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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

PETITION OF CONSOLIDATED
COMMUNICATIONS OF WASHINGTON
COMPANY, LLC TO RECEIVE SUPPORT
FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC (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 2024.

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.

- 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 **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: Consolidated Communications of
15 Washington Company, LLC.
- 16 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
17 the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. ¹
18 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in
19 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 20 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): The service area maps for the Company can be found at Sheet
21 Nos. 55, 56 and 57 in Section 5 of the Company's Tariff WN U-1.

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24 ¹ Exhibit 1 includes all affiliates of the Company and the affiliates having transactions with the Company that
25 are identified in Exhibit 2 are highlighted.

- 1 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
2 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 3 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
4 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
5 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 6 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
7 the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 5,519. The number of residential local
8 exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 6,197. The
9 number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31,
10 2022, was 2,941. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the
11 Company as of December 31, 2021, was 3,169. These business line totals correspond to the
12 unbundled monthly business rates listed below. The number of broadband connections
13 served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 10,787. The number of broadband
14 connections served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 11,625.
- 15 The Company's latest Broadband Data Collection (BDC) report, as of December 2022,
16 indicates that the Company now has approximately 37% of BDC reportable locations
17 capable of broadband speeds of 25 Mbps downstream / 3 Mbps upstream, or better. The
18 unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange
19 access service on December 31, 2022, was \$16.00 for the Ellensburg and Selah exchanges
20 and \$18.00 for the Yelm exchange. The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the
21 Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was the
22 same. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local
23 exchange access service on December 31, 2022, was \$18.52 for the Ellensburg and Selah
24 exchanges and \$24.00 for the Yelm exchange. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the
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1 Company for single line business local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was
2 the same. The Company has other business local exchange service rates, but the Company
3 understands that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line business local
4 exchange access service rate. The unbundled monthly rate charged for broadband service as
5 of December 31, 2022, and as of December 31, 2021, is set out in the attached Exhibit 5.

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

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14 Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of August, 2023.

15 Consolidated Communications of Washington
16 Company, LLC.

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19 By: _____
20 Michael J. Shultz
21 Sr. Vice President – Regulatory & Public Policy
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CERTIFICATION

I, Michael J. Shultz, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the Company's business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information and representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has not knowingly withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the rules governing the Program.



By: _____
Michael J. Shultz
Sr. Vice President – Regulatory & Public Policy