

# Pennsylvania Telephone Association

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President

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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street, Keystone Bldg.  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

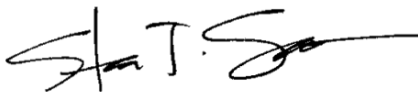
Re: M-2024-3045228  
FCC Form 555: ETC Lifeline Certification  
*Hickory Telephone Company*

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find a copy of the FCC Form 555 (Lifeline Certification) report which was filed with USAC and the FCC on behalf of the above company.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call our office at 717-238-8311 or email Sue Carter at [sue.carter@patel.org](mailto:sue.carter@patel.org).

Sincerely,



Steven J. Samara  
President

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

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

**Deadline: January 31st (Annually)**

170171 <hr/> Study Area Code (SAC)	143001374 <hr/> Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for <b>each SAC</b> that provides Lifeline service).	
2023 <hr/> Recertification Year	PA <hr/> State
Hickory Telephone Company <hr/> ETC Name	
Hickory Utility Services, Inc. <hr/> Holding Company Name	
DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)	Holding Company Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)

**Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs? Yes  No**

*Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section 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." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.*

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
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**Initial Certification** *All ETCs must complete this section.*

I certify that the company listed above:

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

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

Initial  TJ

**Annual Recertification Results**

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

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

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

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

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

Initial  TJ

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

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

Initial  TJ

## ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

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

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes  No

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

G	H
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
<b>January</b>	
<b>February</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>April</b>	
<b>May</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	
<b>Total Subscribers</b>	0

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

## Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the information provided is true and accurate. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for this SAC.

Signed,

Terri Jeffers

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Signature of Officer

tlj@hky.com

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Email Address of Officer

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Person Completing This Certification Form

Terri Jeffers - Regulatory Director

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Printed Name and Title of Officer

01-17-2024

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Date

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Contact Phone Number