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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

PETITION OF HAT ISLAND TELEPHONE
COMPANY TO RECEIVE SUPPORT
FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Hat Island Telephone Company (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2022.

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

1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.
2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h) or has been designated as an incumbent local exchange carrier by

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1 the Federal Communications Commission.

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

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

- 13 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications
14 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Hat Island Telephone Company
- 15 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
16 the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. ¹
17 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in

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20 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. ²

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23 ¹ 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 ² Exhibit 2 also includes transactions between the Company and DCHT Trust. [Note: This may not apply for
25 all companies.] Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, Exhibit 2 is limited to transactions other
than employment compensation and benefits pursuant to employ benefit plans.

- 1 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.
2 19 in the Company's Tariff WN U-1.
- 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, 2020, was 22. The number of residential local exchange
10 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2019, was 22. The number of
11 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2020, was
12 9. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of
13 December 31, 2019, was 11. The number of broadband connections served by the Company
14 as of December 31, 2020, was 131. The number of broadband connections served by the
15 Company as of December 31, 2019, was 62. All of the approximate 292 serviceable
16 locations are capable of broadband speeds of 25Mbps downstream /3Mbps upstream, or
17 better. The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local
18 exchange access service on December 31, 2020, was 18.00. The unbundled monthly
19 recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on
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22 2019, was 18.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line
23 business local exchange access service on December 31, 2020, was 18.00. The
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1 unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local exchange
2 access service on December 31, 2019, was 18.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged
3 for broadband service as of December 31, 2020, and as of December 31, 2019, is set out in
4 the attached Exhibit 5.

- 5 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.
- 6 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
7 Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for
8 deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission
9 applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility criteria set out
10 in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.
- 11 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.
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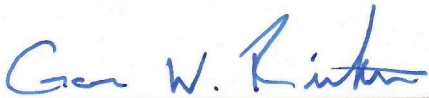
14 Respectfully submitted this 16th day of September, 2021.

15 Hat Island Telephone Company

16 By Gary W. Ricketts
17 Gary W. Ricketts
18 Secretary & Treasurer
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23 CERTIFICATION
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1 I Gary W. Ricketts, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the Company's
2 business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information and
3 representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has not knowingly
4 withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the rules
5 governing the Program.
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10 Gary W. Ricketts

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EXHIBIT 7

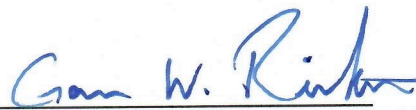
EXHIBIT 7

Certification of Eligibility

I, Gary W. Ricketts, am an officer of Hat Island Telephone Company (the Company as set out in the Petition to which this is an Exhibit) and thereby certify that the Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission that apply to the Company.

Further, I certify that the Company falls into criterion four of WAC 480-123-110 and that the Company has broadband service available to one hundred percent of active customer locations within the Company's service area and the Company commits to making broadband service available to any new active customer locations within the Company's service area if such arise.

This Certification is a sworn statement made under the penalty of perjury as set forth in RCW 9A.72.085 and is made this 16th day of September, 2021.



By: Gary W. Ricketts
Title: Secretary & Treasurer