

# Pioneer Telephone Co.

Local and Long Distance Service

~~~~~ Serving LaCrosse, Endicott, Winona, Hooper, Dusty and Hay ~~~~~



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July 26, 2016

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications  
Services Program Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and 480-123-110

## CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110, Pioneer Telephone Company ("Company") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the State Universal Communications Services Program for the Program year 2017.

The petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110 accompany this letter and, together with this letter, are being filed in both paper and electronic versions. The electronic filing includes both .pdf and native (*i.e.* .doc, .docx or .xlsx) format files for this letter, the petition and the exhibits, other than Exhibits 5 and 6. Exhibits 5 and 6 have been provided by a third party and are not available to the Company in native format; therefore, only .pdf versions of those exhibits are being submitted.

Please note that portions of the information in the Petition and accompanying exhibits are being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, in that certain of the information contained therein constitutes valuable and confidential commercial information, including financial information. In addition to the Company, its parent company, Pioneer Telephone Holding Company, Inc., might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information. Both confidential (unredacted) and redacted versions of the petition and its exhibits accompany this letter. In the filing being made on paper, the original of the confidential (unredacted) version is included in a separate envelope marked "Confidential per WAC 480-07-160," and an original of the redacted version is also included, albeit not enclosed in a separate envelope.

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Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, in the paper version of this filing, only the original of the confidential (unredacted) version of the petition and exhibits is being provided, notwithstanding WAC 480-07-160(3)(c)(iii).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Durand Cox", written in a cursive style.

Durand Cox  
President

Enclosures