

REPORT OF WESTERN WAHKIAKUM COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2021

Docket No. UT-200704

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1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops] and Broadband Connections

	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020
ACCESS LINES		
Residential	_____ 884 _____	_____ 726 _____
Business	_____ 192 _____	_____ 174 _____
Total	_____ 1076 _____	_____ 900 _____
BROADBAND CONNECTIONS		
W/Phone	_____ 748 _____	_____ 727 _____
CBOL	_____ 113 _____	_____ 196 _____
Total	_____ 861 _____	_____ 923 _____

2. WAC 480-123-130(1)(b) and (c) - Use of Support

In December 2020, Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company (the “Company”) received \$276,823 from the universal communications services program (“Program”) as support for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. These funds contributed to investment by the Company in telecommunications and broadband facilities and defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the Program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications and broadband service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

The Company’s activities during the above-mentioned fiscal year included the following with respect to the Company’s telecommunications and broadband network:

1. Optical network terminal (ONT) installation, testing, activation, and cutover of service to fiber optic facilities for customers in the Company's service territory. The total cost of these activities (including both equipment and labor) was approximately \$197,726.
2. Purchase and deployment of Fujitsu essential support for Fujitsu electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This support serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,412. Payment to Fujitsu for this support was \$13,856.
3. Purchase and deployment of Tellabs essential support for Tellab's electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. Payment to Tellabs for this support was \$8,830.
4. Purchase and deployment of Calix essential support for Calix electronic equipment (routing and transmission equipment, optical network terminals (ONT's) and equipment housings) to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. The cost of this support was \$7,975.
5. Purchase and deployment of Ribbon/Genband essential support for the Company's C-15 central office soft switch and APMAX equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. The cost of this support was \$25,087.
6. Repayment of principal, and payment of interest, with respect to RUS loans for construction of fiber to the home and related network and switching improvements. The RUS financing to which these payments pertain supports service to both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,412 by facilitating the investment in such construction and switching improvements. The total of these payments during this period was \$239,868.

The funds received from the Program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform the above activities including, without limitation and to the extent applicable, the repayment of loan funds.

3. WAC 480-123-130 (1)(c) - Broadband Buildout Obligations

The Company falls into criterion four of WAC 480-123-110 and, accordingly, has constructed broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory. This means that the Company is using universal communications services program ("Program") support to allow it to continue to provide telecommunications services and broadband services at the levels that it was providing at the time that it submitted its petition for support from the

Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, with enhancements thereto where and when appropriate.

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) - Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

None

* Service requests that are ongoing but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) - Broadband availability

The Company has constructed fiber optic broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory. This allows the Company to offer broadband speeds substantially in excess of the 25/3 mbps current broadband speed standard recognized by the Federal Communications Commission.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) - Report on Operational Efficiencies/Business Plan Modifications

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. It has reduced its staffing by one full-time employee. The Company already has a plan in place to concentrate on improving broadband service while continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications service to the customers that are located within the area that the Company serves. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(i) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2021 under Docket UT-210002.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) and (k) - Other information

The Company has constructed fiber optic broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory. This allows the Company to offer speeds substantially in excess of the 25/3 mbps current broadband speed standard recognized by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

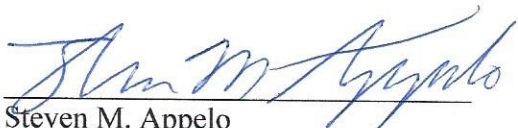
In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Company, together with its affiliate, also set up three, free WiFi hotspots in its service area to improve Internet access for education and work. In addition, the Company elected to be a provider under the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit program.

Certified Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) and (f):

I, Steven M. Appelo, am an officer of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company, and, in that capacity, hereby certify that during the preceding year Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company (i) materially complied with all Commission rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support (ii) met the requirements of WAC 480-123-120 (5) for broadband availability as required by the Commission.

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

Signed at Olympia, Washington this 30th day of June, 2021.


Steven M. Appelo
President