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7 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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10 PETITION OF THE TOLEDO TELEPHONE
11 CO., INC. TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM
12 THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
13 COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

14 COMES NOW The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter
15 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but not limited to, WAC
16 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the
17 "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the
18 "Program") for the Program year 2023.

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

- 21 1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC
22 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.
- 23 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined
24 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: The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.

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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19 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.
20 20 of the Company's Tariff WN U-1.

21 4. Detailed transactions between the provider and affiliates is attached as Exhibit 2

22 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
23 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

- 1 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
2 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
3 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 4 7. The company has two affilliates, Toldeo Telentet that is the affliliate that conducts internet
5 access (middle mile) and internet service. And Toledo Telenet Long Distance that conducts
6 billing for long distance customers.
- 7 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
8 the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 78. The number of residential local exchange
9 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 92. The number of
10 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was
11 34. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of
12 December 31, 2021, was 39. The number of broadband connections served by the Company
13 as of December 31, 2021, was 1654. 100% of serviceable broadband connections within the
14 exchange are fiber optic and are capable of 1gigabit speed. The number of broadband
15 connections served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 1762. 100% of
16 serviceable broadband connections within the exchange are fiber optic and are capable of
17 1gigabit speed. The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for
18 residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18. The unbundled
19 monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access
20 service on December 31,
21 2022, was \$18. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line
22 business local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18. The

1 unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local exchange
2 access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18 The unbundled monthly rate charged for
3 broadband service as of December 31, 2022, was \$18.

4 9. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.

5 10. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
6 Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for
7 deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission
8 applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility criteria set out
9 in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.

10 11. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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13 CERTIFICATION

14 I Dale Merten, an officer of the Company, and in that capacity, herby certify that the
15 Company (The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.) (i) materially complied with all the Commission
16 rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of
17 service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services
18 support and consistent with WAC 480-123-120(5) (ii) has met its broadband deployment
19 obligation established by the Commission.

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22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
23 foregoing is true and correct.

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Signed at Toledo Washington the 13th day of July 2023.

Respectfully submitted

Dale Merten VP/COO

