

## **Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Report for 2023 and Annual Plan**

Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC (“Charter Fiberlink”) submits its Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) Report for 2023 and Annual Plan for 2025 in accordance with WAC 480-123-060 to WAC 480-123-080. Charter Fiberlink is a majority owned and wholly controlled subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”). Charter Fiberlink is the entity that is receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) support for Charter in Washington. The information being provided herein pertains also to Charter’s subsidiary entities offering internet and voice services in Charter’s RDOF/ETC-designated areas in Washington.

### **I. CHARTER FIBERLINK’S ETC REPORT FOR 2023**

#### **A. Annual Certification of ETC Compliance (WAC 480-123-060(1))**

With this filing, Charter Fiberlink requests continued certification as an ETC in Washington. In accordance with WAC 480-123-060, **Exhibit A** contains the certification that Charter used all federal high-cost universal service support received in the preceding calendar year (2023), and will use all federal high-cost universal service support received in the coming calendar years (2024 and 2025), only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

#### **B. Report on Use of Federal Funds and Benefits to Customers (WAC 480-123-070(1))**

Charter Fiberlink received \$1,164,345 in RDOF support in 2023. Charter Fiberlink used all federal high-cost RDOF support received in 2023 on capital expenditures in preparation for offering high-speed broadband and voice services to locations in its RDOF/ETC-designated areas. These expenditures included labor and materials for network engineering, design and permits to enable pole attachments; walkout of the RDOF locations to properly assess network design required to reach each location; obtaining permits for access to rights-of-way; and obtaining equipment necessary to provide internet and voice service at the committed RDOF speeds and latency. Charter invested significant additional funds of its own to continue the process of building out its Washington RDOF/ETC-designated areas, and remains on pace to complete the RDOF build in the required time.

Development and expansion of Charter’s broadband network will enable Charter to continue to provide fast, reliable broadband service to underserved customers in the RDOF/ETC-designated areas. The terms of the support assigned to Charter Fiberlink require it to offer 1 gigabit-per-second connections in RDOF/ETC-designated areas, which, according to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), are currently unserved by any broadband provider offering service at or above 25/3 megabits-per-second. Charter Fiberlink offers these services to customers within the RDOF/ETC-designated areas at rates that are no more than Charter’s non-promotional rates for comparable services in urban areas in the state. Charter will also offer

innovative fixed voice service at rates reasonably comparable to urban fixed voice rates as determined by the FCC.

**C. Local Service Outage Report (WAC 480-123-070(2)).**

Charter Fiberlink and its affiliated entities had no reportable outages in the RDOF/ETC-designated areas of at least 30 minutes in duration which may have affected either (i) at least ten percent of Charter Fiberlink's end users; or (ii) a 911 special facility.

**D. Report on Failure to Provide Service (WAC 480-123-070(3)).**

Charter Fiberlink and its affiliated entities had no unfulfilled requests for service in the RDOF/ETC-designated areas in calendar year 2023.

**E. Report on Complaints per One Thousand Connections (WAC 480-123-070(4)).**

Charter Fiberlink and its affiliated entities did not receive any complaints from the FCC or from the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Washington related to the Company's RDOF-supported services in calendar year 2023.

**F. Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards (WAC 480-123-070(5)).**

Included in **Exhibit A** is Charter Fiberlink's certification of compliance with applicable consumer protection and service standards of chapter 480-120 WAC with respect to the voice services it provides in its RDOF/ETC-designated areas.

**G. Certification of the Ability to Function in Emergency Situations (WAC 480-123-070(6)).**

Charter Fiberlink and its affiliated entities have the ability to function in emergency situations based on continued adherence to the standards found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g).

**H. Advertising Certification (WAC 480-123-070(7)).**

During calendar year 2023, Charter Fiberlink and its affiliated entities publicized the availability of its Lifeline Service in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service in accordance with WAC 480-123-070(7).

**II. ANNUAL PLAN FOR RDOF SUPPORT IN 2025 (WAC 480-123-080)**

Charter Fiberlink anticipates additional service launches this year and in 2025, and remains on pace to meet or exceed its first deployment milestone at the end of 2025 of approximately 1,850 RDOF locations. Charter Fiberlink anticipates receiving approximately \$1,164,345 in support from RDOF in 2025.

**Confidential Exhibit B** contains Charter Fiberlink's projected plans to utilize RDOF support in 2025.