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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: ***Supplement - 2023 ETC Re-Certification Request and Annual Reports  
Docket UT-230577***

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Columbia Energy, LLC ("Columbia"), by its attorney and pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, respectfully submits this supplement to its July 13, 2023 request for certification to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that Columbia has met the requirements of 47 CFR § 54.314 for eligibility for receipt of federal high-cost funds. The supplement submitted herewith is in response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's ("Commission") questions and requests contained in the email from Tim Zawislak dated August 18, 2023.

Please contact Gene Dawes at 509-526-4041 if you should have any questions or requests for additional information.

Very truly yours,

HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP

Alex M. Wilson

AMW:  
Enclosure  
cc: Client

COLUMBIA ENERGY, LLC  
Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report for 2022 and Annual Plan  
SUPPLEMENT

Columbia Energy, LLC ("Columbia"), submits this supplement to its Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report for 2022 ("2022 Report") and Annual Plan in accordance with WAC 480-123-030 through WAC 480-123-080, dated July 13, 2023.

The following are the Commission's questions and requests, and Columbia's responses thereto are shown in bold italics.

1. RDOF question:

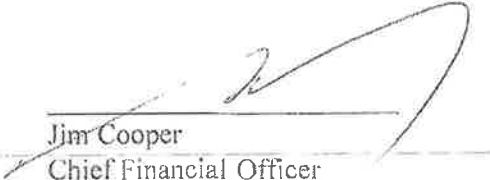
- The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), In collaboration with the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) is requesting that Columbia Energy provide information showing the specific census blocks that Columbia Energy will deploy broadband to meet its interim 40% broadband buildout obligation associated with RDOF support.
  - a) Does Columbia Energy believe it will be able to deploy to 40% (or more) of its obligation by the December 31, 2025, timeline? ***Columbia is already beyond 40% completion.***
  - b) To your knowledge, are there any areas in your study area that the company will not be deploying broadband? ***None. All areas within study area will receive broadband.***
  - c) What last mile technology will be deployed? ***Columbia will deploy fiber optics.***
  - 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? ***Columbia plans to have the backbone 95% complete in 2023. They are waiting on the remaining 5% because of they plan to run the fiber through a powerline that is to be built in the near future, instead of having to relocate the fiber to the powerline once constructed. Columbia anticipates a cost of approximately \$100,000 to complete drops not done this year.***

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? ***Not currently.***
3. Does your company currently have a tribal liaison? If so, please share for information purposes only. ***Not currently.***

EXHIBIT A  
Declaration of Columbia Energy, LLC  
ETC Certification

I, Scott Peters, am the Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Energy, LLC (the "Company"). I am authorized to make this Declaration on behalf of the Company, and that I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signed this 5 this day of Sept., 2023 at Walla Walla County, Washington.

  
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Jim Cooper  
Chief Financial Officer