131081 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ed.corr@metronetinc.com

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

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

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 to the identified locations 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?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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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.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CINERGY METRONET, INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 329010	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
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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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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CMN-RUS, Inc.'s Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations:

CMN-RUS, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)1 and Rule 1.2, 170 IAC 7-1.2-18 of the Indiana Administrative Code. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. In accordance, and compliance, with Rule 1.2, 170 IAC 7-1.2-18, all switching offices or equivalent with installed emergency power generating equipment have a minimum of three (3) hours battery capacity; switching offices or equivalent without installed emergency power generating equipment have a minimum battery capacity of five (5) hours.

CMN-RUS, Inc.'s Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules:

CMN-RUS, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under the Indiana Code (IC) and Indiana Administrative Code (IAC). These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to Indiana state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which include Quality of Service rules as identified in IC 8-1-17.5- 24, and Compliance with Anti-Slamming and Anti-Cramming Procedures as adopted in IC 8-1-29-5, Rule 1.1 170 IAC 7-1.3-8.1; (2) truth-in-billing requirements as required in Rule 1.3 170 IAC 7-1.3-6; and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Section 54.313(a)(10) requires providers to certify that the price of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau. Public Notice DA 14-384 states that the average urban rate for local service is \$21.22 and that two deviations above the \$22.49 is \$49.51. Thus, CMN-RUS, Inc. (Cinergy Metronet, Inc.) certifies that the sum of its local rate and state fees is \$16.50 and is below \$49.51.

Rachel Paolillo

From: Sean Melvin
Sent: 06/30/2017 2:05 PM
To: Rachel Paolillo
Subject: RE: FCC Form 481

Rachel,

I have filled in details below. Please let me know if you need further details.

1. Outages

reportable voice service outages in the prior calendar year, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2)(i) & (ii){for High-cost Recipients} and 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(1){for Low-income Only Recipients }, for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

If any, the following data for each reportable outage:

- Service Outage Resolution is required—*provide a brief description of the processes used to resolve the service outage*
- Preventative Procedures is required—*provide a brief description of the preventative procedures implemented by the carrier to avoid a similar service outage in the future*
- Customers Affected—*total number of customers affected at any time during the service outage*
- Total Number of Customers—*total customer base*

For Calendar Year 2016 we had nor NORS reportable outages according to my records.

2. Unfilled voice service request

Unfulfilled Voice Telephony Service Requests: Note the quantity of requests for voice telephony service from potential customers within your service areas that were un-fulfilled in the prior calendar year, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(3), for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

All respective orders that have requested voice in our service area have been fulfilled for calendar year 2016, unless the customer has pushed out the date, cancelled the order, or is not within our serviceable footprints.

3. Voice complaints per 1,000 customers

Note the quantity of fixed voice telephony service customer complaints in the prior calendar year, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(4) {for High-cost Recipients} and 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(2){for Low-income Only Recipients }, for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Leave blank if not applicable.

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Sean Melvin
TTU/Repair Technicians Supervisor

From: Rachel Paolillo
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:48 AM

