

July 28, 2017

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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 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, Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company d/b/a Wahkiakum West Telephone and d/b/a WWest Communications ("Company") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the Universal Communications Services Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

The petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110 accompany this letter and are being filed electronically via the Commission's web portal. This filing consists of an electronic version (in .pdf format) of this cover letter and electronic versions (in .pdf format) of both redacted and unredacted versions of the petition and exhibits. In addition, electronic versions (in Excel (.xlsx) format) of the Financial Template (from which Exhibit 4 has been generated) and Exhibit 4.1 (containing broadband connection and gross capital expenditure information) are being included in this filing.

Please note that portions of the information in the petition and accompanying exhibits, as well as the above-mentioned electronic version (in Excel format) of Exhibit 4.1, are being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. The Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect thereto. The basis for this claim is that the portions of the petition, including the exhibits, that have been designated as confidential, and the Excel file of Exhibit 4.1, contain valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information. In addition to the Company, its parent company, Wahkiakum West, Inc., and the Company's affiliates, Wahkiakum West Long Distance, Inc. and Wahkiakum West Television, Inc., might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information.

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If the Commission has any questions regarding the accompanying petition, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Appelo
President

Accompanying files (including this file):

NEW-WWCTC-Pet-UCSP-Suprt-CLtr-7-28-17.pdf

NEW-WWCTC-Pet-UCSP-Suprt-Pet-7-27-17 (CONFIDENTIAL).pdf

NEW-WWCTC-Pet-UCSP-Suprt-Pet-7-27-17 (REDACTED).pdf

NEW-WWCTC-Pet-UCSP-Suprt-Exh-4-Excel-7-27-17.xlsx

NEW-WWCTC-Pet-UCSP Suprt-Exh-4.1-Excel-7-27-17 (CONFIDENTIAL).xlsx