



August 16, 2005

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Re: Docket Nos. UT-053030
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification

In accordance with the Order Requiring Filing By Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Receiving Federal High Cost Support, dated July 25, 2001, entered by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket No. UT-013047 ("Certification Order") and with WAC 480-120-311(2), enclosed herewith for filing on behalf of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company") is a Certification of Use of Federal High-Cost Universal Service Support Funds. The Company hereby respectfully requests that, based upon the enclosed certification and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314(a), (c) and (d), the Commission make and file, not later than October 1, 2005, with the Administrator of the Federal High-Cost Universal Service Fund and the Federal Communications Commission the certification described in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314(a) and (c), and that the Commission include the Company in the list of carriers to which such certification applies.

In accordance with WAC 480-120-311(2)(d) and guidance received from the Commission Staff, the figure set forth in item (4) of the enclosed certification is the sum of the amounts received by the Company for those Federal universal service support components commonly referred to as "high cost loop support," "long-term support," "local switching support" and "interstate common line support."¹ It is the Company's understanding that amounts associated with some of those components and included in that reported figure may not yet be final.

If additional copies of either this letter or the enclosed affidavit are required, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Carlton E. Appelo
President

Enclosure

¹ During calendar year 2004, the Company was not a recipient of what is commonly referred to as "interstate access support."

**CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL
HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FUNDS**

I, Carlton E. Appelo, being of lawful age, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am President of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this certification are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission"), for use by the Commission in providing the Commission certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, as follows:

(1) that, during the calendar year 2004, the Company provided the supported services required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and described in the Commission Order granting the Company Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status;

(2) that, during the 2004 calendar year, the Company advertised the availability of supported services and the charges for them as required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and as described in the Commission Order granting the Company ETC status;

(3) that funds received by the Company from the federal high-cost universal service support fund will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(4) that the amount of federal high-cost universal service fund support received by the Company through June 30, 2005 for calendar year 2004 was \$2,016,609.00; and

(5) that the loop counts on which federal high-cost universal service support received by the Company for the calendar year 2004 was based were as follows: for the first quarter of calendar year 2004, 1239; for the second

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quarter of calendar year 2004, 1239; for the third quarter of calendar year 2004, 1239; and for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2004, 1239.

EXECUTED this 16th day of August, 2005, at Rosburg, Washington.

Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

By: Carlton E Appelo
Carlton E. Appelo

Its: President



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Attn: Bob Shirley
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P O Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: UT-053030 Advertising

In addition to the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification, we are enclosing the following examples of our advertising for the Washington Telephone Assistance program (WTAP):

Copy of Notice posted on Lobby Bulletin Board.
Copy of Consumer Information page from 2005-2006 Directory.
Copy of Consumer Information page from 2004-2005 Directory.
Copy of form used for new customer welcome letter.
Copy of December 16, 2004 advertisement in the Wahkiakum County Eagle newspaper.
Copy of December 15, 2004 advertisement in the Chinook Observer newspaper.

Sincerely,

Carol Larson, Office Manager
Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

**“Lifeline” rate available
to qualifying
low-income consumers**

Lifeline Residential rate \$8.00

This rate reflects discounts made available through the Federal Lifeline program and the Washington Telephone Assistance Program. In addition to these discounts off of the monthly recurring rate for basic service, the federal Link-Up program, together with the Washington Telephone Assistance Program, offers a limited discount of up to \$52.00 off of the non-recurring installation charge for basic residential service.

Copy of notice posted on lobby bulletin board.

Consumer Information

ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES (AOS)

Alternative Operator Services are contracted by many restaurants, shopping malls, motels, convenience stores, etc. for public pay telephones located on their premises. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires AOS providers to have information available to callers about services, and rates applicable to their call, as well as access to other operator services. Some calling cards may not be valid for use with AOS providers; therefore we suggest you use a pre-paid phone card, or calling card issued by your current long distance carrier, if available.

Complaints about AOS service, billing, and rates should be directed to the AOS company, and/or the FCC, at the address below, or call Toll Free 1-888-225-5322.

FCC CONSUMER CENTER

Mail Stop 1600A2
Washington DC 20554

SERVICE DIFFICULTIES OR INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE

Every effort is devoted toward providing you with the best possible telephone service. We shall appreciate your cooperation in reporting any service troubles or defective equipment.

WASHINGTON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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& Health Services. *WW Telephone* will verify with DSHS the certification case number by telephone. WTAP and "Link-up" programs cover basic installation charges for service connection, eliminating connection fees to those eligible for basic WTAP rates.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF (TTY)

Under Washington state law, deaf & hearing impaired persons who are eligible can obtain special teletypewriter equipment allowing calls to be sent & received by those with hearing disabilities. The program is funded through a monthly surcharge on all telephone customers in the state. Eligibility for these services will be determined by the Washington State Dept. of Social & Health Services. Interested persons should write or call:

DSHS/TAS

PO Box 45301
Olympia, WA 98504-5301
(360) 902-8001 (TTY)

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Consumer Rights & Responsibilities

SHOULD YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

Your Service Representative has a basic responsibility to answer your questions and resolve your problems. If you're not satisfied, feel free to ask for a supervisor. If your problem can't be solved by the supervisor, ask for the manager.

If you are still not satisfied, you have the right to file a formal or informal complaint with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The address is:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250
Toll Free-Dial 1-800-562-6150

UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION

It is a crime under federal and state laws for anyone to wiretap or otherwise intercept telephone calls, unless a court order has been obtained, or the other parties participating in the call have given their consent. Penalties for illegal wiretapping can be imprisonment, fines, or both.

AUTOMATIC DIALING & ANNOUNCING DEVICES

The use of automatic dialing and announcing devices for the purpose of commercial solicitation is prohibited in the State of Washington, RCW 80.36-400.

TELEPHONE SOLICITATION



The law requires that solicitors identify themselves, their company, or organization, and the purpose of the call within the first 30 seconds. If you don't want to talk to the

solicitor, hang up. Or, if at any time during the conversation you say you do not want to be called again, and want your name and number removed from the calling list, an organization may not have a solicitor call you for at least one year and may not sell or give your name and number to another company or organization.

DO-NOT-CALL LIST

All telephone subscribers have the option to register for the national telemarketing "Do-Not-Call" list. This FREE service will decrease telemarketing calls to your home or business within about 3 months of registration. Call toll free 888-382-1222 from the phone number to be registered, or log onto www.donotcall.gov on the internet. If you have questions, call Waktakum West 465-2211 for more information.

You should report companies using questionable sales practices or telemarketing fraud to the Attorney General's office.

A complaint can be filed through them. For more information contact:

Consumer Protection Division
Attorney General's Office
Toll Free dial 1-800-551-4636
or 1-360-759-2150
1220 Main St Ste 549
Vancouver, Wa. 98660

FRAUDULENT CALLERS ARE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION

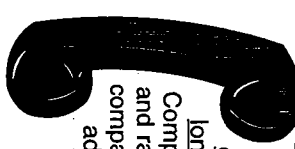
Note: For additional information on Telephone Solicitation see page 18.

For your protection, new equipment and procedures enable the company to detect and investigate fraudulent calls. In the State of Washington it is a crime to obtain telephone service through:

1. Deception or other means to avoid payment such as the use of a false or fictitious name or telephone number, or
2. Any other fraudulent device or deception.

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Dear customer name

Phone # _____

Welcome to Wahkiakum West Telephone. We look forward to serving you! Following is a confirmation of the services you have ordered and instructions on how to reach us. You may refer to the blue-edged pages in the front part of our Telephone Directory for more consumer information.

SERVICE CONNECT & MONTHLY CHARGES: We have connected your type of service at location address effective date of connection, per your order of order date. Following is a breakdown of the monthly charges for your service.

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>\$rate</u>	<u>Custom calling feature (if any)</u>	<u>\$rate</u>
<u>Other items</u>	<u>\$rate</u>		

In addition to charges for local access and additional other features you ordered, Wahkiakum West is required to bill and collect federal excise tax, state and local sales tax, county & state E911 tax, Washington Telephone Assistance tax, Funds Federal ADA requirement, Federal Universal Service charge and FCC subscriber line charge of \$6.50.

REDUCED RATES: Washington Telephone Assistance Program is available to eligible subscribers.

DEPOSITS: Wahkiakum West may require a deposit at the time telephone service is ordered based on a customer's credit history. Interest is paid on any held deposit at a rate set by Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission. Deposits and interest are refunded once a satisfactory payment record is established.

DELINQUENT BILLS & SERVICE DISCONNECT: Telephone bills are rendered on the 1st of each month, and become delinquent on the 15th if not paid in full. Delinquent notices indicating past due amount and final payment date are mailed to each customer whose bill is not paid in full by the 15th of each month. Wahkiakum West will make two attempts to reach a delinquent subscriber by phone if past due payment has not been received on the final payment date. Actual disconnects occur only during business hours so that customers have an opportunity to make the necessary payments needed to reconnect phone service. While service is disconnected for non-payment, a subscriber can still call Emergency services (E911) and the phone office.

CUSTOMER DISPUTES: Supervisors are anxious to discuss any customer complaints, and will take corrective action to resolve problems to the customer's satisfaction whenever possible. Customers will also be given the address and toll-free phone number of the Washington Utilities Commission should they desire to file a complaint.

CONTACT US: Business Office – 19 Miller Point Road, Rosburg, WA 98643 Weekdays 8am to 5 pm
Phone: 360-465-2211 or 800-797-4327 Repair: 360-465-2214 Fax: 360-465-9558

www.wahkiakumwest.com
TTY Relay Service – 800-833-6388

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has been the local telephone company serving the Grays River and Naselle areas since approximately 1927. During the intervening years, we have worked hard to build a telephone system that would provide high quality telecommunications services to the community. We have done this notwithstanding the higher costs of serving rural areas in the State of Washington and when few, if any, other telephone companies were interested in serving our communities.

We have served and intend to continue to serve both residential and business customers in our service area with high quality telecommunications services at attractive and affordable rates.

In addition to our basic telephone services, we offer throughout our service area advanced telecommunications services, including high speed data services, special calling features and voice mail.

The basic services offered by Wahkiakum West Telephone are comprised of several components. At a minimum, these include:

- Monthly Charge* Residence Business
- Service Offered
- Single-party, voice grade access to the public switched network, including an unlimited amount of local usage (basic grade of service)
- Basic service rates
- "Lifetime" rate available to qualifying low-income consumers***
- Access to emergency 911 services
- Access to operator services
- Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- Access to directory assistance

Charge* \$13.40** \$16.80** \$8.00** Not Applicable

No additional charge

There is no additional charge by Wahkiakum West Telephone to end user customers for the ability to access 911 services.***

There is no additional charge by Wahkiakum West Telephone to end user customers for the ability to call the operator. However, the call may involve a charge depending on the rates of the company whose operator handles the call.

There is no additional charge by Wahkiakum West Telephone to end user customers for the ability to call Directory Assistance. However, the call may involve a amount of which depends on the area called and the rates of the company whose operator or database is accessed.

There is no additional charge by Wahkiakum West Telephone to end user customers for toll blocking service. Qualifying low-income consumers are generally those participating in the Lifeline program.

Toll limitation service for qualifying low-income consumers

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These services are available to all qualifying subscribers of Wahkiakum West Telephone. The charges for these services are reflected each month on our normal telephone service bill, and may be accompanied by charges for other services provided by Wahkiakum West Telephone. The services listed above are those that Wahkiakum West Telephone offers and must advise in order to be eligible for federal supports funds that are used to help offset the high cost of serving rural areas and bringing affordable telephone service to residences and businesses in rural areas. Other services are available by contacting Wahkiakum West Telephone's business office at 360-465-2211.

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*** Advertisement ***

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Obituaries

Helen Dugas
Helen Marie Dugas, 69, of Tonasket, died December 6, 2004. She was born July 30, 1935 in Seaside, the daughter of Forest and Mildred Edmondson. Mrs. Dugas was a graduate of Wahkiakum High School. She married Frank Dugas on May 28, 1953. They lived in Cathlamet at Dugas and Gloria Dugas; a sister and brother-in-law, Theima and Gale Hutchison; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. They then moved around for many years and finally settled in Tonasket. Her husband died December 11, 1996. Survivors include her eight children, Phillip Dugas, Elaine Eberlein, Teresa Dugas, Rita Fisher, Monica Dugas, Cynthia Kron, Steven Dugas and Gloria Dugas; a sister and brother-in-law, Theima and Gale Hutchison; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. They returned to Cathlamet where their children attended school.

Wetland grant will provide training, improvement

Vancouver and Portland area residents will begin to see a major improvement in the Columbia River watershed. This is some of the most rewarding work we do and we are very grateful for the support from Metro and the collaboration with the Columbia River Estuary Partnership. The Estuary Partnership, in cooperation with the city of Vancouver, has received a \$10,000 grant for wetlands restoration from the Metropolitan area. Many as four classroom lessons to prepare Clark County students for their restoration work. During the on-site field trips, staff will remove invasive plants, shrubs, participate in monitoring and maintenance activities and take part in birding and wetland exploration studies. Some of the Greenspan award will help us reach nearly 100 more children and give them an

Regional Government. The funds provided through the Metro Greenspan award will help clearing will begin this winter with most of the planting scheduled for 2005.

Weather

The following statistics were recorded over the past week by Puget Island resident Frans Eysel.

Date	High/Low	Rain	Wind
Dec. 8	52.9/44.8	0.45	6.4/32.0
9	52.9/43.9	0.66	2.2/17.0
10	57.6/50.8	0.51	1.4/20.0
11	50.8/42.8	0.05	4.9/17.0
12	51.3/41.9	0.01	6.5/21.0
13	53.2/43.2	0.17	5.8/18.0
14	53.1/44.8	0.13	2.9/20.0
Month to Date:	57.6/33.4	3.09	3.7/32.0
Year to Date:	98.5/20.8	41.49	37.0

Janet's Riverview Restaurant and Lounge

Breakfast * Lunch * Dinner
The Restaurant and Lounge
will be CLOSED at 3 p.m.
on Sunday, December 19th
for a private party.
Sorry about the inconvenience.
See us for all your catering needs

88 Main Street, Cathlamet Phone 795-8033

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December 10—8:22 a.m.
District 4 firemen were dispatched to a log truck fire on the Ellochoman Valley Road. 5:09 a.m. West Sunny Sands residents reported a vehicle had run into a power pole; a deputy and the Cathlamet Fire Department responded. 10:12 a.m. Deputy Sunny Dugas on SR 4 Sands resident, Lamar Blix, responded to a West Sunny Dugas on SR 4 Sands resident, Lamar Blix, ambulance responded; they found that a West Sunny Dugas on SR 4 Sands resident, Lamar Blix, ambulance responded; they found that a West Sunny Dugas on SR 4 Sands resident, Lamar Blix, ambulance responded.

0 nonresidents fishing jobs

(AP) -- involved in harvesting Alaska sea food. By 2002, only about 27,000 people were still fishing, with Alaska residents accounting for most of the nonresidents.

In 1984, Alaska residents caught about 60 percent of the catch, Alaska's fish in terms of both weight and value. By 2002, just announced by the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership. The Estuary Partnership, in cooperation with the city of Vancouver, has received a \$10,000 grant for wetlands restoration from the Metropolitan area. Many as four classroom lessons to prepare Clark County students for their restoration work. During the on-site field trips, staff will remove invasive plants, shrubs, participate in monitoring and maintenance activities and take part in birding and wetland exploration studies. Some of the Greenspan award will help us reach nearly 100 more children and give them an

Even with all its troubles, salmon remains the No. 1 job producer among all the states' Alaska fisheries, accounting for about 45 percent of the state's nonresidents. Gilbertsen echoes other issues of economists who see little chance for a market rebound in salmon prices for fishermen. However, Alaskans are beginning to expand their involvement in other important Alaska fisheries. The best example is the federal Community Development Quota program, which reserves up to 10 percent of the annual Bering Sea pollock and crab catches for corporations representing Western Alaska villages. These corporations are leveraging their seafood people are grant to buy big stakes in some of the top Outside commercial fishing companies and to land jobs for villagers as crewmen in the fishing industry.

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SERVICE OFFERED

Residence
MONTHLY CHARGE*

Business

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Basic service rates \$13.40**

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No additional charge Not Applicable

Dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent (i.e., tone dialing)

Access to emergency 911 services

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Access to interexchange (long distance) services.

There is no additional charge by Wahkiakum West Telephone to end user customers for the ability to place and receive calls through long distance networks of interexchange carriers that offer service through our network. However, the call may involve a charge from the interexchange carrier depending on the type of call.

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