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Subject:	FW: TL-719 - Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form
Attachments:	FL Form 555.pdf

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Dorothy Menasco Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 850-413-6770

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Subject: TL-719 - Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

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Filed on behalf of **GTC**, **Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications** Total Pages: 13

Attached: FL Form 555.pdf

Beth Westman - State Government Affairs Manager

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January 29, 2016

<u>VIA Email</u>

Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-085

RE: Annual Lifeline Certification – Form 555

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached please find a copy of the Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form (FCC Form 555) for GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications, which was filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company as well as with the Federal Communications Commission. Program recertification information concerning Alabama (Florala) and Georgia (Port St. Joe) FairPoint customers is incorporated in the overall data submitted in this report.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Meehan

Robert Meehan Director Regulatory FairPoint Communications P: (603) 656-8116 F: (603) 716-6045

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)

210291

Study Area Code (SAC)

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FL	GTC Inc.	
State	ETC Name	
FairPoint Communications	FairPoint Communications	
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 not leave blank)	

Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs?

Yes 💿 No 🖸

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See attached worksheet	

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Section 1: Initial Certification All ETCs must complete this section

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

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

Initial PM

Section 2: Annual Recertification

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Α	В	С	D	$\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D})$
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86	0	0	8	78

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

Recertification Results:

F	G	$\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{-} \mathbf{G})$	I	$\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})$
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78	58	20	1	21

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
0	0

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The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

Certification:

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A.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial PM

AND/OR

B.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on:

_______. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above. Initial ______

OR

C.) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above. Initial

Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{K})$	$\mathbf{N} = (\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{L})$	$O = ((N \div M) * 100)$
Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly <u>or</u> through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC (<i>This should equal the number</i> <i>reported in Block E</i>)	Number of subscribers de- enrolled or scheduled to be de- enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility	Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response
78	21	26.93%

Section 4: Pre-Paid ETCs

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Is the ETC Pre-Paid? Yes 🔘 No 🔘

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

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

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed, <u>Certified Online</u> Signature of Officer <u>pmorse@fairpoint.com</u> Email Address of Officer <u>Jana Manterola</u> Person Completing This Certification Form Pat Morse, Sr VP Governmental Affairs

Printed Name and Title of Officer 01/28/2016

Date 509-962-0272

Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name	
170145	Bentlevville Communications Corporation	
150073	Berkshire Telephone Company	
462192	Big Sandy Telecom	
150078	Chautaucaua and Erie Telephone Corporation	
100004	China Telephone Co.	
431981		
462204	Chouteau Telephone Company Columbine Telecom Co. Columbine Acquisition Corp	
300604	The Columbus Grove Telephone Company	
341009	C-R Telephone Company	
100015	Community Service Telephone Co	
341004	El Paso Telephone Company	
522412	Ellensburg Telephone Company	
210329	GTC Inc.	
210339	GTC Inc.	
421472	FairPoint Communications Missouri Inc.	
300618	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	
170185	Marianna Scenerv Hill Telephone Company	
103313	Northland Telephone Company of Maine Inc Sidney Tele	
143331	FairPoint Vermont Inc (formerly dba Northland Tele Co of	
341065	Odin Telephone Exchange	
300649	Orwell Telephone Company	
190244	Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	
100025	Maine Telephone Co Standish Telephone Company	
461835	Sunflower Telephone Company Inc.	
411835	Bluestem Telephone Company. Sunflower Telephone Com	
150084	Taconic Telephone Corp	
522453	Ycom Networks Inc.	
105111	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC	
145115	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC	
125113	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC	

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210329

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FL	GTC Inc.	
State	ETC Name	
FairPoint Communications	FairPoint Communications	
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 not 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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Section 1: Initial Certification All ETCs must complete this section

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- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

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

Initial PM

Section 2: Annual Recertification

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307	0	0	16	291

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

Recertification Results:

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291	203	88	0	88

К	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
0	0

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Initial PM

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OR

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291	88	30.25%

Section 4: Pre-Paid ETCs

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Is the ETC Pre-Paid? Yes 🔘 No 🔘

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Р	Q
Month Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage	
January	0
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April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
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November	0
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Total Subscribers	0

Signature Block

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341009	C-R Telephone Company
100015	Community Service Telephone Co
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I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial PM

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484	0	0	23	461

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461	315	146	3	149

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
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Initial <u>PM</u>

AND/OR

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461	149	32.33%

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August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
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	Chouteau Telephone Company Columbine Telecom Co. Columbine Acquisition Corp
	The Columbus Grove Telephone Company
	C-R Telephone Company
	Community Service Telephone Co
	El Paso Telephone Company
	Ellensburg Telephone Company
	GTC Inc.
	FairPoint Communications Missouri Inc.
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company
	Marianna Scenerv Hill Telephone Company
	Northland Telephone Company of Maine Inc Sidney Tele
	FairPoint Vermont Inc (formerly dba Northland Tele Co of
	Odin Telephone Exchange
	Orwell Telephone Company
	Peoples Mutual Telephone Company
	GTC Inc.
	Maine Telephone Co Standish Telephone Company
	Sunflower Telephone Company Inc.
	Bluestem Telephone Company. Sunflower Telephone Comp
	Taconic Telephone Corp
	Ycom Networks Inc.
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC
	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC
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