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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission PO BOX 47250 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: 2016 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-110 on behalf of Skyline Telecom ("Company"), attached herewith for filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") is the original, confidential, unredacted version of the Company's Petition to receive support from the state universal communication services program established by RCW 80.36.650 ("Petition"), together with an original, confidential, redacted version of the Petition.

Because of the CONFIDENTIAL nature of the information set forth in portions of the accompanying Petition pursuant to RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160 the Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect thereto. The basis for this claim is that the portions of the Petition, including the exhibits, that have been marked as "confidential" contain valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information. Accordingly, in compliance with WAC 480-07-160(3)(c), redacted and unredacted versions of those documents accompany this letter. As specified in WAC 480-07-160(3)(b)(i), the original and a copy (both redacted and unredacted) of materials claimed to be confidential have been marked "CONFIDENTIAL PER WAS 480-07-160." The redacted version has been marked "REDACTED."

Native versions of all documents have been provided whenever possible. A .PDF version of the entire filing has also been submitted.

If the Commission has any questions regarding the filing, please feel free to contact me at 541-932-4411 or <u>dkluser@ortelco.net</u>.

Sincerely,

Delinda Kluser Vice-Pres, Manager