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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

IN RE

THE PETITION OF PEND OREILLE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A RULE  
EXEMPTION

DOCKET NO.

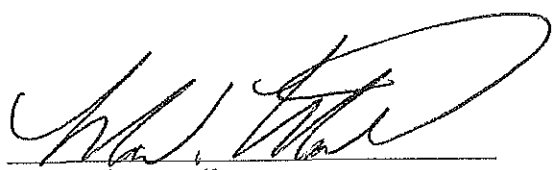
DECLARATION OF MARK MARTELL

1. I am the Operations Manager for Pend Oreille Telephone Company d/b/a RTI Pend Oreille (“Pend Oreille”), am over the age of 18 and a resident of the state of Idaho. I make this Declaration in that capacity.
2. Pend Oreille intended to file a Petition for Support to receive support from the Washington State Universal Service Communications Program. Pend Oreille obtained the services of an outside consultant to help them prepare the Petition for Support. Unfortunately, the outside consultant did not provide the information for the Petition until shortly before the filing deadline. And, also unfortunately, the people who would work on the petition were out of the office at the time the material arrived from the outside consultant and were not able to review the material until after August 2.
3. We were unaware that there is a means by which a waiver or exemption can be sought. We are now aware of that and are seeking such an exemption.

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4. Pend Oreille has embarked on a very aggressive construction program to bring broadband service to Cusick, Ione and Metaline Falls exchanges. Pend Oreille is an A-CAM company and has specific goals that it will meet under the Federal Communications Commission's program. In addition, Pend Oreille commits to meeting the additional locations that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission has established in its order.

This Declaration is signed this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020, under penalty of perjury as set out in RCW 9A.72.085.

By   
Mark Martell