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

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10 PETITION OF MASHELL TELECOM, INC.
11 TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE
12 UNIVERSAL SERVICE
13 COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

14 COMES NOW MASHELL TELECOM, 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 2021.

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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.

11 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

12 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications
13 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Mashell Telecom, Inc. [d/b/a Rainier
14 Connect].

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
18 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. ²
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¹ Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, Exhibit 1 is limited to those affiliates having transactions
with the Company that are to be identified in Exhibit 2.

24 ² Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, Exhibit 2 is limited to transactions other than
25 employment compensation and benefits pursuant to employ benefit plans.

- 1 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.
2 Fifth Revised Sheets No. 105 and Original Sheet No. 105.1 of the Company's Tariff WN U-
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- 4 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
5 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 6 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
7 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
8 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 9 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
10 the Company as of December 31, 2019, was 408. The number of residential local exchange
11 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2018, was 432. The number of
12 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2019, was
13 500. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of
14 December 31, 2018, was 648. The number of broadband connections served by the
15 Company as of December 31, 2019, was 1,994. The number of broadband connections
16 served by the Company as of December 31, 2018, was 1,939. The unbundled monthly
17 recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on
18 December 31, 2019, was \$18.00. The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the
19 Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2018, was \$18.00.
20 The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local
21 exchange access service on December 31, 2019, was \$24.00. The unbundled monthly rate
22 charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on December
23 31, 2018, was \$24.00. (The Company has other business local exchange service rates, but
24 the Company understands that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line
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1 business local exchange access service rate.) The unbundled monthly rate charged for
2 broadband service as of December 31, 2019, and as of December 31, 2018, is set out in the
3 attached Exhibit 5.


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

5 8. 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 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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13 Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of June, 2020.

14 MASHELL TELECOM, INC.
15 d/b/a RAINIER CONNECT

16 By 
17 Brian Haynes, President

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20 CERTIFICATION

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Haynes", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Haynes, President

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