

Computer 5, Inc. d/b/a/ LocalTel Communications (“hereinafter referred to as LocalTel Communications”) (SAC 529026) provides response to the questions posed below as sent August 18, 2023, in email from Tim Zawislak of the Regulatory Services Division of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

*Questions related to equity (informational) – please answer the following questions: **LocalTel Answers are in Bold.***

1. RDOF question:
 - The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), In collaboration with the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) is requesting that LocalTel Communications provide information showing the specific census blocks that LocalTel Communications will deploy broadband to meet its interim 40% broadband buildout obligation associated with RDOF support. **The specific Census Block’s we are targeting are in the rural areas of Grant and Douglas counties. These blocks will support the Grant County and Douglas County PUD fiber buildouts into specific RDOF census blocks that have been avoided by the PUD’s previously, due to the high cost of deployment.**
 - a) Does LocalTel Communications believe it will be able to deploy to 40% (or more) of its obligation by the December 31, 2025, timeline? **Yes, we expect to meet our optional 20% milestone and our 40% milestone.**
 - b) To your knowledge, are there any areas in your study area that the company will not be deploying broadband? **That has not been determined at this stage of the project. Possibly in 2-3 years we will have a better analysis of the entire project and find areas that are not possible to build to.**
 - c) What last mile technology will be deployed? **The technologies currently being used are: In Grant and Douglas Counties, an Ethernet based network with aggregation switches feed ONT’s at the premise. In Chelan County, a Passive Optical Network system feeds Fiber Distribution Terminals in the neighborhood which then connect to customer premise ONT’s. All counties provide a 10Gig core with plans underway to migrate to 100Gig throughout their service area.**
 - d) What is your planned 2024 capital expenditures to continue or start putting the infrastructure in place to meet your 2025 and subsequent broadband buildout obligation? **Our planned 2024 capital expenditures is currently bugeted at \$6,063,705.00 but could very well change over the next few months.**
2. Does your company currently have a tribal outreach plan in place for services and equipment located on or provided to tribals lands of Washington state? **We do not. The Tribal lands we are aware of have their own IT departments and their own Fiber network.**
3. Does your company currently have a tribal liaison? If so, please share for information purposes only. **We have not needed to have a liaison for the reason stated above.**

If you should have any further questions or need further explanation, please contact:

John Seabeck
Vice President
509-888-9121
John@LocalTel.com