

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

July 1, 2023

Docket No. 220539

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

	<u>January 1, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Residential	1,214	1,194
Business	290	273

WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) – Broadband Subscribers\*

	<u>January 1, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Voice/Data	1,155	1,015
Data Only	1,223	1,412

\*Subscribers taking speeds greater than or equal to 25/3 Mbps

	<u>January 1, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Voice/Data	234	267
Data Only	519	729

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2022 represent monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process and the reduction of support under the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) Connect America Fund InterCarrier Compensation Fund (CAF ICC) program. As such, the funds from the universal communications services program contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal communication services program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2022, the Company received \$401,899 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

During the first six months of 2023, the Company continues to construct fiber-to-the-premise (“FTTP”) in its Uniontown exchange. The Company has completed the towns of Uniontown and Colton proper and is currently working construction to more remote customers in this exchange. Also during the first six months of 2023, the Company has purchased VDSL Cabinets for its Dewatto exchange, engineered construction phases, and has started installing fiber for its fiber-to-the premises build. Attached to this filing is a spreadsheet (230612 522423 SERVICEABLE LOCATIONS.xlsx) that contains all serviceable locations as of May 31, 2023; those added from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 have their date highlighted in yellow.

Since the Company did not borrow any funds for these projects, the funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects, including, without limitation, the repayment of loan funds for prior construction. In the second half of 2023, the Company plans on turning-up VDSL and installing fiber-to-the-premise in portions of its Dewatto exchange, continue to construct to outlying customers in its Uniontown exchange and working on further upgrades in its Prescott exchange.

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

As reported in the HUBB (High Cost Universal Broadband) for ACAM II Support as of December 31, 2022, the Company has reported 1,062 funded serviceable locations at 25 Mbps down/3 Mbps up. As of May 2, 2019, USAC had the Company's obligation at 1,805 total serviceable locations. Attached to this filing is a spreadsheet (230612 522423 SERVICEABLE LOCATIONS.xlsx) containing all serviceable locations.

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) – FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC)

When the BDC is submitted to the FCC, Inland will submit a copy of the submitted data to the WUTC by September 15, 2023, under Docket UT-230043.

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

This form was previously filed on or about February 20, 2023 under Docket UT-230020.

7. 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. 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.

The Company has not modified its business plan from the previous year's submission. The Company had originally believed that the increased deployment of VDSL carrier cabinets (shortening loop lengths) could satisfy regulatory requirements as well as consumer wants. As described in paragraph 2, the Company is installing more fiber-to-the-premise as well as VDSL to satisfy regulatory requirements and consumers wants and needs.

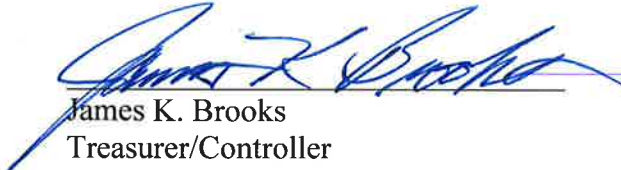
8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) and (k) - Other information

N/A

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

I, James K. Brooks, am an officer of Inland Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Inland Telephone Company materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the areas for which the Company received universal communications services program support. In addition, I certify that the Company has committed to deploy broadband to at least those locations comprising the broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission per WAC 480-123-120(5).

Signed at Roslyn, Washington this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
James K. Brooks  
Treasurer/Controller