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7 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

8 IN RE

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10 PETITION OF WESTGATE  
11 COMMUNICATIONS LLC (DBA  
12 WEAVTEL) TO RECEIVE SUPPORT  
13 FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO. UT-230625

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

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15 COMES NOW Westgate Communications LLC d/b/a “WeavTel” (the "Company") and,  
16 pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”), including, but not  
17 limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation  
18 Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service  
19 Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2024.

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21 **I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100**

- 22 1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC  
23 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.

- 1 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined  
2 in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h).
- 3 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange  
4 telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 5 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company has established a plan, as described in WAC 480-  
6 123-110, to provide, maintain or enhance broadband service (See II.4, below).
- 7 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an  
8 eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving federal universal  
9 services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for  
10 High Cost Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking  
11 Program support.

## 12 13 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 14 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications  
15 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Westgate Communications LLC  
16 d/b/a "WeavTel".
- 17 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between  
18 the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. <sup>1</sup>  
19 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in  
20 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. <sup>2</sup>

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23 <sup>1</sup> Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, Exhibit 1 is limited to those affiliates having transactions with the  
Company that are to be identified in Exhibit 2.

24 <sup>2</sup> Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, Exhibit 2 is limited to transactions other than employment  
25 compensation and benefits pursuant to employ benefit plans. Exhibit 2 also includes transactions between the Company  
and WeavNet.

- 1 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.  
2 63 of the Company's Tariff WN U-2.
- 3 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance  
4 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 5 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the  
6 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment  
7 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 8 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by  
9 the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 47. The number of residential local exchange  
10 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 48. The number of  
11 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was  
12 33. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of  
13 December 31, 2021, was 30. The number of broadband connections served by the Company as of  
14 December 31, 2022, was 7. The number of broadband connections served by the Company as  
15 of December 31, 2021, was 12. Presently, of the 302 locations (232 FCC Alternative Connect  
16 Cost Model (A-CAM) mandated locations and 70 WUTC mandated locations ("Category Tow  
17 Broadband Deployment Obligation") specified in Docket UT-190437 and General Order  
18 R-598) the Company is required to serve with 25 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream or  
19 higher broadband service. The Company met the projection of 93 of the FCC required  
20 locations and all 70 of the WUTC required locations WeavTel committed to in General Order  
21 R-598 and had access to 25/3 Mbps broadband speeds as of October 14st, 2023. The  
22 unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange  
23 access service on December 31, 2022, was \$25.00. The unbundled monthly recurring  
24 rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on  
25 December 31, 2021 was \$25.00.

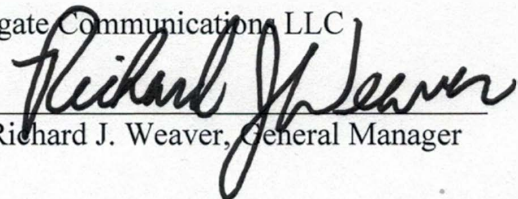
1 The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local  
2 exchange access service on December 31, 2022, was \$35.00. The unbundled monthly rate  
3 charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on  
4 December 31, 2021, was \$35.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged for broadband  
5 service as of December 31, 2022, and as of December 31, 2021, is set out in the attached  
6 Exhibit 5.

- 7 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.
- 8 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): An unsworn statement by a Company officer certifying that  
9 the Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation  
10 for deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications  
11 Commission applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility  
12 criteria set out in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.
- 13 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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16 Respectfully submitted this 14th day of October, 2023.

17 Westgate Communication, LLC

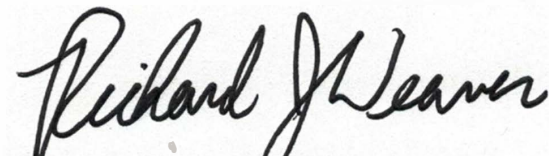
18 By

  
Richard J. Weaver, General Manager

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2 CERTIFICATION

3 I Richard J. Weaver, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the Company's  
4 business and financial operations, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the law of  
5 Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

6 Signed on the 14th day of October 2023 at Wenatchee Washington.  
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13 Richard J. Weaver, General Manager  
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