

THE NAVAJO NATION
 Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Regular Meeting
 Wild Horse Pass Hotel, Conference Room A – Chandler, Arizona
 Monday, February 11, 2013 * 2:45 PM

ITEM:	DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
I. Call Meeting To Order	Chairman Begaye called the meeting to order and gave the floor to Mr. Tagaban Mr. Tagaban read the Agenda into the Record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to Acknowledge Carriers for Tribal Engagement Chairman ask to move to Item II and initiated Roll Call Quorum Present: Begaye, Davis, Moore, Nez & Tsosie	Meeting Called to Order @ 2:45 PM
II. Tsodizin	Commissioner Davis	
III. Call For Adoption of Agenda Items	Mr. Tagaban recommended for an Agenda Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add Item IV (C) Call for Recognition of Telecommunications Providers required to fulfill Tribal Engagement requirements 	M: Tsosie; S: Nez; V: 5-0
IV. Discussion Items	A. Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Certification Form – FCC Form 555 <i>Mr. Tagaban</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Form, FCC Form 555 <i>Mr. Dunstan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not specify whether it is submitted as Confidential • FCC has provided these documents to the NNTRC, due to specific numbers from specific Carriers, the NNTRC should be cognizant of this information (as Confidential) and not associate specific numbers, by specific Carriers, to honor any confidential information <i>Mr. Tagaban</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports: CenturyLink, NM; Frontier Communications; Table Top Telephone Company, Inc.; CenturyLink, AZ; CellularOne and Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. • Went through the Sections of the Form • Frontier study areas is all Navajo Nation <i>Mr. Dunstan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't know from Block F, why an individual is no longer eligible • No longer qualify due to income or FCC's amendment to one phone per household <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FCC: Based on Form 555, there was an estimation of \$213 million saved from 20% drop ○ Navajo Nation may be more than 20% drop ○ Some carry their phones for emergency purposes only • Chairman requested information from carriers as to why the numbers (customers) are dropping • Commissioner Davis requested for threshold of income? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Threshold: 100-150% of National poverty line ○ The National Poverty line is \$37,000 (approximately \$50,000) • Mr. Tagaban indicated the criteria for Lifeline is on the NNTRC website <i>Smith Bagley</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Certification started June 2012 • One challenge is defining a "household" as it is very different to Washington's definition • There are people who do not have electricity; therefore they cannot charge their phones, and save their phones specifically for Emergency purposes only • There is a difference in defining households • There are some people who do not have electricity and save their phones for emergency purposes only and those individual cannot be reached • Mr. Tagaban asked the Commissioners to pay close attention to the Frontier numbers, as it pertains to Navajo Nation • Commissioner Tsosie asked if there are records of numbers from prior years • Mr. Dunstan indicated this is a new form the FCC is using to save \$200 million 	M: Tsosie; S: Nez; V: 5-0

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dunstan stated the data will be compiled (internally) and the information will be provided to the Commissioners • Mr. Tagaban indicated the NNTRC does not have the capacity or rules set up for data, that is being requested for and for verification • The Navajo Nation does not have an economy scale, population density of a city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The population is 50% above the poverty level ○ Programs keep the economy healthy ○ If the funding is pulled, we will not see build out • Mr. Dunstan added the data submitted to the FCC will be correct and the input number is the number of lifeline subscribers • Commissioner Tsosie asked Chairman to recognize Monroe Keedo, NTUA and Pearl Lee, Navajo Nation Telecommunications & Utilities Department • Mr. Dunstan indicated the Navajo Nation submitted two (02) Rounds of Comments on this issue • Commissioner Nez made a recommendation to develop a Docket for this issue • Motion by Commissioner Tsosie to Accept Comments into the Record 	
	<p>B. Wireless Telecommunication Development Guidebook for the Navajo Nation – March 2013</p> <p>Mr. Brian Gilbert (Representing Smith Bagley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Processes on Navajo Nation lands – Rights-Of-Way, Business Regulatory, Taxation, Public Records, etc. • Summarize Regulatory Roles of the Navajo Nation as a Tribal Government and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Agency • Navajo Nation operates with a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office from Gallup, New Mexico • There is a Tribal Process for Permits and/or ROW Agreements • There is a Tribal process to receive permits to build infrastructure and the process has to be followed with the Government for a Federal permit • It is a dual regulatory lead • Mr. Tagaban indicated the “Draft” will be sent out for Comment and be available after Final Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resources and Development Committee (RDC) will be engaged with this document • The First Draft is not available • Mr. Tagaban stated the Office will review the Draft and make necessary changes requested by the Commission and send out for Public Comment • Chairman made note that the Booklet indicates “March 2013” but the date (of meeting) is February 2013 • Chairman ask Mr. Tagaban & Mr. Gilbert to keep the Commission posted on the status of the booklet 	M: Davis; S: Nez; V: 5-0
	<p>C. Recognition of Telecom Providers to fulfill Tribal Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tagaban requested the Telecom Providers who attended this meeting be acknowledged on Record for Tribal Engagement • Tico Charlee, Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. • Tim Shaffery Smith Bagley, Inc./CellularOne • Mr. Tagaban also mentioned that NTUA Wireless has also petitioned 	M: Tsosie; S: Moore; V: 5-0
VI. Adjournment	Chairman requests for Motion to Adjourn @ 4:10 PM	M: Nez; S: Tsosie; V: 5-0